

Prayers

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Almighty and everlasting God,

You know each one of us.
You know our gifts and our skills.
You know our faults and our failures.
You know our place in your created world.

Generous God,

We come here today amazed by your creation and all that you provide for us. From the detail of a small insect and the beauty of a flower to the power of an ocean and the drama a mountain; your presence surrounds us.

Your knowledge of us, your generosity to us and your care over us is simply beyond our understanding.

Yet we have also come here knowing that too often we have let you down.
Too often we have said the wrong thing.
Too often we have made the wrong decision.
Too often we have made a judgement without knowing all of the facts.
Too often we have taken for granted what others only dream of.
Too often we have failed to listen especially when you have called us to action.

Forgive us for all our wrongdoings and for those times when we have put our desires ahead of others and ahead of yours thinking we know best. Make us aware of our misjudgements and mistakes so that we may learn from them.

All knowing God,

Show us where we can serve.
Open our eyes that we may see.
Enable our listening to hear your voice.
Make us mindful of your wishes,
Grant us the courage to action your call.
And guide us along the way.

As we now place ourselves in your loving care we join together and say the words that Jesus taught his disciples to pray;

Our Father.....

Prayers for Others and Ourselves

You may wish to name particular situations as part of the prayers.

God of our busyness and God of our rest.
God of our giving and God of our receiving.
God of all creation and God of our Sabbath.

We come to you,
confused and certain,
hopeful and hopeless,
loved and unlovely.

We come to you,
with all our faith,
and all our doubts,
knowing,
hoping,
praying
that you hear us.

God of all,
where there is hurt and heartbreak
bring your healing and consolation.

Where there is violence and destruction,
bring your peace and restoration.

Where there is fear and failure
bring your consolation and compassion.

We ask God that you would be in our lives, in the great moments and also in the small. Day by day we ask that you would be ever present to guide us, support us and nurture us in our faith.

When we are:
Sitting,
waiting,
listening,
understanding!

When we are practising the teaching,
putting it into action,
demonstrating Christ-like living,
becoming a committed disciple,
proclaiming the power of the Gospel!

When we are going the extra mile,
working out with our comfort zones,
willing to be a risk taker,
prepared to suffer like Christ!

Growing,
learning,
loving,
serving!

Help us never to be getting stuck in a rut,
believing all things are possible,
dreaming dreams and having visions,
always hoping and trusting,
never stopping believing.

Christ-like,
Spirit-filled,
God-centred,
Forgiveness-orientated.

Hear our prayer,
Our God and our Redeemer

Amen

Prayer of Dedication (offering)

All-holy God,
we offer You these gifts,
symbols of our lives,
gifts of ourselves;
use them to Your service.

All-holy God,
we offer You ourselves,
and all that we are,
open to Your call;
use us to Your service.
Amen.

All-Age Prayer

Leader: God of love and action,

In this world we know much needs to be done.
Your perfect creation has been damaged.
There are places of fragility.
There are places of vulnerability.
There are places where the delicate balance is under threat.

All: Show us where we can serve.

Leader: In this world so many are searching.

So many are lost.
So many are victims.
So many are in need.

All: Show us where we can serve.

Leader: In this world we know there is pain.

We know there is anger.
We know there is tension.
We know there is conflict.
We know there is injustice.

All: Show us where we can serve.

Leader: Where there is darkness
Let your Church shine light.

All: Show us where we can serve. Amen