



Prayers

for public or private use during

Thy Kingdom Come

The National and International

Wave of Prayer

Ascension to Pentecost

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PRAYERS FOR OURSELVES, THAT WE MAY BE
FAITHFUL SERVANTS OF JESUS CHRIST

*Turn us again O God of hosts
Show the light of your countenance and we shall be saved*

Almighty God who has given us grace at this time
with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee;
and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together
in Thy name,
thou would grant their requests:
fulfil now O Lord the desires and petitions of thy servants
as may be most expedient for them;
granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth
and in the world to come life everlasting.

Amen.

St John Chrysostom (344 - 407)

Lord Christ, true light of the world,
shine, we pray, in the hearts of your people,
that we might see the Way that leads to eternal life,
and follow without stumbling;
for you are the Way, O Christ,
as you are the Truth and the Life.

Amen

Teach us, good Lord to serve thee as thou deservest,
to give and not to count the cost;
to fight and not to heed the wounds;
to toil and not to seek for rest;
to labour and not to ask for any reward;
except that of knowing that we do thy will.

Amen

St Ignatius Loyola (1491 - 1556)

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God, our light and our salvation,

illuminate our lives, and the lives of those we love,
that we may see your goodness in the land of the living,
and, looking on your beauty,
may be changed into the likeness of Jesus Christ our Lord,
by whose grace we pray.

Amen

Lord make us instruments of thy peace.

Where there is hatred let us sow love;

Where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light;

Where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled,
as to console; to be understood, as to understand;
to be loved, as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive, in pardoning
that we are pardoned, and in dying
that we are born to eternal life.

St Francis of Assisi (1182 - 1226)

Give to us all, Lord Christ, the fullness of grace, your
presence

and your very self, for you are our portion and our delight,
now and for ever. **Amen**

God be in my head, and in my understanding;

God be in my eyes, and in my looking;

God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;

God be in my heart, and in my thinking;

God be at mine end, and at my departing.

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PRAYERS FOR OUR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS

We have waited on your loving kindness O God

Heavenly Father from whom every family in heaven and earth
is named,

We pray for our families and friends,
especially those who do not know the Lord Jesus
and those who have drifted away from His love.

We name them now.....

O Holy Spirit, turn their faces to Jesus,

In whose name we pray

Amen

Loving Father, in the face of Jesus Christ
your light and glory have blazed forth.

Send your Holy Spirit that we may share
with our friends the life of your Son and your love for all.

Strengthen us as witnesses to that love,

as we pledge to pray for them,

through Jesus Christ our Lord

Amen.

Lord Jesus Christ,

there are some we know

who are going through distressing, painful and worrying
times.

We stand alongside them now,

and ask for them your comfort, reassurance,

healing and peace of mind.

Amen

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May the land our loved ones are in be without sorrow;

May the Trinity protect them wherever they stay.

May bright angels walk with them.

May Christ the light of the world journey with them
along every path, smooth or rough.

In His name we pray

Amen

May your peace be known in our community,

O Prince of Peace.

Let our memories provide no shelter for grievance against
another.

Let our hearts provide no harbour for hatred of another.

Let our tongues be no accomplice in the judgement of one
another.

In your mercy, bring the light of your grace to us all.

Amen

Lord, lead our loved ones

from day's dawning to the light eternal.

Lead them from that which fades to that which endures.

Lead them from tide's turning to heaven's ocean of love.

Lead them from the shore's edge into abundance of life
in the grace of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

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PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH

I will give thanks to you for you have become my salvation

Saving God open the gates of righteousness
that your pilgrim people may enter
and be built into a living temple
on the corner stone of our salvation
In Jesus Christ's name
Amen

Lord God, to know you is eternal life;
make yourself known
to the people who come into our churches,
or who pass by and sometimes wonder,
but have not yet come in.
Make us better bearers of your life
to those who need you, but have never met you.
We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Holy God, faithful and unchanging:
enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth,
and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love,
that we may truly worship you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

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Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for
all the benefits which you have given us;
and for all the pains and insults which you
have borne for us.

O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,
may we know you more clearly,
love you more dearly, and follow you
more nearly, day by day.

Amen.

St Richard of Chichester (1197-1253)

Blessed Lord Jesus

Whose blinding light shone on Saul of Tarsus
Open our eyes to your presence
Be a bright flame before us
Be a guarding star above us
Be a smooth path beneath us
Be a kindly shepherd behind us
Enable us to show you in our lives
so that others may come to know you.
We ask all in your name

Amen

Grant to your people Good Lord

The spirit of unity
That we may dwell together in your love
And so bear to the world
The ointment of your healing and the dew of your blessing.
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

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Lord Jesus Christ, enable us to show your love and
compassion to
all who come to your church with hopes and fears,
all who come with special needs,
all who thirst for you,
and all pilgrims and seekers.
We pray that in your grace they may find new hope.
Amen

O gracious and Holy Father
Give us wisdom to perceive you
Diligence to seek you
Patience to wait for you
Eyes to behold you
A heart to meditate upon you
And a life to proclaim you
Through the power of the Spirit
Of Jesus Christ our lord.
Amen
Benedict of Nursia (c.550)

Look graciously upon us, O Holy Spirit,
and give us, for our hallowing,
thoughts that pass into prayer,
prayers that pass into love,
and love that passes into life with you for ever.
Amen
Eric Milner-White (1884-1963)

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God of life and love,
whose Son was victorious over sin and death,
make us alive with his life,
that the whole world may resound with your praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

O Christ, door of the sheepfold,
may we enter your gates with praise
and go from your courts to serve you
in the poor, the lost and the wandering,
this day and all our days.
Amen

A RESPONSORY FOR THE WEEK BEFORE PENTECOST

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people
[All:] **and kindle in us the fire of your love.**
All who are led by the Spirit of God
are children of God and fellow-heirs with Christ.
[All:] **Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people.**
Renew the face of your creation, Lord,
pouring on us the gifts of your Spirit,
[All:] **and kindle in us the fire of your love.**
For the creation waits with eager longing
for the glorious liberty of the children of God.
[All:] **Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people
and kindle in us the fire of your love.**
(based on Romans 8)

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PRAYERS FOR OUR COUNTRY AND THE WORLD
O Lord our governor, how excellent is your name in all the world

Christ yesterday and today,
the beginning and the end,
Alpha and Omega,
all time belongs to you,
and all ages;
to you be glory and power
through every age and for ever.

Amen

We bless you, master of the heavens
For the wonderful order that enfolds this world
Grant that your whole creation
May find fulfilment in the Son of Man
Jesus Christ our saviour.

Amen

Lord Jesus Christ,
may the tears shed in your earthly life
be balm for all who weep,
and may the prayers of your pilgrimage
give strength to all who suffer;
for your mercy's sake.

Amen

Open our ears, glorious Lord Christ,
to hear the music of your voice
above the chaos of this world;
open our eyes to see the vision of your glory,
for you are our King, now and for ever.

Amen

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Lord, see what evil the prince of this world is devising,
Let the wind of your Spirit blow
and reverse the works of darkness
that the fire of your love will cover the earth.
in the power of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Have mercy, Lord, on your suffering and distracted world.
When we open our eyes to the world around us,
and when we open our hearts to the people that surround us,
when we see suffering and injustice.
we feel pain and brokenness.
Come to our aid, Lord,
and let your Kingdom come.

Amen

Lord of heaven and earth,
from whom all authority flows,
may the leaders of all peoples
acknowledge you as the source of life,
emulate you as the Servant King
and fear you as the Judge of truth

Amen

Jesus Christ, Son of God,
who passed through the dark sleep of death,
remember those who cry to you
in shame, distress and defeat,
and raise them to your risen life,
for you are alive and reign for ever

Amen

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Lord God, we feel helpless and overwhelmed
when we think how the world lurches from crisis to crisis,
and how there is much misleading and misdirecting.
We remember the leaders of the nations
and those who form public opinion.
Give them grace to recover the sense of what is right and just,
honest and good.
May the hearts of all hear the voice of your leading
and respond to it.
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Lord of light, we ask your help today:
For those who, in public and personal life,
Are in the grip of evil;
For those who deal in rumours and spread cheap gossip,
For those who have traded openness for secrecy,
Morality for money, love for lust.
We ask for your light - not to blind them
But to show them the way out of their darkness.
In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen