

Chaplaincy of Christ the Good Shepherd, Poitou-Charentes
Together in Prayer May 2022

These prayers and meditations are offered as a supplement to your daily worship

1st Father God, we give You our thanks and praise that we have the freedom to share prayer and intercession with our church family, friends and neighbours, without fear of persecution, imprisonment, torture or death.

2nd We bring before You, O Healing Lord, those who have asked us to pray for them. May they sense Your nearness, feel Your uplifting arms, Your constant, loving comfort.

3rd We ask, Lord, that in the hustle and bustle of this day we may find time for quietness and peace, to listen to Your words and promptings.

4th *Father we are so thankful that You love us, rough edges and all.
help us to love others in the same way. In Jesus' name Amen.*

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5th *"With our eyes fixed on Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who having been offered joy, endured the cross, despising the shame and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God."* (Hebrews 12:2.)

6th We pray for all faith leaders in our chaplaincy. For those guiding us, on our faith journey. For David and Maria, who take responsibility for our communication systems. For members of our PCC, discussing issues and making decisions, for our future servanthood here in this small corner of Your wondrous world. We give praise and thank You Father, for their callings, for their gifts and talents.

7th Father God we pray today that everything in our lives, may be in accordance with Your will and purpose.

8th Today we remember all who serve or have served in the armed forces. For all those who have lost their lives or suffered disability to make our world more safe and secure. Father God, we ask You to bless and care for them and their families. We give thanks for their commitment and courage in serving to establish reconciliation and keep world peace.

9th Our Father, who art in heaven. Hallowed be Thy name, Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil; for thine is the Kingdom the power and the glory; for ever and ever Amen.

10th *When Jesus came into the world; he loved it so much, that He gave His life for it. He made himself the Bread of Life. He became small, fragile and defenceless for us.* (Mother Teresa)

11th We give thanks and praise for our family, friends and neighbours. We pray that our homes may be places of peace and harmony. May our words and actions bring togetherness. When there is conflict Lord, grant us patience, wisdom and understanding to heal any misunderstanding and hurt.

12th *"Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and He shall sustain thee:
He shall never suffer the righteous to be moved."* (Psalm 55:22)

13th How great your blessings, our Father, that You pour upon us. Thank You, Thank You, for the richness of our lives, for good health and spirit, for precious love and care, that we receive from all people around us.

14th Heavenly Father, we bring before you those who suffer in mind, body or spirit, especially those who are near and dear to us. We know - help them to you - with certainty, that You are in their midst.

Christian Aid Week 15th-22nd. This year's hope is to restore justice for our world and its people. Focusing on the plight of those who suffer the effects of drought and recognising these are more intense and more common because of climate change. This coming week, Christian Aid encourages us in joining together to help turn hunger into hope. With every Prayer, every action, every gift, we can change lives. www.christianaid.org.uk

15th Today Lord, we pray deeply that we may speak and act wisely; that we behave in a manner that is most pleasing to You; that in all our words and actions, we show the world that we are Your true disciples.

16th Lord, you provide us with more than sufficient shelter, clothing and nourishment. Stir up our hearts to help those who are less fortunate than ourselves. We ask You Lord, for guidance and a will, to make a difference. We pray for insight into the lives of those in greatest need and a yearning to share with them our bountiful harvests.

17th Praying today to You, Father, who provides for all Your people. Bringing before You the many voluntary organisations and charities that work tirelessly, organising humanitarian aid and practical help, to those in need. Praying that they will have enough resources. (Thank You!), giving them willing and compassionate hearts for those who cannot lift themselves from their desperate situations

18th Bountiful Lord, we give You thanks and praise for the beautiful world we live in. We pray Father, that we may be conscientious guardians of its most precious and scarce resources. Praying that we are mindful, to protect and keep safe from harm all that which we can.

19th We bring before our Merciful Lord, the millions of people throughout the world who are living in unimaginably desperate situations. We cannot begin to understand their plight. We pray that their situations will ease, that their needs diminish and that their lives will stay strong, praying that they will be provided for, especially in times of drought.

20th Upholding to You, most gracious God, the work of the many charities throughout the world whose workers and volunteers work relentlessly for the peoples of Your world who are in greatest need and the most dire straits. We pray for their practical support, care, concern and encouragement. Make us continue to be prayerful of the work they undertake. May we be moved to give and support in any way we can.

21st We give thanks to you, our God, that you listen to all our prayers. Help us to pray aright and to listen and watch for your gracious answers, even if they are not what we expect - and then to give thanks.

22nd O God we pray for the leaders of the world, those who follow a political calling, those who direct the activities of banks and commercial companies. We ask that You bestow them with wisdom, integrity, strength and courage to act and make decisions that are fair and just for all in our world.

23rd Most gracious Lord, we give you thanks and praise for the mystery and miracle of birth. We bring before You those throughout the world who are celebrating the arrival of new members into their families and those whose birth day it is today.

24th Father God, we ask for forgiveness for our sins; make us ready and willing to forgive others.

25th Dear God, we give this day to You, in all its glory and splendour.

Thy Kingdom Come - beginning On Ascension Day until Pentecost Sunday, Christians around the world are invited to hold as a focus for their prayers, a desire for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon us, for our families, friends and our church. We need this gift of the Father to be the people Christ is calling us to be. **Thy Kingdom Come** encourages each of us to uphold **five** specific people to our Father during these days; so that His graces and blessings would work through us, for their sakes and would also touch our lives. *The Archbishop of Canterbury* invites us to discern who we might specifically pray for in these next nine days.

www.thykingdomcome.global

26th 1 Peter 1:1-2. Our journey in life is uncertain but you O Lord, are our certainty. Always with us, wherever we are, equipping us with everything we need. Thank You Holy Spirit, may we feel grace and peace in our lives, and for those, we are specifically praying for this week.

27th 1 Peter 1:12. We bring before you Father, the five who are the focus of our prayer at this time. We entrust You with their journey; may we play our part to direct them towards You.

28th 1 Peter 2:2. May we become more dependent on You, Father God alone, to strengthen and nourish us, nurture and guide us. We are weak: only Your word satisfies our hunger and thirst. As we grow in Faith, may we learn to trust Your promises through Jesus and the presence of the Spirit.

29th 1 Peter 2:5 Today, may we reflect on our words and actions and the effect they have on those we meet and those we are praying for. We pray for a deeper, stronger foundation in Jesus, keeping us steady, that the Holy Spirit might build us into a dwelling for His glory.

30th 1 Peter 2:9-10. May the word of God remind us who we really are. Help us to be God's own people. May we be pleasing in Your sight Father, bright beacons, for *Your Kingdom Come*.

31st 1 Peter 3:4 *Beauty of a gentle and quiet nature will never be destroyed and is very precious to God.* Today, may we reflect on the true beauty we will surely encounter if we put our trust in God's abundant love, rather than our own fear of not being enough. Only God can enable this. Pray this be so, for us all and for our five friends.

1st June. 1 Peter 3:18 In the fight against suffering, may those who are put into positions of power and influence, look to You Father, as their true source. We pray that they will act with equality and justice in the lives of those who suffer the most. We have a living hope, may those who are, suffering today, feel the arms of God comfort and guide them. *With God, suffering never, has the last word.*

2nd 1 Peter 4:6 Heavenly Father, we bring before you, those who suffer in mind, body and spirit., *Whilst we often, do not fully understand the mechanisms of salvation, we are encountered by The One who gives us life. Not one of us, is beyond the presence and promise of God.*

3rd 1Peter4:14. We thank You, Lord, that You never fail us. You are our constant, giving us hope and the promise of a world where everything will one day be made new. Help us, to come to You, when we are frightened or disappointed. *May we remember, the glory of God, who will come again.*