

TOGETHER IN PRAYER May 2021



These prayers and thoughts are offered for your use during this month

1st. Father God, today we thank you for all workers and former workers. We are grateful for the blessing of the dignity of work.

2nd. *Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God.* 1 John 4:7

3rd. Father God, as we struggle to understand the wounds of the world let our answer be actions that mirror your love.

4th. Lord God, keep us from mumbling on and on in our prayers when all we ought to say is, "Thank you, Lord."

5th. Lord Jesus, as we wait for you, teach us how self-denial might open our spirits to receive your instruction and strength.

6th. Lord Jesus, we thank you that your blood washed away our sins and reconciled us to you. May we never stop praising you for this wonder

7th. Father God, we know that to live by the flesh is death, but to live by the Spirit is life. Teach us how to be in the world but not of it.

8th. Holy Spirit, guide us in Christ's footsteps to pursue justice, counting our neighbours' welfare to be as important as our own.

9th. *While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit came on all who heard the message. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on Gentiles. For they heard them speaking in tongues and praising God. Acts 10:44-46*

10th. Lord Jesus, wherever we look today, let us catch a glimpse of you, just as whenever others look at us, let them catch a glimpse of you.

11th. Thank you, Father God, for the blessing of the leaders in the Chaplaincy who have worked tirelessly to bring your word to your children here in Nouvelle Aquitaine throughout the past year.

12th. Lord, we are amazed at the gift of living in this glorious part of the world; may we never cease to shout our praises for the beauty of your creation.

13th. **Almighty God, whose only begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ ascended into heaven: May our hearts and minds also there ascend, and with him continually dwell; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.**

[The Anglican Compass']

14th. Lord, in our brokenness we may be blind to love, to justice, to grace, and life. Help us not to condemn one another in our blindness, but rather work together to help one another see more clearly by your light.

15th. Thank you, Lord, that you do not claim to be God over *some* but are the Creator and Redeemer of *all* your people and creatures. Help us spread the good news that no one can claim ownership of you, because each of us belongs to you.

16th. *I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one. John 17:11*

17th. Lord Jesus, you are known as both the Lion of Judah and the sacrificial Lamb. As we follow you, we learn both mighty power and humble submission. Teach us when to imitate you as Lion and when as Lamb.

18th. Lord Jesus, we thank you that the power of praise can stir our hearts and break down resistance. May the music of our lives move hearts to compassion and justice.

19th. Father God we are grateful that we may be starting to return to a world less dominated by the pandemic. We ask that those most severely affected would know your loving, healing hand and your peace.

20th. How merciful are you Lord, when you receive us just as we are even with all our doubts and suspicions.

21st. **Our job is to love others, without stopping to inquire whether or not they are worthy: That is not our business and, in fact, it is nobody's business.** [Thomas Merton]

22nd. Lord, we are grateful that you can use every experience to draw us closer to you. Our trials and triumphs alike can finally be sown in the garden of our faith.

23rd. *When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.* Acts 2:1-4

24th. Father God may the gift of the Holy Spirit transform our lives from the inside out. May others read the change in our whole being and yearn for your freedom.

25th. Father God, you took man and put him into the garden of Eden to cultivate and keep it. In the same way you have called us to cultivate and keep the earth, equip us to be good stewards so that your creation may flourish.

26th. Father God, please keep us balanced, between the times you call us apart to be alone with you, and the times when we dwell in the midst of others to be your hands and feet.

27th. As each new day dawns, Lord, help us to cast aside any feelings of ill-will we might harbour against those who have hurt us. Soften our hearts to be an example of your forgiveness.

28th. Go before us, Lord, that we may follow in your footsteps, behind us to steer us when we stray, beside us as our strength and joy for the journey.

29th. Lord Jesus, may our prayers be found in our actions today as much as they are in these words.

30th. Father God open our eyes to the beauty and worth of each person and all your creation. May we be filled with awe at the work of your hands and praise your name always.

31st. Lord Jesus give us patience and humility with our feeble efforts at faithfulness. Bless even the minutest things we do in your name so that our small acts of faith may find witness among many and thereby glorify you.

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