

PRAYERS SUNDAY 16TH JANUARY

Use the prayer points below, the full prayer underneath, or come up with your own prayer

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Call to prayer

God is more ready to give good gifts to us than we are to ask for them. Let us come before him and pray for ourselves and others.

The regular response, OR:

Lord God, in your grace,
hear the prayer of your people.

Suggested intercessions

- * for the faithful, that they may use their gifts to serve the church
- * for obedience to the commands of the Lord
- * for those preparing for marriage
- * for single people and for those seeking a marriage partner
- * for all who are returning to work after the holidays.

Concluding prayer

Lord, your Son showed his glory at the wedding feast in Cana. Grant that we may be gathered together at your table in glory to celebrate the marriage feast that has no end. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

FULL PRAYER

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Heavenly Father: we pray for your holy church throughout the world. Fill it with all truth, and peace. Where it is corrupt, purge it; where it is in error, direct it; where anything is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen and confirm it; where it is in want, furnish it; where it is divided, heal it and unite it in your love.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

God of justice and truth, grant to our governments and all who serve in public life, wisdom and skill, imagination and energy. Protect them from

corruption and the temptation of self-service. Help us to commit ourselves to the common good so that our land may be a secure home for everyone.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, your Son was present at the wedding of Cana and blessed it. Uphold your creation of marriage and family in our land. Help husbands and wives to recognise your hand in marriage and so remain faithful to each other. Bind parents and children together with mutual love and honour, and may they together learn of your love and place their trust in you.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Merciful and loving God, we pray for family and friends who are estranged from our church family. Protect them from harm, direct them in your way, strengthen them in their difficulty, and give them a firm trust in your goodness. Give us loving and forgiving hearts so that relationships can be healed.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Watch over and protect all those who are returning to work after the holidays. Give them integrity and renewed enthusiasm for their various vocations and may they bring the light of Christ to their places of work. Uphold those who are unemployed or underemployed and open up new opportunities for them according to your will.

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