

PRAYERS SUNDAY 30th JANUARY

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

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Call to prayer

In faith, hope and love, let us come before God our Father, and present our needs to him in prayer

The regular response, OR:

Lord, hear our prayer,
in Jesus' name.

Suggested intercessions

- * for the Christian church, that it may be filled with faith, hope and love
- * for those who reject the gospel, that they may repent and live
- * for nations and kingdoms of the earth, that they may be led by wise leaders and supported by those who love justice
- * for the young, that they may not be daunted by their age or inexperience
- * for the unborn, that they may be kept safe from all harm, whether of nature or of human design

Concluding prayer

Lord, you formed us in the womb, and before we were born you predestined us to be your own. Keep us in your love, and strengthen our faith and our hope. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Prayer of the Church

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Lord God, our heavenly Father, we give you thanks with all our heart for your holy gospel which you have given us, and through which we have come to know your Fatherly heart. For the sake of your boundless mercy, graciously preserve the blessed light of your word for us. Lead and guide our hearts that we never depart from your word, but always walk in its light and so finally be saved.

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

Remember, O Lord, your church. Deliver her from all evil and perfect her in your love. Strengthen and protect her by your Word and sacraments. Grow your church, so that your gospel may be preached to all nations,

and gather the faithful from throughout the world into the kingdom which you have prepared.

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

Almighty God, you blessed the earth to make it fruitful, bringing forth in abundance whatever is needed for the support of our lives. We pray that you would graciously provide us with favourable weather in the year ahead, so that we may gather in the fruits of the earth and proclaim your goodness with thanksgiving.

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

Lord, eternal ruler of all, keep this nation under your care. Bless the leaders of our land that we may be a people at peace among ourselves and a blessing to the other nations of the earth. Help us provide trustworthy leaders, contribute to wise decisions for the general welfare of our people, and thus serve you faithfully in our generation to the honour of your holy name.

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

Almighty God, as you brought the Apostle Peter out of prison, have mercy on all who are unjustly imprisoned, and set them free from their bonds, so that they may rejoice in your deliverance. Grant to all prisoners a fair and honest trial, and grant that the prison system of our land works for restoration and rehabilitation.

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

Merciful God, since you minister to all who are afflicted, look with compassion on those who through addiction have lost their health and freedom. Restore to them the assurance of your unfailing mercy, remove the fears that attack them, strengthen them in the recovery of their self-possession and health, and give skill, patience, and understanding love to those who provide care for them.

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