

## PRAYERS – SUNDAY 7<sup>th</sup> JUNE

Below are some prayer points you can use, whether you are alone, as a couple, or with your family. Feel free to add to them as you wish.

Or, of course, you can also come up with your own prayers.

Alternatively, you can use the full responsive prayer further below.

If there are several of you together you may wish to share the prayers. After each part the person praying may like to say; *Lord, in your mercy*, to which everyone else responds; **Hear our prayer**.

- Praise God that He has revealed Himself to us as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and for how He shows His love to us as each of these three persons.
- Thank God that we can know that in all He does for us He acts in love and grace.
- Pray for those people we know who are doing it tough at the moment for any reason.
- Ask God help us to look for and see the needs of those around us and in the wider world, and to address them in the way He has equipped us to do so.
- Pray that as a congregation we continue to support one another through both prayer and practical means
- Bring to God all those things which are worrying or troubling you at the moment. Ask Him to help you to hand them over to Him and to find peace.
- Praise God that He shows His love for us in so many ways! Pray that He helps you to see your blessings, and how you can use them in His service.

### **A Responsive Prayer**

*God our Father has created us. In his love, he sent his Son to redeem us. Now he gathers together his holy people by the power of his Spirit. Let us therefore come to him in the Spirit, through the name of Jesus, and ask him for all our needs.*

Dear heavenly Father, thank you for making yourself known through your mighty works. Continue to show yourself to the world by spreading the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Keep all pastors

and teachers of the church true to the Trinitarian faith, so that the community of the church may flow from the community of God.  
Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Move all who have been baptised in your name to value their baptism and live it out each day. And help Christian parents bring up their children in the true faith.  
Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Bring all people to accept the world as your wonderful gift, and move us to preserve its beauty and diversity. Guide scientists as they investigate and understand your creation. And give success to all worthwhile agriculture, commerce and industry.  
Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

We pray that all people may value human life as made in your image. Stop us from abusing and misusing our fellow human beings and help us to treat them as our brothers and sisters in your family.  
Lord in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our own congregation/parish and all its events and activities. Be with us all as we prepare to meet together again. Raise up the people we need to serve in particular roles in our congregation and support those in positions of leadership.  
Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Give strength and health to the sick and all who are troubled. Strengthen them in their suffering and build their faith in Christ. Meet the needs of all people in special situations, including those known to us personally and whom we now name in our hearts...  
(brief silence)  
Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Lord God, you are the ground of our existence and the foundation of our faith. Support us in this faith as we live in your name, for you are Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**