

We remember the adults and children in relationships badly affected by poverty, conflict, unfaithfulness, neglect or cold-heartedness. May they know your healing presence.

We bring before you, those who have lost a loved one and are experiencing grief and loneliness. God of all comfort prompt caring friends and family members to express their love and support at this difficult time.

Lord in your mercy **Hear our prayer**

Saturday: Holy Ground

'The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it: for he founded it on the seas and established it on the waters.'

Psalm 21:1-2

Creator God, you made the goodness of the land, the riches of the sea and the rhythm of the seasons; as we thank you for your gracious providing may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples.

Living God, you call us to be good stewards of this earthly home: strengthen us to care for your creation; forgive us when, through our greed and indifference, we abuse its beauty and damage its potential. Empower us, through your Spirit to so nurture and love the world, that all creation sings to your glory.

God of creation and Lord of life, you entrusted us to care for our environment, but in many parts of the world we have failed. Help us to realise how fragile and unstable our surroundings are, because we are not looking after creation. Help us to understand how the most insignificant little flowers, and the tiniest insects, each creature and each individual are all part of a wondrous whole, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Walk with us in our journey of hope

Final Blessing

**The love of the Lord Jesus
draw us to himself;
the power of the Lord Jesus
strengthen us in his service;
the joy of the Lord Jesus fill our hearts;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among us and remain with us always.
Amen.**

Midday Prayers 2024: Transformation – Now! January: Faith for the future

Please also refer to the Prayer Diary for the Wave of Prayer across the world and for prayers on each monthly theme, contributed by members worldwide.

Monday: Together with hope

Romans 15:13

'May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.'

O Lord, open my eyes
that I might see the needs of others
Open my ears that I might hear their cries;
Open my heart
so that they need not be without succour;

Let me not be afraid to defend the weak
because of the anger of the strong,
Not afraid to defend the poor
because of the anger of the rich.

Show me where love and hope and faith are
needed, and use me to bring them to those places.
So open my eyes and my ears that I may be able to
do your will

Elizabeth Stickney

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Tuesday: Encounters with God

Psalm 145:3-5

'Great is the LORD! He is most worthy of praise!
No one can measure his greatness.
Let each generation tell its children of your
mighty acts; let them proclaim your power.
I will speak of the glorious splendour of your
majesty and meditate on your wonderful works.'

Romans 12.2

'Do not conform to the pattern of this world but
be transformed by the renewing of your mind.
Then you will be able to test and approve what
God's will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will.'

Lord, just as the lives of men and women in the
Bible were transformed as they experienced Your
living presence, may we be changed as we
encounter You afresh today.

This we pray in your name.

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Disturb us, O Lord
when we are too well pleased with ourselves
when our dreams have come true
because we dream and too little,
because we sailed too close to the shore.

Disturb us, O Lord, when,
with the abundance of things we possess,
we have lost our thirst for the water of life
when, having fallen in love with time,
we have ceased to dream of eternity
and in our efforts to build a new earth,
we have allowed our vision of Heaven
to grow dim.

Stir us, O Lord, to dare more boldly,
to venture into wider seas
where storms show Thy mastery,
we are losing sight of land, we shall find the stars.

**In the name of Him who pushed back
the horizons of our hopes
and invited the brave to follow. Amen**

*Desmond Tutu from an original
prayer by Sir Francis Drake*

Wednesday: Blessed assurance

Psalm 29:11

'The Lord gives strength to his people, and the
Lord blesses his people with peace.'

To you O Lord we bring our lives,
Troubled, broken or at ease,
A sacrificial offering for you to use.

Take away our selfishness
and teach us to love as you loved,
Take away our sense of pride
and show us the meaning of humility.
Take away our blindness
and show us the world through your eyes.
Take away our greed
and teach us how to give as you gave.

Show us your ways, teach us your path's,
That we might walk with you more closely.
Our hand in your hand; our feet in your footsteps;
From the baby in a stable to eternity,

This we pray in your name. Amen.

Liz Pullen

Thursday: A reconciling presence

John 14:27

'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do
not give to as the world gives. Do not let your
hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.'

*The words 'Father Forgive' are the responses in
the Coventry Litany of Reconciliation:*

Romans 3:23 'All have sinned and fallen short of
the glory of God.'

The hatred which divides nation from nation, race
from race, class from class, **Father forgive.**

The covetous desires of people and nations to
possess what is not their own, **Father, forgive.**

The greed which exploits the work of human
hands and lays waste the earth, **Father, forgive.**

Our envy of the welfare and happiness of others,
Father, forgive.

Our indifference to the plight of the imprisoned,
the homeless, the refugee, **Father, forgive.**

The last which dishonours the bodies of men,
women and children, **Father, forgive.**

The pride which leads us to trust in ourselves and
not in God, **Father, forgive.**

Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving
one another, **as God in Christ forgave you.**

*The Coventry Litany of Reconciliation,
was written by Canon Joseph Poole in 1958,
which is prayed in the new Cathedral every
weekday at noon, and throughout the world by
partners in the Community of the Cross of Nails.*

Friday: Faith in the family

Ephesians 3:14-19

'For this reason I kneel before the Father, from
whom every family in heaven and on earth derives
its name. I pray that out of his glorious riches he
may strengthen you with power through his spirit
in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in
your hearts through faith. And I pray that you,
being rooted and established in Love, may have
power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to
grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the
love of Christ, and to know this love that
surpasses knowledge – that you may be filled to
the measure of all the fullness of God.'

Heavenly Father, thank you for marriage, which
reflects Christ's love for us. May it continue to be
honoured and recognised within society as a
means of providing security and love to a family.

Today we remember all those contemplating
marriage, those attending marriage preparation
and those seeking marriage enrichment.

Lord of love, we thank you for every marriage and
family where love is at the centre. We pray for an
increase in understanding and of grace and love
to grow in their lives.

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