SOME PRAYERS USED IN THE 2025 NOTICES

A PRAYER FOR THE NEEDS OF THE WORLD

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Loving God, we rejoice in the signs of your presence in the world:
for every child who has a home, we praise and thank you God;
for every war that has an end, we praise and thank you God;
for every wound that has been healed, we praise and thank you God;
for every debt that is no more, we praise and thank you God.
And for the dawning of hope for all people, we pray:
where there is hunger and there is need, your kingdom come, O Lord;
where there are walls and barriers of hate, your kingdom come, O Lord;
where the poor pay the price, and the rich take the profit, your kingdom come, O Lord;
and where the earth lies wasted, and the skies are polluted, your kingdom come, O Lord. Amen.

Richard Sharples, superintendent presbyter, Cleveland and Danby Circuit

A PRAYER FOR PEACE

Creator God
Today in a fractured world we pray for peace and justice,
Your peace, not built on our broken promises and failing courage,
But your deep peace, through your creative power and embodied in the service and sacrifice of Jesus.
May we follow Christ, seeking your justice, acting in solidarity and hope,
Even when the way seems unclear and the powers of our world don't reflect your Kingdom,
Your Peace, Your Justice, Your Kingdom, Your world, In Jesus name. Amen.

Andy Dye, Director of Global Relationships

A SHORT PRAYER FOR EACH DAY

As we rejoice in the gift of this each new day, may the light of your presence, O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you and for each other, now and for ever. Amen.

A PRAYER FOR NEW HEARTS

Give us a new heart, O God, free enough to live by faith, brave enough to endure in hope and generous enough to love without limit. Amen

El Salvador, source untraced.

A PRAYER FOR CLOSENESS WITH GOD

Loving God, help me feel connected to you so that you may use me where you have placed me. Help me draw close enough that I may see with your eyes, hear with your ears and think with your mind, because you are a just God and justice is a part of loving. Let me support victims who aren't recognised and people excluded from the accepted circle. Enable me to help people who are suffering because others seek to increase their wealth. Empower me to advocate for children who cannot fulfil their potential or for those whose voices aren't heard. Bring me out from my comfort zone. Stop me just acting in my own interests. Let me do right! Amen.

Margaret Lee, steward, Borders Mission Circuit

A PRAYER FOR PEACE IN THE WORLD

Peace is a rose.
So lovely, so delicate, so fragrant, so easily crushed.
Holy God, let peace flower in our damaged world.
In parched places, let peace take root,
in broken places, let peace send forth strong shoots,
in barren places, let peace bud and bloom,
that all may see her beauty, feel her softness,
be overcome by her gentle perfume, and tend her. Amen.

Sally Jones, presbyter, South Warwickshire Circuit

A PRAYER FOR GOD'S JUSTICE

O God, how long? How long must we wait to see your justice lifted high? How long must we groan under oppression and injustice? The poor get poorer, and the rich get richer. Help us to sing a new song. Help us, through your Holy Spirit, to sing your song of a world renewed, of dignity freely given, of right living between sibling and sibling. But it begins with me. It begins with my willingness to partner with the God of all the earth. Help us to see the riches you have placed within us and let us add our voices to the song all creation longs to sing. Then our souls shall truly magnify the Lord, today and always. Amen.

Sonia Hicks, District Chair, Northampton District

A PRAYER FOR OUR SENSES

Loving Lord, who made us for your delight,
bless us with good use of the senses you created:

- that we may use our sight to see the injustice in your world, and respond with our hearts;
- that we may use our hearing to listen to the voice of suffering, and respond with our hearts;
- that we may voice what is your will at all times, in all places and respond with our hearts.

Loving Lord, who made us for your delight, bless us in your service. Amen.

Based on a prayer by Pat Heynes, local preacher, North East Somerset/Bath Circuit

A PRAYER IN CREATION TIME

Father of creation:
You made all things through love
You spoke with authority and life sprang into being
You made us in your wonderful image to be stewards of your world.

Forgive us, Lord:
When we have failed to reflect you
When we have lived with selfish intention, placing our own needs above those of others
When we have misused or polluted creation
When we have acted in a way that has caused disadvantage and hurt.

Help us, Lord, to reflect you:
By being faithful stewards of your creation
By showing love and concern for the world.
May our actions produce lasting fruit,
for the sake of your Kingdom.
Amen

A PRAYER WRITTEN 400 YEARS AGO BUT STILL VALID TODAY

We commend to you, O Lord, our waking and our sleeping, our going out and our coming in, our souls and our bodies, our words and our deeds, our life and our death, our household and our companions, our world and our neighbours.

Lancelot Andrewes (1555-1626)

A PRAYER FOR COMFORT AND STRENGTH

Lord Jesus Christ, in times of loneliness may we be comforted by your presence. In days of affliction may we be fortified with your strength. In hours of despair may we be raised up through your love. Amen.

Marie Bernarde Soubirous (1844-1879)