

EVERYDAY PRAYERS

Coming to God

O God,
open our eyes to see you;
open our ears to hear you;
open our minds to know you,
and to understand your will;
open our hearts to love you,
and to follow you,
today and always.
In Jesus' name.
Amen.

Morning

thank you God
for this new day

please lead me in the direction
that you want me to go
let your goodness and love
guide what I say and do

help me to meet today's challenges
with patience and determination
and give me the ability and strength
to do your will

help me to make the whole of today
a gift of myself to you
and may I have peace in my heart
knowing that you are always with me

I ask all this in Jesus' name
Amen.

Forgiveness

Dear God, forgive me
for everything that is wrong with my life;
for all that I say and think and do
which goes against how you want me to live;
for not caring enough for your world;
for not loving and helping other people
in the way that you want me to do.

Forgive me for all that is past,
and let me begin a new life with you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Praise

Great and generous God
you give us life in all its fullness;
you give us love that knows no boundaries.
When we are lost, you find us;
you give us hope, and strength, and faith.
You hold our hand as we move through each day,
you guide us when we stumble,
you catch us when we fall.
In the deepest happiness and sadness of our lives
you are always there with us.
O Lord, you know us inside out,
and yet you forgive us and care for us.
Without you, life would be nothing:
with you, life is complete and never-ending.
Amen.

Praying for Others

Lord Jesus,
I ask you to bless with your love
our home and our family ...
our neighbours ...
our friends ...
our church ...
people at work ...
and people in our community ...

and I pray for those who need your special care at this time ...
that you will bring peace to the world where there is war or conflict ...
give hope and help to people who are poor, or in any kind of need ...
heal those who are unwell, or anxious or distressed ...
and comfort those who have lost loved ones ...

especially today I pray for

Reach out, Lord, in love and compassion
to all of these your children,
bringing the assurance of your presence,
the comfort of your peace,
and the blessing of your love:
I ask all this in your name,
Amen.

Evening

thank you God
for the day which is ending
for all that has happened
for the people I have been with
and for all that has helped me
to grow as a person
and to share your love with others

thank you for being with me
throughout the past day
stay with me now
so that through this night
I may find true peace
resting in your Spirit
and may wake tomorrow
renewed by your love

through your grace dear God
Father Son and Holy Spirit
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.

The Grace

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all evermore.
Amen.