

## A prayer in times of bereavement

Dear God of all comfort,

You hold the keys of life and death, of heaven and hell. I come to You in my grief, and cry out to You for help and comfort at this time of loss. Thank you for the life and friendship of *(name the person who has died)*.

I remember how Jesus wept at the grave of His friend Lazarus, so I know You understand my pain now. Please give comfort not only to me but all those who are suffering because of the death of *(name the person)* who was loved by so many. Be to us like a shepherd taking us through this dark valley of the shadow of death and be near us to comfort us at this time.

I pray in the name of Jesus.

**Amen.**

## A prayer for your nation

Dear Heavenly King and Lord of all,

I thank you for my country, its heritage and culture, its beauty and diversity. I pray for those who are in authority both nationally and locally, that they would worship and obey You and that they would govern with honesty and integrity. We pray that there would be godliness and righteousness in our land and that we would be able to live quiet and peaceable lives. We pray that injustice and violence, impurity and all that is false would be done away with.

I pray this in the name of Jesus.

**Amen.**

## A prayer for your family

Dear Heavenly Father,

I bless you for families and for those whom I love and have known.

I pray for the elderly in my family circle *(you may like to name them)*, that in their old age You would help them today. Keep them from cynicism and grumbling, from loneliness and frustration. Help them to trust in You and find strength in You.

I pray for children *(again, name as many as you know and love)*. Thank you for their joy and energy, their willingness to learn and ability to cheer. Keep them from evil: evil people, evil circumstances and evil influences. Help them today to grow to trust, love and serve You with selflessness and joy.

I pray for those close to me *(naming them)*. May they know the peace that comes from knowing God and living the life You want them to live.

Unite my family that we might know joy and harmony, experiencing Your help day by day.

Hear these prayers which I pray because of Jesus.

**Amen.**

## A prayer if you know you need to get right with God

O God, thank You that You know everything there is to know about me. I want to say that I am sorry for all my sin. With Your help I want to turn from it. Thank you for Your love toward me. Thank you that Jesus came into the world, to live and then die paying the penalty of all my wrong doing. Thank you that He rose again from the dead. Right now, please forgive me. By Your Holy Spirit come to live in my life. Please become my Lord, my Saviour and my Friend ... forever. Help me to follow You and become more like You.

Thank you for hearing this prayer, which I pray in the name of Jesus.

**Amen.**

## The prayer Jesus taught His disciples to pray

“Our Father in Heaven,

Hallowed be Your name.

Your kingdom come.

Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts,

As we forgive our debtors.

And do not lead us into temptation,

But deliver us from the evil one.

For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.”

**Amen.**

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# Prayers You May Wish To Pray

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God, who brought all things into being, delights to hear us pray. Prayer is not superstition, like touching wood or crossing your fingers. It is not deluding ourselves with false hopes like reading horoscopes, nor is it vainly repeating set words; it is speaking to God who is Lord of all.

Jesus encouraged us to pray and promises to answer the prayers of His children, when we pray according to the plans God has for us, and for others.

Prayer for us is very easy. We simply talk to God. The reason it is so straightforward for us is that it was costly for God. He paid the greatest price of all so that we can pray to Him ... anytime ... anywhere ... and about anything.

When Jesus was crucified He actually carried upon Himself all the wrong of which we are guilty, so that if we believe on Him we can be forgiven and come to know God in a personal way. Once we have trusted the now-risen, living Jesus Christ as our Lord, Saviour and Friend, it is natural to pray, to talk with Him. He is always ready to listen.

Here are some prayers you may find helpful to pray and personalise for your own situation.

*Words that are in italics are there so that they can be adjusted if you are praying for someone else.*

## A prayer of thanksgiving and praise

Dear God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

I worship You that You are God and that there is no one else like You.

I praise You Heavenly Father for the wonder of all creation, the sun, moon and stars, as well as the sparkling life around us. Thank you for life, and the purposes You have, even for me.

I worship You, Lord Jesus, that even though I have sinned in thought, word and deed, You love me. I bless You that You came to earth as a baby and were willing to go to the cross and die for my sin. Thank you that You rose from the dead and are alive today.

Thank you, Father, for the Holy Spirit who is at work in our world today pointing people to all that You have done. Thank you that He lives in all who receive Your mercy and forgiveness.

For all You have done for me and mean to me, I praise and worship You, counting my blessings and rejoicing in Your goodness.

**Amen.**



## For times of sickness or trouble

Dear Gracious God,

Thank you for the good times that I have enjoyed, including the joys and health that have been *mine*. I know that You formed *me* and knit *me* together in my mother's womb. I praise You that I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

You know all the details of *my* life, and of this present illness. I come to You, the Great Physician and Friend of sinners, and pray for Your help at this difficult time. As Jesus forgave sin and healed the sick, I pray that You would forgive *me* and put Your healing/helping hand on *me*. Thank you that Jesus suffered and died paying the penalty of all that is sinful in my life. Thank you that He triumphed over death, by rising from the dead on the third day. Thank you that Jesus promised to be with those who belong to Him, both in life and death, as well as through eternity.

Please be with *me* in all that I go through in the future, and even if I don't understand all things, help *me* to trust You, the true and living God. Thank you that You hear me for I pray in Jesus' name.

**Amen.**

## A prayer for all times

Dear All-knowing God,

Thank you that You are God. Thank you that You are all powerful, that You know all things, that You are everywhere, and never change. I worship You the one God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Thank you for the life You have given me. You are God, and Lord over all. I am so thankful for who You are and all You have done. I take comfort from the Bible's teaching that one day every knee will bow before You and acknowledge Your rule and goodness.

I praise You that You, the Father, sent Jesus, the Son, to be the Saviour of the world. Help me to be truly sorry for all that is wrong in my life. I am so grateful that Jesus carried my sins in His own body on the cross. It is wonderful to me, that Jesus paid the penalty of my sin for I know that I do not deserve to be with you eternally, but Jesus has made a way back to Yourself by His sacrifice on the cross. Thank you that Jesus rose again, and is alive today as the loving Saviour and Friend of sinners.

I am grateful that the Holy Spirit is working in the world today. Thank you that He helps men and women believe and trust in Jesus as Lord and Saviour. *continued...*

I pray for those I know and love, and ask that You would be with them to protect and strengthen them in all that they do, wherever they will be today.

Help me to do the things that I should. May I know peace and joy, Your companionship and guidance moment by moment. Make me someone who always wants to help others without meddling in their affairs. And for those in particular need, please draw near to them at this time. I pray these prayers in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

## A morning prayer

Dear God, Thank you for a safe night's sleep and now a new day. I need Your help as I face all that the day has in store for me. May I experience Your grace, guidance and gladness, Your strength and companionship, Your help in everything I do and say. Thank you that nothing that happens today will surprise You, for You know all things. Help me to cast all my cares upon You, for I know that You care for me.

Help me in all I do to show kindness and love to those around me, and to honour You in the things I say and do. I pray in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

## An evening prayer

Dear God and Saviour,

Thank you for this past day and the life You have given me to enjoy. Thank you for those I have met, for friends and family. Thank you for the food, drink and activities I have enjoyed. Thank you for all who have shown care for me and helped me in so many ways. Thank you for the beauty of the world and the wonder of creation. Thank you, too, that this life is not all there is. Thank you that there is eternity to be lived with You. Thank you for a place where there are no tears, no death, no mourning or crying, nor pain, for the former things have passed away.

Please forgive all the sins of this past day. I praise You that Jesus has paid the price of all that is unworthy of You in my life. Cleanse me from all that is wrong and help me to live as I should, loving You and loving others.

I pray for a good night's sleep. Watch over me, and keep me safe.

In Jesus' name.  
**Amen.**

