

# CHRISTIANS ON THE LEFT.



## COMMUNAL PRAYER

Save us, O Lord, from being idle bystanders looking on and attempting to interpret the dilemmas of a broken world, yet rarely willing to act.

Give us compassion for the lost and confused, the weary and the oppressed.

Save us from slick and simplistic answers to human problems, which offer words but no real help.

Unsettle us, and move us on from viewing the plight of sin-scarred people, to actions that promote spiritual and inward healing and liberating forgiveness.

Cleanse our lives, that they may be instruments worthy of conveying your truth of abundant and everlasting life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We ask in his name. **Amen.**

## Our Prayers – For International Events

### PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION IN SYRIA

God of history,

Witness of the struggles within families;  
we pray for the divided family of Syria  
as brother fights against brother,  
and sister rejects sister.

We pray for those whose love of neighbour  
has been destroyed in the bitterness of enmity.

May fear be submerged in compassion.

May distrust be diluted by hope,  
as a vision of peace illuminates  
darkened minds and hate-filled hearts.

We pray in the name of Christ,  
our source of light and love. **Amen.**

### PRAYER FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY FLOODS

Compassionate God, source of all comfort,

We pray for the people whose lives have devastated by rain and flood.

Bring them comfort, we pray.

Protect the vulnerable.

Strengthen the weak.

Keep at bay the spread of disease.

Have mercy on all those working to rescue the stranded and to feed the hungry.

And may our response to their suffering be generous and bring you praise. For we ask it in Jesus Name, **Amen.**

### **PRAYER FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY STORMS**

O loving Creator, bring healing and hope to those who at this time, grieve, suffer pain, or have been made homeless by the forces of wind, rain, flood and hurricane.

We remember those who have died and we pray for those who mourn for them.

May we all be aware of Your compassion, O God, which calms our troubled hearts and shelters our anxious souls.

May we pray with humility with our troubled and struggling brothers and sisters on earth. May we dare to hope that through the generosity of the privileged, the destitute might glimpse hope, warmth and life again.

Through our Saviour Christ who lives with us, comforts us and soothes us. **Amen.**

### **PRAYER FOR EMERGENCIES**

O God, our refuge and strength,  
our help in times of trouble.

Have mercy on the lands where the earth has given way.

Have mercy on the lands where the weather has destroyed livelihoods.

Prosper those who rebuild houses,  
and strengthen those who rebuild hope  
so that entire communities  
may face the future without fear. **Amen**

### **A PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION**

God of reconciliation and grace,  
you promise us a world where all is new,  
where love is born when hope is gone,  
where broken relationships are restored to wholeness.

May we live as people who know your story of love,  
and we have the vision to imagine what could be possible  
if we dared to live this story.

God of abundant life,  
may we be witnesses of love, hope and peace,  
and co-creators of your life in the world. **Amen**

## **Our Prayers – For Domestic Events**

### **PRAYER FOR THE COLD AND HOMELESS**

God of compassion,  
your love for humanity was revealed in Jesus,  
whose earthly life began in the poverty of a stable  
and ended in the pain and isolation of the cross:  
we hold before you those who are homeless and cold  
especially in this bitter weather.

Draw near and comfort them in spirit  
and bless those who work to provide them  
with shelter, food and friendship.

We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

### **PRAYERS FOR THOSE LIVING WITH DEBT**

Father, we pray for the many who are trapped by growing burdens of debt,  
who see no way out, and who despair for their future:  
give them courage to tackle the problems they face,  
clarity in taking decisions which will turn their situation around,  
and faith that, as they cry to you in their trouble,  
you will deliver them from their distress;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

God of power,  
you are strong to save  
and you never fail those who trust in you.  
Keep under your protection all who suffer because of debt:  
help them through their time of darkness,  
give wisdom to all who seek to help,  
and bring them to know true freedom  
in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **PRAYER FOR THE GOVERNMENT**

Heavenly Father,  
source of all truth and wisdom, who knows and loves the whole creation,  
watch over our nation:  
that truth may prevail over distortion,  
wisdom triumph over recklessness  
and the concerns of every person be heard.  
Lord Jesus,  
who chose the way of the cross in the Garden of Gethsemane,  
help us to turn our backs on self interest  
and to support policies that sustain the poor, the vulnerable and the frightened people of this world.  
Holy Spirit,  
who brought understanding among myriad peoples and languages at Pentecost,  
give to all your people a passion for peace  
and inspire us to work for unity and co-operation throughout the world and in our political life  
together. **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 forever. **Amen.**

## **GOD OF THE IMPOSSIBLE**

We pray for justice, peace and reconciliation.  
And when the challenges seem too many,  
remind us of your resurrection power,  
and the miracles of your love that happen  
whenever injustice is dismantled and rebuilt with peace.  
Help us to hope that the impossible can happen  
and live as if it might do so today. **Amen**

Gracious God we pray for ourselves, that we might remember who is in control in creation, who it is who holds together all things. So may we give complete control to you of our lives. Help us to entrust to you our fears and worries and to rest ourselves in Christ Jesus. Help us to grow in faith, to rejoice always in what you have done, to submit our will and our plans to your will and your plan for our lives. **Amen**

## **Closing: The Grace**

May 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.**

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