

In the power of the Spirit, and in union with Christ, let us pray.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
You promised through Your Son Jesus Christ to hear us when we pray in faith. Make us worthy of Your promise and help us to grow in our understanding of Your truth.

We pray for Your church here on Earth, that it may be Your light to our beleaguered world, and an inspiration for Your people.
Strengthen David, our bishop and Matthew, our vicar, and all others in Your church who work in the service of Christ. May those who confess Your name be united in seeing and telling Your truth, live together in Your love and reveal Your glory to the world.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Bless and guide Your anointed servant Elizabeth, our queen, and direct those who govern on her behalf, along with the leaders of every nation, in the ways of Your justice and peace. Cause them to govern with wisdom and to hold fast to Your inviolable laws. Let those who seek to ignore or suborn Your laws be subject to Your ever-righteous judgement and Your infallible justice.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray this day for the soul of Your anointed servant King Charles, murdered by violent and bloodthirsty men, yet who forgave his murderers, and knew and professed that only You Lord, can pass judgement on those You have chosen to lead. Let the wicked men who subjected our martyred sovereign to such barbarous indignities and sought to overthrow Your law be seen by all for what they truly were; and use their example to teach us the folly of the judgement of men and the fancies of fanatics. Pardon us of our part in such thoughts and ideas and show mercy to Your people who so long ignore so shameful a truth.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Give grace Lord, to us, our families and friends, and all our neighbours, that we may serve Christ in one another and love as You love us. Teach us to forgive, as You, in Your supreme mercy, forgive us our constant failings and iniquities. Let us, Your undeserving subjects, learn humility from Your constant generosity and unfailing mercy.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lord, we pray too for the world today, and the problems and injustices which so beset it. We ask that You guide the warring factions in Syria towards a peaceful and harmonious resolution to the struggle which has so damaged that country and scattered its people,

including so many who are faithful followers of our Lord Jesus Christ. We ask also that the violent and bloodthirsty men who falsely claim to act in Your name in Syria, Iraq, Yemen, Libya and Nigeria, be shown the fallacy of their ways and the price of their iniquity by Your most righteous judgement. As You punished Sodom and Gomorrah, so too we ask that these men and their supporters be subjected to the force of Your divine censure.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for the needy and the oppressed, and for those who risk their lives in the hope of a better life. Let their burdens be lifted from them, and let the problems which lead to their suffering be snuffed out as surely as an unwanted flame might be.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal, Lord, those who suffer in body, mind or spirit, remembering especially: George Lister; David Blewett; Dorothy Edwards; Joceline Marshall; Jean Skelcher; Mary Dutton; Priscilla White; Linda Barlow; Rachel Chegwin; Richard Warby; Vera Cross; Kathleen Alcock; Ivy Warby; Harold Sagonda; Sarah Jones; Anita Mason; and Judith Banton.

Hear us too, as we remember and commend to You all those who have died in the faith of Christ, remembering particularly at this time: Ethel Ollershaw; Graeme le Monier; Steven Hall; Fred Edwards; John Leigh Collis; Benedict Flitter; and Lucie Franks. According to Your promises, grant to them a share in Your eternal kingdom, and let light perpetual shine upon them. Rejoicing in the fellowship of St. Augustine and all Your saints we commend ourselves and the whole of creation to Your perfect and unfailing love.

Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.

Almighty God, by Your Holy Spirit You have made us one with Your saints in Heaven and on Earth: grant that in our Earthly pilgrimage, we may be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves surrounded by their witness to Your power and mercy.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Merciful Father, accept these prayers, for the sake of Your Son, our saviour, Jesus Christ.
Amen.