

CHRIST CHURCH PARBOLD Prayertime for the Day

(week commencing 13th June 2021)



1. **A prayer for our world.** Heavenly Father, You have taught us, through your servant St Francis, that all creation is your handiwork. Grant us your grace that we may exercise wise stewardship of this Earth; Tread lightly upon it; And cherish its resources; That our children may enjoy its riches, throughout all generations, And your name be glorified through all that you have made. Amen.
(<https://www.churchofengland.org/>)
2. **A prayer for our country.** We pray for national government, the cabinet and civil servants that they make wise and compassionate decisions to address the needs of the most disadvantaged in society and enable all to flourish. Amen
(<https://www.blackburn.anglican.org/>)
3. **A prayer about the Covid vaccine.** We pray for all those who are involved in the production and distribution of vaccines, that the vaccine is distributed with fairness and equity across the world. Amen (<https://www.blackburn.anglican.org/>)
4. **Prayers for those feeling the pressures of life.** We pray for those who continue to feel overwhelmed by the uncertainty of the pandemic, that they would sense God's love and His peace that passes all understanding. Amen.
Lord, we pray that those who need to have a period of rest from their endeavours and time to reflect on the last months, will be enabled to find the time and space they need, and a sense of God's love restoring them. Amen (<https://www.blackburn.anglican.org/>)
5. **A personal Prayer.** Lord God, you are always with me. You are with me in the day and in the night. You are with me when I'm happy and when I'm sad. You are with me when I'm healthy and when I am ill. You are with me when I am peaceful and when I am worried. Help me to remember that you love me and are with me in everything today. Amen. (<https://www.churchofengland.org/>)
6. **A prayer of commitment.** We are not people of fear: we are people of courage. We are not people who protect our own safety: we are people who protect our neighbours' safety. We are not people of greed: we are people of generosity. We are your people God, giving and loving, wherever we are, whatever it costs For as long as it takes wherever you call us. Amen. (<https://www.churchofengland.org/>)
7. Lift to God anyone you know that need a healing touch or a sense of the Lord's comfort from His Holy Spirit. Amen

Song:

The very first song I put on the prayer sheet – City Alight singing "Yet not I but through Christ in me"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zundjUFazfq>

And a timeless classic "I surrender all"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bl-zAGIE9Pg>

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



BIBLE PASSAGE

Read over the passage, slowly, several times and see if any word or phrase stands out for you, and stay with that phrase for as long as you like before turning your attention to any other. You may find all sorts of distractions running through your mind, but some thoughts, far from being distractions, can become the substance of your prayer.

PSALM 139 V 7- 18

Where can I go from your Spirit?
Where can I flee from your presence?
If I go up to the heavens, you are there;
if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.
If I rise on the wings of the dawn,
if I settle on the far side of the sea,
even there your hand will guide me,
your right hand will hold me fast.
If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me
and the light become night around me,"
even the darkness will not be dark to you;
the night will shine like the day,
for darkness is as light to you.
For you created my inmost being;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
your works are wonderful,
I know that full well.
My frame was not hidden from you
when I was made in the secret place,
when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.
Your eyes saw my unformed body;
all the days ordained for me were written in your book
before one of them came to be.
How precious to me are your thoughts, God!
How vast is the sum of them!
Were I to count them,
they would outnumber the grains of sand—
when I awake, I am still with you.



THE PRAYER SHEET

This will be the last prayer sheet as it is to be hoped that things will be getting easier shortly!!? I have sent the prayer sheet out since the beginning of the lockdown last year. The first one was 22nd March 2020. No-one could have foreseen how things would develop then – talking of maybe a couple of months lockdown.

I do hope and pray that they have been a blessing to you. My visits to many websites to find appropriate songs, background information and set prayers have not only been a challenge to me but also a rich source of personal blessing and encouragement.

Listening to the many hymns and songs in so many different styles has truly made me understand how vital it is to praise God in all things – taking our eyes from the problems and lifting them to Our Lord and Father. And researching the lives of the Hymn writers has made me realise the words written often reflect their deep love of God and dedication to spread the Good News of the Gospel. Thank you and May the Lord bless you.

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