

**Prayers**  
*&*  
**Bible Verses**



**PRAYERS**

PART ONE:

# PRAYERS

*paraphrases*  
*from*

The Book  
of Common Prayer

## *The Collect for purity*

### **Almighty God:**

You know everything that is in our heart  
and no secrets are hidden from you.

Make our minds and hearts pure  
by your Holy Spirit

so that we can love and worship you  
the way we should.

In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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*THE COLLECT FOR PURITY: This prayer is always used at the beginning of the Communion service to focus and prepare us for worship.*

*(Based on the Book of Common Prayer, p. 67)*

## *Confession and absolution*

### **Almighty God:**

You made everything and everyone,  
and you are the judge of everything we do.  
We know that we have done things wrong  
in our thoughts and words and actions.  
We are sorry. Please forgive us.  
Help us to live the way we should.  
In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We know that God loves us  
and has promised to forgive us  
when we repent.  
We thank him for his forgiveness,  
and we trust him to help us do what is good,  
and one day to bring us to heaven.  
In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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*CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION: Just before the holiest part of the Communion service, we always say a prayer of confession, and then the priest reminds us that God has promised to forgive us when we come to him with sincere repentance.*

*(Based on the Book of Common Prayer, p. 77)*

## *The Lord's prayer*

**Our Father in heaven,**  
your name is holy.  
May your kingdom come,  
And may your will be done  
on earth just as it is in heaven.  
Give us today what we need for today.  
And forgive us our wrong-doings,  
as we forgive those who do wrong to us  
Do not lead us into temptation,  
but save us from evil.  
The kingdom, the power, and the glory  
are yours forever. Amen.

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*THE LORD'S PRAYER: We often say this prayer which  
Jesus taught to his disciples many years ago.  
(Based on the Book of Common Prayer, p. 85)*

## *Morning prayer*

**O heavenly Father,**

We thank you for the past night's rest,  
and for the gift of a new day.

Help us to pass the coming hours  
in the freedom of serving you,  
and to come to you with thankful hearts  
at the end of this day.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## *Night prayer*

**O merciful Lord,**

Be with us and protect us  
through the silent hours of this night  
so that even when we are tired with  
all the changes and chances of this world,  
we can rest in your eternal changelessness.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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*MORNING & NIGHT PRAYERS: These prayers help us to focus on God at the beginning and the ending of each day. (Based on the Book of Common Prayer, p. 727, 728)*

## *For churches everywhere*

### **Most Gracious God:**

We ask you to bless churches everywhere.

Make them full of truth and peace.

Where things have gone wrong,  
make them right again.

In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## *For St. Bart's Church*

### **O God, our heavenly Father:**

We ask you to help, protect and bless

St. Bart's Church,

and the priests and workers,

and all of the people who come here.

In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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*INTERCESSIONS: A selection of prayers asking for God's help for others.*

*(Based on the Book of Common Prayer, p. 37-64)*



## *For church schools*

### **Almighty God:**

You love children and have asked churches to teach and care for them. Help teachers and students to learn well, and to always be joyful about what is true. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## *For leaders in government*

### **Most Gracious God:**

Please help, protect and bless all of the leaders in government. Help them to know and to do what is right. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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## *For good weather*

### **O God, our heavenly Father:**

You know what we need  
better than we know ourselves.  
Please send us good weather  
so that food can grow,  
and so we can live in peace and health.  
In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## *For teachers at school*

### **O heavenly Father:**

Please give wisdom and grace  
to all of our teachers at school  
so that they will always love and teach  
what is true and good.  
In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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## *For people travelling*

### **O God, our heavenly Father:**

You are powerful no matter where we are.  
Please take care of those who are  
travelling by land, water, and air,  
especially \_\_\_\_\_.

We ask you to protect and keep them safe.  
In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## *For people who are sick*

### **Almighty and immortal God:**

We know that life and health are in your hands.  
We ask you to show mercy to the sick,  
especially \_\_\_\_\_.

Please bless those who take care of them,  
and if it is your will,  
heal them in mind and body.  
In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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## *For people who are worried*

### **Almighty God:**

You care about what your people care about.

Show mercy to those who are worried.

Provide them with whatever they need,  
and help them to trust you.

In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## *When we are sad*

### **O heavenly Father:**

Help us to trust that you care for us.

When we are sad, help us to look up to you.

Remind us that you are with us,  
and give us rest and peace.

In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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## *For our friends and families*

### **O Loving Father:**

Please take care of our families and friends, including those who are sick or sad, both the young and the old.

Help us to be a blessing to each other.

In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## *For a birthday*

### **O heavenly Father:**

Please give a long and happy life to our friend whose birthday is today.

Help \_\_\_\_\_ to always live in a way that makes you glad.

In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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## BIBLE VERSES

PART TWO:  
**VERSES**

*from*

**The Holy Bible**

*(Paraphrases from NIV and NASB)*



**BIBLE VERSES**

**In the beginning God created the  
heavens and the earth.**

– Genesis 1:1

**If you will obey My voice and keep  
My covenant, then you shall be My  
own possession among all the peo-  
ples, for all the earth is Mine; and  
you shall be to Me a kingdom  
of priests and a holy nation.**

– Exodus 19:5-6a

**Thus you are to be holy to Me  
for I the LORD am holy;  
and I have set you apart  
from the peoples to be Mine.**

– Leviticus 20:26

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make up the first five books of the Old Testament:  
Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy.*



**The LORD bless you and keep you;  
the LORD make His face shine  
on you and be gracious to you;  
the LORD lift up His countenance  
on you and give you peace.**

– Numbers 6:24-26

**You will seek the LORD your God and  
you will find Him if you search for Him  
with all your heart and all your soul.**

– Deuteronomy 4:29

**Know today, and take to your heart,  
that the LORD is God in heaven  
above and on earth below;  
there is no other.**

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**Be strong and courageous!  
Do not tremble or be dismayed,  
for the LORD your God  
is with you wherever you go.**

– Joshua 1:9

**Revere the LORD and serve Him  
in sincerity and truth.**

– Joshua 24:14a

**Who is able to build a house for the  
LORD? For the even the heavens  
cannot contain Him. So who am I  
that I should build a house for Him -  
except to burn incense before Him.**

– 2 Chronicles 2:6

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**If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, will forgive their sin and will heal their land.**

– 2 Chronicles 7:14

**You alone are the LORD.  
You made the heavens,  
and all their starry host,  
the earth and all that is on it,  
the seas and all that is in them.  
You give life to everything, and the  
multitudes of heaven worship You.**

– Nehemiah 9:6

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**I know that You can do all things,  
and that no purpose of Yours  
can be thwarted.**

– Job 42:2

**Be still before the LORD,  
and wait patiently for Him.**

– Psalm 37:7

**The LORD will command His  
loving-kindness in the daytime;  
and His song will be with me  
in the night;  
a prayer to the God of my life.**

– Psalm 42:8

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**Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me...  
A broken and contrite heart,  
O God, You will not despise.**

– Psalm 51:10,17

**The LORD is near to all  
who call upon Him in truth.**

– Psalm 145:1

**Trust in the LORD with all your heart  
and do not lean  
on your own understanding;  
in all of your ways acknowledge Him  
and He will make your paths straight.**

– Proverbs 3:5-6

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Though the mountains be shaken  
and the hills removed,  
yet My unfailing love for you  
will not be shaken.

– Isaiah 54:10

Before I formed you in the womb  
I knew you; before you were born  
I set you apart; I appointed you  
as a prophet to the nations...  
Do not say, 'I am only a youth.'  
You must go to everyone I send you to  
and say whatever I command you.  
Do not be afraid of them, for I am  
with you and will rescue you.

– Jeremiah 1:5-8

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**“I take no pleasure in the death of anyone,” declares the Sovereign LORD, “Therefore, repent and live!”**

– Ezekiel 18:32

**What does the LORD require of you?**

**To act justly, and to love mercy,  
and to walk humbly with your God.**

– Micah 6:8

**For you who revere My name,  
the sun of righteousness will rise  
with healing in its wings.**

**And you will go out and leap  
like calves released from the stall.**

– Malachi 4:2

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**Jesus said, “Let the little children come to Me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.”**

– Matthew 19:14

**Jesus said, “The most important commandment is this:  
‘Love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’  
The second is this: ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’  
There is no commandment greater than these.”**

– Mark 12:29-31

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**For God so loved the world,  
that he gave his only begotten Son,  
that whoever believes in Him  
should not perish but have eternal life.**

**For God did not send his Son  
into the world to judge the world;  
but that the world  
should be saved through Him.**

– John 3:16-17

**Jesus said, “My sheep listen  
to My voice; I know them and  
they follow Me. I give them  
eternal life and they shall  
never perish; no one  
can snatch them out of My hand.”**

– John 10:27-28

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**Nothing in all creation will be able  
to separate us from the love of God  
that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

– Romans 8:38-39

**Do not become weary in doing good,  
for at the proper time we will  
reap a harvest, if we do not give up.**

– Galatians 6:9

**Children, obey your parents  
in the Lord, for this is right.**

**Honour your father  
and your mother.**

– Ephesians 6:1

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**Do not let anyone look down  
on you because you are young,  
but set an example for the believers  
in speech, in life, in love,  
in faith, and in purity.**

– 1 Timothy 4:12

**Humble yourselves under the mighty  
hand of God so that He may lift you up  
in due time. Cast all your anxiety  
upon Him because He cares for you.**

– 1 Peter 5:6-7

**Since God loved us so much,  
we also ought to love one another.**

– 1 John 4:11

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