

Morning and Evening - The Lord's Prayer

We pray the Lord's Prayer - if we have time, we pause between each line to reflect on what it is for which we pray.

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 for ever.
Amen.

or

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Blessing

Take a moment to remember that we pray for blessing not just for ourselves, but for our community. Then pray Aaron's blessing, from Numbers 6:24,25

**The Lord bless us and watch over us,
the Lord make us face shine upon us
and be gracious to us,
the Lord look kindly upon us
and give us peace.
And the blessing of God Almighty,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be among us now and always. Amen.**

If you've found this week of prayer helpful, you might be interested in finding out more about the daily prayer booklet from the Community of St Chad. Please ask Jill Ellson or Rev'd Nick if you'd like to know a bit more. Thank you for praying with us!

Times of prayer together in church

Sunday		6.30pm
Monday	No meeting in church	
Tuesday	7.30am	5.30pm
Wednesday	9.30am	5.30pm
Thursday	7.30am	6.30pm
Friday	9.30am	6.00pm
Saturday	8.00am	6.30pm*

* 15-20 minutes except Saturday evening, an hour of prayer & worship



Daily Prayers 8-15 May

Praying together - even when we're apart

The Archbishops have called us to pray this week for the renewal of the church and the nation. There'll be chances to do that together in church, but if you can't be there, then please use these prayers at home or work. If it's possible to do that with other members of the family, or at the same time as others gather in church, so much the better! With others, one person says the words in ordinary print, we all say those in **bold type**.

Don't feel that you have to use these words in prayer - if you're more comfortable with your own words, use those, but these are here in the hope that they help.

Opening Prayer - Morning and Evening

Sit comfortably, away from distractions as much as possible.

Take a moment to be still, and listen to the sounds of the world around you.

In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Be silent for a few seconds, and focus your thoughts and prayers on God.

Lord, direct our thoughts, and teach us to pray.

Lift up our hearts to worship you in spirit and in truth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Morning Prayer

Say or sing

**Today I awake and God is before me.
At night, as I dreamt, God summoned the day;
For God never sleeps but patterns the morning
with slithers of gold or glory in grey.**

**Today I arise and Christ is beside me.
He walked through the dark to scatter new light,
Yes, Christ is alive, and beckons his people
to hope and to heal, resist and invite.**

**Today I affirm the Spirit within me
at worship and work, in struggle and rest.
The Spirit inspires all life which is changing
from fearing to faith, from broken to blest.**

**Today I enjoy the Trinity round me,
above and beneath, before and behind;
The Maker, the Son, the Spirit together
they called me to life and call me their friend.**

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Read the Bible passage (see box in centre of page). Be still for a moment and ask God to help you to hear his voice through it. If you have time, read the passage again carefully.

Pray quietly for your five people - and say the prayer in the box.

Pray for the renewal of our church life.

**Holy Spirit, sent by the Father,
ignite in us your holy fire;
strengthen your children with the gift of faith,
revive your Church with the breath of love,
and renew the face of the earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Pray for God's blessing on and through you in all you do today.

Bible Readings

Sunday	Luke 24:44-53
Monday	1 Corinthians 3
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 12
Wednesday	Matthew 3:13-end
Thursday	John 17:20-26
Friday	John 21:15-19
Saturday	John 15:9-17

Pray for Five People

We're asked each to pray for five people who aren't active Christians. Please pray for wisdom, and write their names, or initials, here...

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**Loving Lord,
Please work in me so I can share
your love, life and message with...
Show them your love, so they might
know, follow and serve you,
For Your Glory and their blessing,
Amen**

Continued overleaf ⇨

Evening Prayer

Say or sing

**O Breath of life, come sweeping through us,
revive your church with life and power.**

**O Breath of life, come, cleanse, renew us;
and fit your church to meet this hour.**

**O Wind of God, come bend us, break us,
till humbly we confess our need.
Then in your tenderness remake us;
revive, restore, for this we plead.**

**O Breath of love, come breathe within us,
renewing thought and will and heart.
Come, love of Christ, afresh to win us;
Revive your church in every part.**

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Pray quietly for your five people - and say the prayer in the box.

Pray for the government of our nation.

**Father, we thank you for our freedom, and those who guard it.
Bless those who lead our nation with the gifts
of wisdom, integrity and courage to govern justly and well.
Provide greater justice and proper care of the vulnerable.
Call more good people to stand for office and serve
in local communities and the nation. Amen.**

Pray quietly for the people you've met today, and anyone about whom you're particularly concerned.

Pray for those you love.

Pray for yourself, and for God's answer to your own needs.