

Prayers and Thanksgivings

1 The Monarch

O Lord our heavenly Father, high and mighty, King of kings, Lord of lords, the only ruler of princes, you look down from your throne on all who dwell on earth: we ask you most earnestly to look favourably on our sovereign *lady, Queen Elizabeth*. Fill *her* with your Holy Spirit so that *she* may love your law and walk in your way. Give *her* health and strength; and grant that after this life *she* may enjoy everlasting happiness in your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty God, your kingdom is eternal and your power infinite: have mercy on the whole church. Rule the heart of your servant *Elizabeth*, our *Queen*, so that *she*, knowing whose minister *she* is, may above all things seek your honour and glory. And grant that we and all *her* subjects may faithfully serve, honour and obey *her* according to your word and ordinance; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Almighty and eternal God, you teach us in your word that the hearts of rulers are under your sovereign control, and that you incline and turn them according to your godly wisdom: we humbly beseech you so to govern the heart of *Elizabeth* your servant, our *Queen*, that in all *her* thoughts, words and works *she* may always seek your honour and glory and strive to preserve your people under *her* care in prosperity, peace and godliness. Grant this, O merciful Father, for your dear Son's sake, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O God, in love you provide for your people by your power and rule over them: be pleased to bless your servant *Elizabeth* our *Queen* so that under *her* this nation may be wisely governed and your church be free to serve you in godly quietness. And grant that *she*, being devoted to you with *her* whole heart and persevering in good works to the end, may by your guidance come to your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness: we humbly beseech you to bless your servant *Queen Elizabeth* and all the members of the royal family. Fill them with your Holy Spirit; enrich them with your heavenly

grace; prosper them with all happiness; and bring them to your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

2 Those in authority

Most gracious God, we pray for the Prime Minister, members of Cabinet and Government and all elected to the Parliament and councils of this realm. Direct and prosper all their consultations to the advancement of your glory, the good of your church, and the safety, honour and welfare of the peoples of this land; so that peace and happiness, truth and justice, faith and godliness, may be established among us for all generations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

3 The nations

Lord God almighty, we rejoice that you are the sovereign Lord who rules over all: may the nations of the world hear your voice and the peoples acknowledge you. Banish the darkness of sin and unbelief. Break down every barrier that stands in the way of the triumph of your Word and gospel and hasten the day when every knee shall bow and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. We ask this in his name, and to his glory. **Amen.**

4 God's church and people

Almighty and eternal God, you alone work great marvels: send down your Holy Spirit on all bishops and pastors and the congregations they serve. And, so that we may all truly please you, pour on us the continual dew of your blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honour of our advocate and mediator, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

5 The sick

O Lord, look down from heaven, and visit and relieve those who are ill. Look upon them with mercy; comfort them; give them a sure confidence in you; defend them from the attacks of the evil one; and keep them in perpetual peace and safety; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty God, you are a strong tower to all who put their trust in you: may those who suffer find you their defence; and may they know and feel that there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by

whom and through whom we may receive health and salvation, except the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty and eternal God, have mercy on those who are sick. In their days of weakness strengthen their faith, lead them to repentance, and teach them to live the rest of their lives in your fear and to your glory, so that at the last they may live with you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lord Jesus Christ, during your earthly ministry you healed the sick: look with favour on your *servants*.. who *are* ill at this time. Give wisdom and insight to those who care for *them*; and, if it be your will, restore *them* to health, so that *they* may live to praise you for your goodness and grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Heavenly Father, you know the cares and fears of your children: grant that your *servant N* will remember that your care for your people is never in doubt; teach *him* to cast all *his* cares on you; give *him* quietness of mind; and fill *him* with your peace which passes all understanding; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

6 Faithfulness

Remember, O Lord, what you have worked in us and not what we deserve; and as you have called us to your service, make us worthy of our calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

7 For all people

O God, the Creator and Preserver of all mankind: we humbly pray that it may please you to reveal your ways to all people and your saving power to all nations. In particular we pray for your church that it may be guided and governed by your Spirit in such a way that all who profess and call themselves Christians may be led into the way of truth and hold the faith in unity of spirit, in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life. We commend to your fatherly goodness all who are in any way afflicted or distressed [especially...]. Be pleased, O Lord, to comfort and relieve them according to their various needs; give them patience in their sufferings, and a happy deliverance out of their afflictions; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

8 The bereaved

Grant, O Lord, the spirit of faith and courage to those who are bereaved [and we pray especially for...] so that they may have strength to face the future with steadfastness and patience. May they not sorrow as those who have no hope; but may they be thankful for your great goodness to them in past years; and may they look forward with joy to the glory that you have prepared for those who love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

9 Shortness of life

Eternal and loving Lord, teach us to remember that life is short and to seek after heavenly wisdom. Grant that, though our bodies grow weak, we may increase in spiritual strength; so that, trusting ourselves to your care and mercy, we may accept your will and at the last enter into the joy of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

10 Education

Most merciful Father, you teach us that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: we pray for all who learn and all who teach in the schools and colleges of this parish (*town, city, diocese*). May those who are taught grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord, seek your will, and be made ready to do their duty; and may those who instruct be filled with your love so that they may set a good example to those committed to their care; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

11 Harvest

Lord God almighty, we give you thanks for all the blessings of this life; for health and strength, for the beauty of the world, for the kindness and love of family and friends, for opportunities of service, and for the harvest of land and sea. Accept our praise for these your gifts, and make us ever mindful of our dependence on you; for your Son, Jesus Christ's sake. **Amen.**

Almighty God, we give you thanks and praise that you have again fulfilled your gracious promise and given us both seedtime and harvest. Teach us to remember that man does not live by bread alone; and lead us and all people to feed on your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who alone is the bread of life; for this we ask in his name and to your glory. **Amen.**

Heavenly Father, in your wisdom you have seen fit at this time to withhold from us an abundant harvest of the fruits of the ground. Teach us never to forget that you give much more than we deserve; make us truly thankful for the many blessings that you have given; increase in us the virtues of faith, hope and love; and enable us humbly to submit to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

12 Mission

Almighty God, you have given your Son Jesus Christ the name that is above every name and have taught us that there is salvation in no one else. Grant that as we and all your people rejoice in his comfort, love and peace, we may always prove faithful by making known to the peoples of all nations the good news of forgiveness of all sin through faith in his name; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

13 Revival

Heavenly Father, we beg you to pour out your Spirit in these days. Awaken the unconverted and revive those who love you. Grant your people a true vision of your glory, a renewed faithfulness to your Word, and a deeper consecration to your service so that through their witness your kingdom may advance and all peoples be brought to fear your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Eternal and gracious God, slow to anger and of great kindness, have mercy upon your faithless and backsliding people. We confess our lack of prayer and the many imperfections of our witness and testimony. Pardon, cleanse and restore us, we pray; and fill us with your Spirit to proclaim the gospel of Christ to the many who have not yet been convicted of their sin and converted to their Saviour; this we ask in his name and to his glory. **Amen.**

14 Troubled conscience

Merciful Father, you hate nothing that you have made and have compassion on all people; and you do not desire the death of sinners, but that they should turn from their sins and be saved. In your mercy forgive us our sins; and receive and comfort us who are wearied and troubled by them. Spare us, good Lord, and turn your anger away from us, who meekly acknowledge our wretchedness and truly repent of our misdoings. Be quick to strengthen us so that we may live for

you in this world and with you in the world to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

15 A prayer from the Liturgy of John Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time to bring before you our common supplications and have promised that when two or three are gathered together in your name you will grant their requests. Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of your servants in ways that are most suitable for us, granting us in this world knowledge of your truth and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

16 A general thanksgiving

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants
give you most humble and hearty thanks
for all your goodness and loving kindness
to us and all mankind.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ,
for the means of grace, and the hope of glory.
Give us, we pray, such a sense of all your mercies
that our hearts may be sincerely thankful,
so that we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up ourselves to your service,
and by walking before you in holiness
and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honour and glory, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

17 For all people and for the church throughout the world

The responses in brackets may be used

Almighty and everliving God, through the apostle Paul, you have taught us to make prayers and supplications and to give thanks for all men. We humbly beg that in mercy you would receive these our prayers which we offer to your divine majesty.

[Minister Lord in your mercy
People Hear our prayer.]

We pray that you will save and defend all Christian rulers and especially your servant *Elizabeth* our *Queen*, so that under *her* we may be governed in godliness and peace. Grant that all who exercise authority may truly and impartially administer justice, restrain wickedness and vice, and maintain your true religion and virtue. [In particular we pray for...]

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We ask that you would inspire continually your church with the spirit of truth, unity and concord and that you would teach all who confess your holy name to agree in the truth of your holy Word and to live in unity and godly love. Give grace, O heavenly Father to all ministers of the gospel, and especially to *N* our bishop [and ...], that by their life and teaching they may set forth your true life-giving Word and rightly administer your holy sacraments. To all your people give your heavenly grace. And may we gathered here receive your holy word with reverent and humble hearts, and may we serve you in holiness and righteousness for the rest of our days.

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People Hear our prayer.]

We most humbly beseech you, O Lord, to comfort and strengthen all those who in this life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness or any other adversity; [and especially we pray for...]. And we bless your holy name for all your servants who have died in your faith and fear. Give us grace to follow their good examples so that with them we may inherit your eternal kingdom. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only mediator and advocate. [**Amen.**]

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