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QUEEN AND ROYAL FAMILY

The Queen

O Lord our governor, we pray for your servant Elizabeth, set over us in your providence to be our Queen. Give her grace and wisdom to fulfil the varied duties of her calling; enrich her in the life of her family and home; and may she always be a source of strength and inspiration to her people, and promote your honour and glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

Frank Colquhoun

For the Queen and all in authority

Almighty God, the foundation of all goodness, we humbly beseech thee to behold thy servant, Queen Elizabeth. Endure her with thy Holy Spirit, enrich her with thy heavenly grace prosper her with all happiness; and bring her to thine everlasting kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

The Royal Family

Almighty God, Father of all mercies and giver of all grace, we ask your blessing on the members of the Royal family as they fulfil their service among us; that both by their word and example our nation and commonwealth may be strengthened in the love of righteousness and freedom, and preserved in unity and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

R

RACISM/PREJUDICE

Help us, O Lord, to love our neighbours as ourselves, and not to be prejudiced against people with differently coloured skins. Lord, you made everyone and everything. You made us all for a reason: help us to see your reasons, and help us to be friendly and loving to all people. *Amen*

Eternal Father of all men, whatever their race or colour, make us worthy members of your great family. May we never intentionally give hurt or offence to anyone. Jesus, who came to show us the way a Christian should live, said we should love our neighbours as ourselves. Help us to follow his example, adding to the happiness of those whom we meet, peacemakers, true followers of Jesus, and children of our father in heaven. *Amen*

RECONCILIATION

Gracious God,
your Word spoken through the Prophets
became the Voice that proclaimed
your justice and healing in Nazareth.
Through Jesus you invite all creation
into your reconciling love.
As you freed his followers
from their fear of the risks of discipleship,
so move within us, in your love,
with the strength, compassion and courage
to give of ourselves in the ministry of reconciliation entrusted to us

through Jesus Christ, your Son. *Amen*

Merciful God, you have searched us out and known us:
the hopes we hold and regrets that cling to us,
the hurts we absorb and ferment;
the tears we both cause and shed.
We stand before you: all that we have been
and all that we are,
knowing that only in you are we truly known
as the ones you would have us be.
Guide us inward to face our selves and each other,
within the forgiveness of your love,
that we might joyfully welcome the gifts and challenges
that the new creation of your salvation brings.
Through Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns
With you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen*

Loving God, Creator of all, maker and redeemer of history,
you hold the pains and joys of our past, our present, our future;
you open us to the gifts of time
and to the possibilities of new beginnings,
You grant us the confidence to face our sin and loss with hope.
Breathe in us the grace to trust in your loving forgiveness,
that we may face our histories with courage.
Guide us by your Holy Spirit in our walk of repentance,
as we turn to embrace the new life you have given to us,
through Jesus Christ, your Son. *Amen*

The fruit of SILENCE is prayer
The fruit of PRAYER is faith
The fruit of FAITH is love
The fruit of LOVE is service
The fruit of SERVICE is peace. *Amen*
Mother Teresa

Living the reconciliation God offers

Holy God,
Compassionate One,
Reconciler,
in Jesus you free us from estrangement and despair;
Show us how to live that reconciliation -
at one with your creation,
at one with each other,
at one with ourselves,
because you have made us at one with you. *Amen*

Working in the cause of reconciliation

God of every time and place,
you take pleasure in reconciling all things to yourself:
Forgive our failures to live that peace so costly won by the cross.
Where intolerance rules,
where fear distorts,

where division mars,
may we bring to birth communities of reconciliation -
alive to your Spirit
and eager in your service,
that all people may take pleasure in your blessings. *Amen*

Recognising how deep is the need of reconciliation

Peace-maker God,
we hold in our prayers the places of hurt in our world -
wherever war kills, maims and brutalises;
wherever poverty destroys, stunts, and agonises;
wherever hostility corrupts, disfigures, and abuses;
wherever disease vexes, wrecks, and deprives;
wherever despair stultifies, embitters, and ruins.
All these, and more, we hold in our prayers,
conscious of our ignorance and feeble effort,
but knowing that your will is restoration and peace.
Direct us to seek your will in all things,
that the work of reconciliation you have entrusted to us
may overturn human bitterness and hurt. *Amen*

REMEMBRANCE DAY

O Lord of hosts, stretch forth, we pray thee, thine almighty arm to strengthen and protect the forces of our Queen in every peril of sea and land and air. Shelter them in the day of battle, and in time of peace keep them safe from all evil; endue them with loyalty and courage; and grant that in all things they may serve as seeing thee who art invisible; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

The Fallen

O God, our ruler and guide, in whose hands are the destinies of this and every nation, we give you thanks for the freedoms we enjoy in this land and for those who laid down their lives to defend them: We pray that we and all the people of this kingdom, gratefully remembering their courage and their sacrifice, may have grace to live in a spirit of justice, of generosity, and of peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*

O God, who by thy Son Jesus Christ hast set up on earth a kingdom of holiness, to measure its strength against all others: Make faith prevail over fear, and righteousness over force, and truth over the lie, and love and concord over all things; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

RENEWAL

O God,
whose son has shown the way of the cross to be the way of life;
transform and renew our minds
that we may not be conformed to this world
but may offer ourselves wholly to you as a living sacrifice
through Jesus Christ our Saviour;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. *Amen*

Almighty and everlasting God, who didst stoop to raise our fallen race by the child-bearing of blessed Mary: Grant that we, who have seen thy glory manifested in our manhood, and thy love perfected in our weakness, may daily be renewed in thine image, and conformed to the likeness of thy Son; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. *Amen*

Enrich our lives, O Lord, with the fruit of the Spirit; that being filled with love and joy and peace, we may live together in patience and kindness, in goodness, faithfulness and gentleness, ever exercising the grace of self-control; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

O Lord Jesus Christ, who art the shepherd of thy people, so that they shall not want: We pray thee to lead us peacefully to the green pastures and beside the still waters; to restore our souls when we wander from thee; and evermore to guide us in the paths of righteousness, for thy name's sake. *Amen*

O Heavenly father, who hast given us a commandment, that we should believe on the name of thy Son Jesus Christ, and love one another: Give us also grace to keep this commandment, that we may evermore dwell in thee, and thou in us, in the power of thy Holy Spirit; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

Almighty God, renew us day by day by thy Holy Spirit, in whom thou hast sealed us for thine own: Let all bitterness be put away from us, all anger and evil-speaking and malice; may we be kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as thou, O Father, hast forgiven us for the sake of thy Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen*

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named: Grant that, according to the riches of thy glory, we may be strengthened with power through thy Spirit in our inner being; that Christ may dwell in our hearts by faith; that we, being rooted and grounded in thy love, may be strong to apprehend with all the saints what is its length and breadth and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge; that we may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Equip us, O God, for the spiritual conflict with thine own armour: with the shield of faith, the sword of the Spirit, the helmet of salvation, the girdle of truth, the breastplate of righteousness, that we may be able to stand in the evil day; and grant that, having our feet shod with the gospel of peace, we maybe able to maintain our ground unflinching to the end, through the might of Jesus Christ, the Captain of our salvation. *Amen*

Almighty God, who dost sow the good seed of thy Word in the lives of men: We beseech thee to make us like those who in an honest and good heart, having received the Word, keep it, and bring forth fruit with patience; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

We pray that this may be a time of renewal in the life of the church, in the lives of parishes and individuals...

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We pray for the mission and witness of the church...

Be merciful, O Father of all mercies, to your Church universal dispersed throughout the whole world, that all your faithful people may have grace to confess your holy name; and especially be merciful to such as are under persecution for their testimony, and their profession of the gospel; that as they stand fast for your holy Word, so they may be upheld by it; through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.

We pray you, O God our Father, for all who profess and call themselves Christians, that their love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all discernment until the day of Christ; that they may be sincere and void of offence, being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are through Jesus Christ unto your praise and glory, now and for ever. *Amen*

For a Renewed Church

Almighty God
give us a new vision
of you,
of your love,
of your grace and power;
and then,
give us a new vision
of what you would have us do
as your church in this nation
at this time,
and an awareness
that in the strength of your Spirit
we can do it
to your glory.
In Jesus' Name we pray. *Amen*

For A Church In God's Will

Lord,
Remind us
when we forget
that you talked of our being
in the world
not of the world.
Remind us
when we conform to this world
that you want us to be transformed
by the renewing of our minds
so that we will be the witnesses You asked us to be. *Amen*

For the Mission of the Church

God of all,
Draw your church together
into one great company of disciples,
together following
our Lord Jesus Christ
into every walk of life,
together serving Him
in His mission to the world, and
together witnessing to His love
on every continent and island,
particularly in our island home of Ireland. *Amen*

For a Church Alive to God

Lord,
make the Church of Ireland a community
who beholds
your marvellous works. *Amen*

REVERENCE

Oh God, the Judge of all,
through the saving blood of your Son
your broadcast to the heavenly Jerusalem
and given us a kingdom which cannot be shaken:
fill us with reverence and awe in your presence,
that in thanksgiving we and all your church
may offer you acceptable worship;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives to intercede for us, now and for ever. *Amen*

ROGATION

Blessing of Seeds

God, Source of all life, who did hide Your Seeds in all that lives, be present here as we greet these tiny seeds with their gifts of life. Seeds of Life, so small, and yet, in the mystery of death and burial, you will produce life ten-fold and more. We sprinkle you with water, sacred sign of life, asking that you may be embraced by our mother the earth, fed by rain and kissed gently by the sun. In caring for you we shall experience the most ancient profession of the human family, the primal vocation of being workers in the garden. Soon you will be our pride and joy. Soon you will be our food as we give up your life that we may live. Seeds, pregnant with life, teach us the Easter Secret of Life, as we ask God to bless you. *Amen*

Blessing of Fields and Crops

Loving Creator God, we acknowledge you as the only source of growth and abundance. You provide us with food for body and spirit. With your help we plant our crops and by your power they produce our harvest. In your kindness and love, make our work fruitful. Bless our fields and the crops we plant; let them yield a rich harvest. Grant favourable weather to make these fields productive. Guide the work of our hands for in you we live and move and have our being. Help us bring you glory by using well and sharing the good things we receive from you. We ask this through Jesus, the Christ. *Amen*

For the Harvest of Lands and Waters

Gracious Father, you open your hand and fill all living things: Bless the lands and waters, and multiply the harvests of the world; let your Spirit go forth, that it may renew the face of the earth; show your loving-kindness, that our land may give her increase; and save us from selfish use of what you give, that people everywhere may give you thanks; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

S

SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

O Eternal God, bless all schools, colleges, and universities, (*especially*) that they may be lively centres for sound learning, new discovery, and the pursuit of wisdom; and grant that those who teach and those who learn may find you to be the source of all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*
Book of Common Prayer, USA, 1979

SCIENCE AND SKILL

Almighty and eternal God, who hast entrusted the minds of men with the science and skill which can greatly bless or wholly destroy: Grant them also a new stature of spirit to match thy trust; that they may use their many inventions to thy glory and the benefit of mankind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

SICKNESS

For Doctors and Nurses

Sanctify, O Lord, those whom you have called to the study and practice of the arts of healing, and to the prevention of disease and pain. Strengthen them by your life-giving Spirit, that by their ministries the health of the community may be promoted and your creation glorified; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

For One From Whom Treatment is to be Withdrawn

Dear Heavenly Creator, whose peace passes all understanding, we pray that when you deem it time, you will free your servant from all earthly cares, pardon his/her sins, release him/her from pain and suffering and grant he/she may come to dwell with all your saints in everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

Recovery from Sickness

O God, the strength of the weak and the comfort of sufferers: Mercifully accept our prayers, and grant to your servant the help of your power, that this sickness may be turned into health, and our sorrow into joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

Strength and Confidence

Heavenly Father, give of life and health: Comfort and relieve your sick servant, and give your power of healing to those who minister to her/his needs, that she/he may be strengthened in his weakness and have confidence in your loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

SILENCE

Meditation - A time to keep silent

Lord,
in a demanding, noisy world

give me moments
when all we can hear
is the sound of a bird
or the rustle of the leaves.
Thank you for time to stop
time to wait
time to pray
time to be with someone whom
We don't need to say anything.
David Jenkins - England

SINFULNESS

Almighty God, spirit of peace of grace, whose salvation is never far from penitent hearts: We confess the in sins that have estranged us from thee, dimmed our vision of heavenly things, and brought upon us many troubles and sorrows. O merciful Father, grant unto us who humble ourselves before thee the remission of all our sins, and the assurance of thy pardon and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

O Lord our God, who art of purer eyes than to behold iniquity: Have mercy upon us, we beseech thee, for our sins accuse us, and we are troubled by them and put to shame. We have done wrong to ourselves in ignorance, and to our brethren in wilfulness, and by our selfish and faithfulness ways have grieved thy Holy Spirit. Forgiven us, we humbly pray thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Grant, O god, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

STEWARDSHIP

Lord, we know all things come from you,
And we thank you for the particular material resources
entrusted to us.
Make us wise stewards, we pray,
so we do not lavish our cash on passing glamour,
but rather invest earthly gifts
according to eternal values. *Amen*

Reshape us, good Lord,
until in generosity, in faith, and in
expectation that the best is yet to come,
we are truly Christ-like.

Make us passionate followers of Jesus,
rather than passive supporters.

Make our churches places of radical discipleship
and signposts to heaven,
then, in us, through us, and - if need be -
despite us, let your kingdom come. *Amen*

Iona Community

Heavenly Father give grace to us,
the living stones who form your Church,
to reflect prayerfully at this special time
on our love for You and our neighbour.
Make us mindful of the many gifts You
bestow upon us and we ask that your
Holy Spirit will inspire and direct us
in our choice of giving
remembering that we are only giving back
that which is truly yours.
Strengthen us Lord to meet this challenge
according to your will.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord who has given
all that we may live. *Amen*
Liverpool Diocese

Of spiritual life

O Holy Spirit, come into our hearts this day. May we your Church show to the world and to each other love, the greatest of all spiritual gifts. Help us to love not just the deserving but also the undeserving, not just the lovable but also the unlovable. So fill us with your Spirit that we may present lives open to your power, and hearts which yearn for unity and the fulfilment of your will. *Amen*

Offering to God

As people with a vision of a God of love,
we offer our prayers.
As people with a vision of eternity,
we offer our time.
As people with a vision of an end to poverty,
we offer our money.
As people with a vision of community,
we offer all we have shared together.
As people with a vision of a just society,
we offer ourselves. *Amen*
SCM

SYNOD - GENERAL

Holy God,
the navigator of our souls,
hear us as we hold up before you
the General Synod of our Church.
Be with us in our yearning
to chart a new course together,
inspired by the presence of your Spirit.
Give courage to our Bishops,
all of our leaders, and each of us,
as we move forward
with your blessing.
For all we do, we do to your glory,
in Jesus' name. *Amen*

T

THANKSGIVINGS

We praise you, God our Father, for the richness of your creation,
for the uniqueness of each person,
for the creativity which sustains and renews our cultures,
for your faithfulness towards your people.

We praise you, Jesus our Lord, for your constant meddling in our affairs,
for your identification with the poor,
for your sacrifice for all men on the cross,
for revealing the true man to all people.

We praise you, God the Spirit, for your inspiration of life,
for your insistence to draw us always to Christ,
for the infusion of unrest among men,
for your patient preparation of the fulfilment of history.

We praise you, blessed Trinity, for not doing for us according to our sins,
for continuing your love to all that lives,
for continuing your disturbing call to repentance,
for continuing life on earth.

Almighty God, more generous than any father,
more loving than any family,
we stand amazed at the many gifts
you shower upon your people.

You give freely and willingly,
but always with regard for our ability to receive.

You give daily gifts,
teaching us to rust for tomorrow.

You give fits to us through each other,
s that we learn to share.

You give through our own efforts,
respecting our independence.

I low thoughtfully you offer all you give!
So continue, Lord.

We make our thanksgiving in Christ's name. *Amen*

Glory be to thee, O Lord, who having become obedient unto death, even the death of the cross, art highly exalted, and hast opened unto us the gate of everlasting life. Therefore unto thee every knee shall bow, and every tongue shall confess thee Lord, to the glory of God the Father. *Amen*

TIME

Stewardship of

Eternal God, ruler of Time and Space: by your apostle you have taught us to make the most of the time you have given us. Guide and discipline us in the right use of our time that we may be more faithful as servants in your world, to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

Lord, help us to give of our time and talents in serving you. Use us today and tomorrow, here or wherever you send us. And, Lord, give all of us the grace to accept those things

we cannot change, the courage to change those we can, and the wisdom to know the difference.

TIME'S PASSING

Almighty and eternal God, with whom one day is as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day: Give us grace, as we remember the way by which thou hast led us, to offer unto thee the worship of adoring hearts, and to rest our hopes for the time to come on thine unchanging love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

Almighty God, everlasting Father, as another year draws to its close we thank thee for the protection, comfort and guidance thou hast given us through its course. We thank thee for thy goodness that hath created us, for thy bounty that hath sustained us, for thy fatherly discipline that hath corrected us, for thy patience that hath borne with us. Above all, we thank thee for thine incarnate Son, sent as at this time to be our Saviour. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless his holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

O Lord of the harvest and giver of our daily bread, we rejoice in all thy fatherly goodness; and pray that thy loving-kindness may so prevail in the hearts of thy children everywhere, that the earth may be filled with gladness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

O Lord, who hast taught us in thy holy Word that the night is far spent and the day is at hand: Awaken us from all sloth and slumber, that we may live as sons of light and of the day, putting on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation; for his sake who died for us and rose again, even our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen*

New Year

Grant, O Lord, that as the years change, we may find rest in your eternal changelessness. May we meet this new year bravely, sure in the faith that, while people may come and go, and life changes around us, you are always the same guiding us with your wisdom, and protecting us with your love; through our saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen*
Adapted from William Temple

TOWNS AND RURAL AREAS

Lord Christ, when you came among us, you proclaimed the kingdom of God in villages, towns, and lonely place: Grant that your presence and power may be known throughout this land. Have mercy upon all of us who live and work in rural areas; and grant that all the people of our nation may give thanks to you for food and drink and all other bodily necessities of life, respect those who labour to produce them, and honour the land and the water from which these good things come. All this we ask in your holy Name. *Amen*

TRAVELLERS

O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go: Preserve those who travel, in particular (*name*); surround them with our loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

TRAGIC CIRCUMSTANCES

THE GOOD SHEPHERD PRAYER

(written as the news of the tragedy - at Port Arthur) was first received)

Good Shepherd, come close to us and be with us, for we are passing through the valley of darkness. Enfold in your love all those who grieve amidst this tragedy, and uphold the carers and community services involved. We may tumble, we may fail, we may weep, yet will we place our hands in yours, loving Shepherd God. *Amen*

THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD PRAYER

(written a week later)

Gracious God, Light of the World, we ask that your love may shine for those who have died so tragically at (*Port Arthur*.) Lead them from the darkness of death to the light of eternal life. As you make the day to follow the night, help all of us to look in hope for the dawning of a new day, where pain and sorrow are being healed and confidence restored. We ask this for Jesus' sake. *Amen*

Two Prayers - written by the Rt Revd Phillip Newell, AO, Bishop of Tasmania, after a major shooting incident in Port Arthur, Tasmania in April 1996.

TRUST IN GOD

O God, the source of all health: So fill our hearts with faith in your love, that with calm expectancy we may make room for your power to possess us, and gracefully accept your healing; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

U

UNEMPLOYED

Heavenly Father, we remember before you those who suffer want and anxiety from lack of work. Guide the people of this land so to use our public and private wealth that all may find suitable and fulfilling employment, and receive just payment for their labour; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

V

VIOLENCE/JUSTICE

Dear God,
Open our hearts
So that we may feel the pain of those who are victims of senseless acts of violence.
Unclench our hands
So that we may reach out to one another.
Open our lips
That we may speak for justice and wholeness and health and safety for all people.
Unclog our ears
To hear your agony in our inhumanity.
Open our eyes
To see you even and most especially in the midst of the horror that touches our world.
Be with us we pray. *Amen*.

International Day Against Violence Against Women - November 25

Women's Words in the Night

We are the hands that rock the cradle.
But what if our hands are battered and bloody?
tremble from coercion?
abandon the cradle?

We are the voices that sing the lullaby.
But what if our voices are faint?
shriek with rage?
are silenced?

We are the eyes that behold hope.
But what if our eyes are closed?
glazed with pain?
ignore the vision?

We are the hearts that burst with reconciliation.
But what if our hearts embrace forgiveness?
flower with justice?
redeem the violence?

W

WITNESS AND SERVICE

Witness

Grant, O heavenly Father, that as we have each received any gift of thine entrusted to us, so we may minister the same one to another, as good stewards of thy manifold grace; that thy holy name in all things be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. *Amen*

Most bountiful and benign Lord God, we thy humble servants, freely redeemed and justified by the passion, death, and resurrection of our Saviour Jesus Christ, having our full trust of salvation therein, most humbly desire thee so to strengthen our faith and illumine us with thy grace, that we may walk and live in thy favour; and after this life be partakers of thy glory in the everlasting kingdom of heaven; through our Lord Jesus Christ. *Amen*

O Almighty and merciful Lord, who givest unto thy faithful people the Holy Spirit as a sure pledge of thy heavenly kingdom: Grant unto us this same Spirit, that he may bear witness with our spirit that we be thy children and heirs of thy kingdom; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father who dost feed the birds and clothe the flowers, and who carest for us as a father for his children: We beseech thee of thy tender goodness to save us from distrust and vain self-concern; that with unwavering faith we may cast our every care on thee, and live in daily obedience to thy will; through thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

Be merciful, O Father of all mercies, to thy Church universal dispersed throughout the whole world, that all thy faithful people may have grace to confess thy holy name; and especially be merciful to such as are under persecution for their testimony, and their profession of the gospel; that as they stand fast for thy holy Word, so they may be upheld by it; through thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen*

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day of Christ; that they may be sincere and void of offence, being filled with the fruits of righteousness which are through Jesus Christ unto thy praise and glory, now and for ever.
Amen

Service

Lord, help us to be generous, not refusing to share what we have, or grudging our time and service to help others, remembering that the greatest privilege we have is to be of some use in the world.

O Lord, help us to remember Christ has no body now on earth but ours, no hands but ours, no feet but ours. Ours are the feet with which he is to go about doing good, and ours are the hands with which he is to bless others. *Amen*

O God, help us to realise that we are living on earth for a purpose. Help us to remember that if we cannot or will not do the work you have for us to do, both we and the world will be the poorer because of our failure. Help us so to live that you will not find us useless, either in the little things of everyday life, or in the big things we may be called upon to do later on. Hear us and help us, because we ask it in the name of Jesus. *Amen*

O Merciful God, whose blessed Son went about doing good: Uphold with thy strength and grace those who do service to the wounded and the sick. Grant to the ministers of thy gospel faithfulness and love; to doctors and nurses, skill, sympathy and patience; and to those who labour in the place of danger, thy protection; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

WISDOM

O God, by whom the meek are guided in judgment, and light rises up in darkness for the godly: Grant us, in all our doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask what you would have us to do, that the Spirit of wisdom may save us from all false choices, and that in your light we may see light, and in your straight path may not stumble; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

WITNESS

Partner in Prayer's Mid-Day Prayer

Lord Jesus, give to your church a renewed desire to pray, that together we may know your will, be filled with your love, and experience your grace and power for the healing of your world, to your glory. *Amen*

For the whole human family

O God,
you made us in your own image
and redeemed us through Jesus your Son:
Look with compassion on the whole human family;
take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts;
break down the walls that separate us;
unite us in bonds of love;
and work through our struggle and confusion
to accomplish your purpose on earth;
that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony
around your heavenly throne;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

WORLD MISSION, STEWARDSHIP OF

Eternal God and Father, we praise you for the wonderful heritage that is ours through the obedience of those who shared their knowledge of Jesus Christ and the salvation given to the world in him. Alert us at this season to the shortness of the time you have given us; keep us aware of Christ's commission to make disciples of all nations; sustain those who have gone as mission partners with younger churches; and establish the support of Mission as priority for us. So may we be obedient to Jesus, our King and Saviour. *Amen*

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YOUNG PERSONS

God our Father, you see your children growing up in an unsteady and confusing world: Show them that your ways give more life than the ways of the world, and that following you is better than chasing after selfish goals. Help them to take failure, not as a measure of their worth, but as a chance for a new start. Give them strength to hold their faith in you, and to keep alive their joy in your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*