

Prayer Resources

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St. Andrew's
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PRAYER RESOURCES

You may be struggling with a tough situation. Or you may want strength or wisdom about an issue. Do you want help with a personal issue? Perhaps you want to become more attuned to God's voice, or to grow deeper in your faith. You may want to pray for others. Or you may want to express your gratitude to God. These prayers will help.

We would also love for you to join us some Sunday for our 10 am Service. You will be warmly welcomed!!

A Morning Prayer. Dear Lord, Thank you for your un-failing love and care. Please help me to put my trust in you today and to rely on your strength and wisdom. Help me to see You, hear You, talk to You, and give thanks to You. And as I do, I pray that I will draw nearer and nearer to You. May I be a reflection of your light and truth to the world, and may I be a blessing to others. Amen.

PRAYERS FOR PERSONAL NEEDS

Dear Lord, please give me strength when I am weak, love when I feel forsaken, courage when I am afraid, wisdom when I feel foolish, comfort when I am alone, hope when I feel rejected, and peace when I am in turmoil. Amen

Prayer for Direction: Lord, please guide my steps, shine your light upon my path, and show me the way I should go. Fill my heart with your peace as I make decisions, and lead me in the right direction. Amen

Prayer for Encouragement. Dear Lord, in the Book of Isaiah, You said to us: "Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous hand." (Isaiah 41:10) When I remember to say this over and over in my mind, it brings me so much peace & comfort! Thank You Lord!

Prayer for Help to Forgive. Dear Lord, I have been wronged and I'm angry, disappointed, and hurt. I

can't seem to stop the scenario from playing over and over in my mind. It is consuming me, and I know it is poisoning me. Lord, can I turn this hurt over to you? I am told that if I forgive, I will be set free from this terrible turmoil. Please show me how to forgive, as you've forgiven me so many times, and show me how to move on. Fill me with your peace, light, and love as I walk by your side, leaving the turmoil behind. I ask this in the forgiving name of Jesus. Amen

Prayer for Your Marriage. Father, help me to be the spouse you intended me to be. Show me where I need to improve. Help me to be a better communicator and to be more understanding and giving. Help our love for each other to deepen, and help us grow closer to one another and to You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Healing Prayer for Self. Lord, drive away from me all forms of sickness, disease, and injury. Renew my health, rebuild my strength, and restore my joy. I pray in your loving name, Amen.

Family Peace & Harmony. Lord, grant us the gift of peace within our family. Help us to communicate with love, understanding, and patience. May we support and uplift one another, even in challenging times. Let your presence be the foundation of our unity, and may harmony and love fill our home, Amen.

Prayer for Employment. Lord, I turn to you seeking your divine help and guidance as I look for a job that is right for me. I need your wisdom to guide my footsteps along the right path and to find the right things to say and do in my search. I put my faith and trust in you, and praise and thank you for your answer that is on the way, AMEN

A Prayer to Love Yourself. Thank You, Lord, for Your unconditional love for me. Help me to see myself through Your eyes, as a beloved child who is worthy of love and respect. I ask You to help me love myself as You love me. May I let go of any negative self-talk, self-doubt, or self-hatred, and instead embrace the person you created me to be.

PRAYERS WHEN YOU ARE STRUGGLING

A Prayer for Times of Crisis. Lord, I am overwhelmed by my situation, but I know you understand what I am going through. Oh Father, I need your help! I know you promise to never leave me or forsake me. Help me to feel your presence with me now. Give me the strength and wisdom that I need each day to make it through this trial, Amen..

Prayer when Stressed and Anxious. Dear Lord, I need you now because I have so much stress and feeling so much anxiety. I ask you to come and take my burdens. I take each one and lay it at your feet, one by one. Please carry this heavy load for me, and replace it with your comfort and peace. Thank you for this gift Lord. Thank you, Jesus, that you are always with me and ready to help me through tough times, AMEN.

When a Family is Struggling. Dear Heavenly Father, I thank you for the gift of my family. They are my greatest blessing but sometimes also bring some of my biggest challenges. Today I need your help specifically with _____. I know that with You all things are possible. Please guide my family through this difficult time. Allow us to handle this situation with the grace, strength, and perseverance that is only possible with You, Amen.

Financial Struggles. Loving God, I know that I should not be anxious about anything, but I am facing a tough time, and it is very hard not to worry. My financial difficulties are piling up. Help me to worry less and trust You more. Help me so I am eventually free from these burdens brought by financial instability. I pray in your compassionate name, Jesus, Amen.

Prayer for Strength when Depressed. Gracious Lord, it feels like You are so far away, even though I know that You are with me. My feelings are numb and all I see is gray. In Your Word, it says that You will draw near to those who draw near to you. I need Your help, Lord, to draw near to you. Pull me in! Give me strength! I thank You that Your love is faithful and steadfast. I pray this in the compassionate name of Jesus, Amen.

Prayer for Healing of a Serious Illness or Injury. Dear Lord, You are the God of the Impossible, the God who performs miracles. There is nothing You cannot do! I ask for Your complete healing throughout my body. I put myself in Your hands and place my trust completely in You. I pray this in Your healing name, Jesus, Amen.

Prayer for a Loved Ones' Serious Illness. Dear Heavenly Father, _____ is sick and I'm scared. The prognosis is frightening and I don't know what to do or where to turn. Please intervene with healing. I know all things are possible through you. Give my loved one and me the strength to handle whatever comes our way. I pray this in the loving name of your Son, Jesus, Amen.

Prayer after a Breakup. Lord, I ache inside and I don't know how to press on. I miss my love and am not sure how I will make it alone. Help me to overcome this pain, to let go, and to move on. I can't do this without You, but I can do all things through your strength. I put my trust in You. In Jesus' name, I pray, Amen.

Prayer for Comfort When a Loved One Passes Away. Lord, I am worn out with sadness, with no energy for anything except tears. I know that you are with me; help me to feel your presence. Help me to understand and help me to grieve this loss. Your Word says that death is not the end, so I will hold on to this truth. In the comforting name of Jesus, I pray. Amen.

PRAYERS TO GROW IN FAITH

***Prayer to Accept Jesus.** Dear Lord Jesus, I believe that You died on the cross for my sins and rose from the grave to give me life. I invite you to come into my life. Please forgive me, change my life, and show me how to know You. In Your saving name, Jesus, Amen.

A Prayer to Know God More. Dear Lord, sometimes I get so lost in my life and don't know what to do. During these times, I wish I knew you more. Help me to grow closer to you and understand you. I want to hear your voice and let you guide me on this road called life. Please draw closer to me and surround me with people who will help me to know you personally. Ignite a spark in my heart to have a personal relationship with you. In your loving name, I pray. Amen.

Hearing and Listening Prayer. Gracious Lord, I know that You only want the best for us. Develop in me a sensitivity for your voice. Teach me to be still and quietly listen. Help me to discern and focus my hearing on helpful words, direction, and guidance from others, and not be distracted by influences that are not from you.

A Prayer to the Holy Spirit. Holy Spirit, you know my heart. You understand my deepest wants and needs, and you know my every intention. You know me better than I know myself. There is nothing I could hide from you! And that is why, right now, I am asking you to give me your divine wisdom and guidance. Even though I may feel like I can't move forward or see what's ahead, you see me, and you know me. So please guide me, show me the path that leads to abundant life, and convict me when I am tempted to stray from you, AMEN.

A Prayer to Follow Jesus More Closely. Dear Lord Jesus, I sense by your Holy Spirit that you are calling me to follow you more closely. I long for this with my whole heart. Please help me know with certainty that all my sins are forgiven or ask the Holy Spirit to convict me of any that I still need to repent for. Help me to be freed from the domination of my old self. Help me to learn how to put on the new self clothed in righteousness and holiness. Help me to deny myself, to take up my cross, and to follow you. In your precious name, Jesus, I pray, AMEN.

Prayer of Gratitude. Thank You Lord for Your amazing power and work in our lives, for Your goodness, and for Your blessings over us. Thank You that You are able to bring hope through even the toughest of times, strengthening us. Thank You for Your great love and care, for Your mercy and grace. Thank You that You are always with us and will never leave us. Thank You for Your incredible sacrifice so that we might have freedom and life. Forgive us for when we don't thank You enough, for who You are, for all that You do, and for all that You've given. Help us to keep our eyes and hearts on You. Renew our spirits, and fill us with Your peace and joy. We praise and thank you, Amen.

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS

Prayer for Our Young People. Gracious God, we ask special blessings upon our young people. They are our future and our hope. Bless them with inquiring and discerning minds and loving hearts, so they may see a future shaped with peace and a world that reflects values that are acceptable in your sight. We ask this in Jesus' name, AMEN.

Prayer for Those who are Addicted, including Yourself. Lord, look with compassion on all those (me) who have (has) lost health and freedom to addiction. Enfold them (me) in your love, assure them (me) of

your unfailing mercy, strengthen them (me) in the work of recovery, help them (me) to resist all temptation, and restore them (me) to the freedom of God's children (child).

Prayer for Travel. Let us pray to the Lord for the safety, health, and salvation of those who travel. Lord, send your angels to surround, guide, and protect them during their travel and to keep them free of danger. AMEN.

Prayer for the Elderly. Loving Father, we ask you to bless your children who have grown old. When they can no longer care for themselves, send them loving caretakers who appreciate their wisdom and experience. Send your angels to keep them safe and to lead them home to you when their work is done, AMEN.

Prayer for those Caring for Others: Lord, bless those who take care of the sick, impaired, or elderly with compassion, insight, and good judgment. Send your Holy Spirit to help them make wise decisions, and grant them the patience, peace, love, and strength to care for those depending on them. And in their own time of need, bestow on them a hundredfold the blessings they have given to others. We pray in the protective name of Jesus AMEN.

Prayer for the Sick. Merciful Jesus, during your life on earth, you showed great concern for the sick and the infirm. Have compassion now on those who are sick or in pain. Grant them the healing of mind and body, and restore their strength and spirit. Comfort them and give them peace and a sense of your presence with them, AMEN.

Prayer for the Separated and Divorced. Gracious Lord, for some among us, dreams and hopes have died. Marriages have ended. Promises and hearts have been broken. Heal those broken hearts, we pray. Help those whose marriages have failed realize that in You, they can find unfailing love. When they feel lonely, help them feel your presence. When they feel guilty, help them know your forgiveness. When there is anger, send them your peace. We pray all this in the name of your Son Jesus AMEN.

Night Time Prayer

Lord Jesus, as night falls, I surrender my worries and cares into your loving hands. May your peace fill my soul, and may I find comfort in the assurance of your love. Guide me through the night, and may I awaken refreshed, full of peace and gratitude. In Your name, I pray. Amen.