

Prayers of Praise

Dear God,
You are alive and you are amazing
We want to praise you for making life
We want to praise you because you rescue us and set us free.

Dear God,
You are full of love and that is amazing
We want to praise you for loving us
We want to praise you because have chosen us to be part of your family.

Dear God,
You go with us wherever we go, which is amazing
We want to praise you because you promised you will always be with us
We want to praise you because you are our God.
Nothing can separate us from you, our God.
We praise you for being amazing.
Amen.

A thank you prayer

God our creator, parent and friend...
We thank you for the wonderful gift of life,
with all its joys and responsibilities, its experiences and opportunities.

We thank you for good health and daily food,
for the shelter and care of our homes, the love and loyalty of our friends.

We thank you for work honestly done,
for games well played, for all the truth we have learned
and the good that has been achieved.

We thank you for the teaching and example of Jesus Christ,
for forgiveness and salvation, for his presence with us always
and for the service into which he has called us.

Help us to thank you not only with our lips, in praise and prayer,
but in our lives of hope and love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers of request

Gracious God, rejoicing in your blessings and trusting in your loving care, we bring you our prayers for the world.

We pray for the created world:

for those who rebuild where things have been destroyed;

for those who fight hunger poverty and disease;

for those who have power to bring change for the better and renew hope.

In the life of our world, Your kingdom come, O Lord, Your will be done.

We pray for our country:

for those in leadership, who frame our laws and shape our common life;

who keep the peace and administer justice;

for those who teach and those who heal;

for all who serve the community.

In the life of our land, Your kingdom come, O Lord, Your will be done.

We pray for people in need:

those for whom life is a bitter struggle;

those whose lives are clouded by death or loss,

by pain or disability, by discouragement or fear, by shame or rejection.

In the lives of those in need, Your kingdom come, O Lord, Your will be done.

We pray for those in the circle of friendship and love around us:

children and parents, sisters and brothers, friends and neighbours;

and for those especially in our thoughts today ...

In the lives of those we love, Your kingdom come, O Lord, Your will be done.

We pray for the church in its stand with the poor,

in its love for the outcast and the ashamed, in its service to the sick and the neglected, in its proclamation of the Gospel, in this land and in this place.

In the life of your church, Your kingdom come, O Lord, your will be done.

Eternal Father, hear these our prayers, the spoken and the silent, through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be all praise and glory for ever. Amen.