

Prayers for August

A prayer for family life

Dear God

Bless the generations:

The tiny babies fresh from heaven's sunrise

The growing children exploring the bright new world

The grown-up's travelling life's dusty road

The older people enjoying the colours of the setting sun where earth's horizon touches heaven

Amen

A Prayer for our church family

Father, we thank you that we are able to be members of your family in your church.

We thank you for our Christian family throughout the world.

We pray that our hearts may be united in prayer so that we are able to share one another's burdens, rejoice in one another's blessings, and strengthen one another in the power of your Holy Spirit.

Amen

A prayer for those suffering domestic violence

Almighty God, we pray for all victims of abuse.

We ask you to surround them with Your care and protect them by Your loving might and permit them to enjoy health and healing, wholeness and strength, calmness and peace and love.

Most of all, we pray that they feel Your presence and be confident in You.

In Jesus' name.

Amen.

A prayer for those suffering with their mental health

Loving God, we pray today for those who are confronted by the sadness and confusion of mental illness, and for those upon whom they depend for attention and compassionate care.

Look with mercy on all whose afflictions bring them weakness, distress, confusion or isolation.

Provide for them homes of dignity and peace; give to them understanding helpers and the willingness to accept help.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

A prayer for people who live alone

Father, we pray for all people who live on their own, especially those whose families and friends live miles away;

Or may have died and they feel lost without them.

Lord, be with them, so they do not fear each new day.

Give them courage to make new friends, and not feel cut off from the world outside.

Help them, Lord, to know that people do care.

You, Lord, are the greatest friend of them all and we ask that you hold your loving arms out to all who live alone.

In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour.

Amen

A prayer for the generations

Loving Christ, you welcomed children into your presence; you said that we must learn to be like them to come into your kingdom. May we always be your children.

God, you stand beside us in time of trouble; you offer us strength, courage and hope; your promises never fail. Help young people grow in their trust of your love for your people, so they may turn their times of trial around.

Living Jesus, guide all who have been created in the image of God. As we grow older, help us to be positive in our outlook and share our life experiences. We pray that younger generations will be able to respect and make use of the wisdom and maturity that come with aging. We ask this in your name.

Amen

A prayer on the lifting of lockdown

Dear Lord, please be with us as we move into a changing world. May we follow the guidelines with patience and perseverance.

We pray for businesses as they work to find creative ways to open safely and flexibly.

We thank you for the chance to meet our loved ones face to face.

As we reach out towards the future help us to reach out to you. Fill us anew with faith, love and hope. Amen

