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Prayers

For the Local Community

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Some of these prayers have been adapted from other books or are attributed to historic Christian leaders, as shown, but I have written others to provide a variety of tone as well as to cover more different situations. They are not intended to be at all prescriptive, but to show that we can and should pray in all sorts of times and places, and to give you ideas so that you can form prayers of your own as the Spirit moves you.

School

Lord Jesus Christ, who showed on earth your love for children: guide, we pray, with your Spirit, those called to the ministry of teaching in (this parish/our school/this town); that nothing may stop the children from growing in faith and love toward you, and that your name may be honoured in our schools and homes.

Father, please help children to benefit from all aspects of school life: the environment and ethos, academic learning, music, arts, sport and provision for spiritual and emotional wellbeing.

School governors and leaders

*Help us to work for a better world,
where the young are given the chance to flourish,
where the poor's dream for justice can come true,
and where God's compassion is shown to be real.*

Dear Jesus, please inspire and equip those in our schools who love you to be faithful, loving, bold and wise ambassadors for the gospel, through their words and lives wherever they are.

Shop(s)

Thank you Lord for our village shop, and for all the hard work that N does to make it useful to the community. Help us all to see the benefit of keeping things local, especially for the lonely or those who find it hard to travel, and make it a place where we can all show love and care for your name's sake.

Pub

O Lord, who enjoyed food and drink when you walked in Galilee, I'm glad we have the (name of pub) in our village/town, where people can gather as friends and enjoy good food and moderate refreshment. May (landlord/lady) always have the vision to keep it a thriving place for everyone. Be with anyone who goes there too much because they are sad or lonely at home (especially..) and help young people to build responsible habits as they enjoy their new freedom. Make the community of that place a sign of the joyous welcome of your Kingdom.

Town/parish council

Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness, we ask you to bless the (county/town/parish) council and all who work with them in local government; that they may order all things in wisdom, righteousness and peace, to the honour of your name and the good of all people; through Jesus Christ our Lord.



Families

Blessed Lord Jesus, who grew up in an earthly home obedient to your earthly parents: bless all the homes of this parish. May all those with the care of children seek to share knowledge of you and your love, may the children love and help their parents, and bring us all at the last to your heavenly home, for your name's sake.

Work

God, you have made every human calling acceptable to you, if only it is done for your glory. Give us day by day the desire to do our work, whatever it may be, to your honour, and the fulfilment of doing it well for your sake, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Unemployment

O God, Lord of the vineyard, who would not have any standing idle in the marketplace: hear our prayers for those without work or assurance of livelihood, and in your loving wisdom, help us to heal the harshness of our times, through Jesus Christ our Lord.