

## Website Prayers

*The Bible encourages us to pray regularly. In fact, the first letter to the Thessalonians says, “Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)*

*You are encouraged to pray on these topics in your own words. There is no ‘correct’ way to pray. The prayers you offer from your heart are better than prayers that anyone can write for you. Or you may offer these prayers instead.*

### We pray for the church

Dear God, bring unity to the church and to your people of faith everywhere. Strengthen those who lead and those who teach, those who work and those who pray. Give us hope in this interim period as we prepare for our next pastor to come.

### We pray for creation

Lord of heaven and earth, bring health to all creation – the air we breathe, the water needed for life, the animals and the plants needed for food, and all creatures of the earth that share our living spaces. Make us good stewards of the whole planet.

### We pray for this nation and all nations of the world

God of grace and glory, bring peace and order to all nations of the world. Raise up wise and just leaders who will work for the well-being and security of all people – especially the people of Ukraine and those who are the most vulnerable. Keep our service women and men safe and bring them home swiftly to their families and grateful communities.

### We pray for those in need

Merciful God, take care of all who are sick or neglected or forgotten. Give wisdom and courage to doctors, nurses, care-givers and families who are dealing with illnesses of loved ones. Bring comfort to those who are sad and to those who are lonely.

### We pray for children

Father God, children are a blessing and a sign that you continue to bring new life into the world. Fill their lives with joy and wonder as these children grow to love you and the world you have made. Give parents, mentors, teachers, and all those who influence or impact the lives of children, the resources to make safe spaces and creative learning opportunities for growing minds and bodies.

Hear these prayers and the prayers of all your people, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen