



We pray for ourselves, to be witnesses for Jesus Christ

Ascension Day **25 May** to Pentecost **4 June 2017**

THESE PRAYERS ARE FOR **CHILDREN** TO PRAY with God's worldwide family for more people to come to know Jesus Christ, and for themselves to be empowered by the Holy Spirit, to find new confidence to be witnesses for Jesus Christ. Each box represents a gift from God. Use them to plan your own prayer journey: say a prayer for yourself from page 1 and the corresponding prayer for others from page 2.

Belonging

Name something that belongs to you that you really treasure and say why you value it so much.

Dear God, thank you for treasuring me, for giving me special things and for your wonderful promise that because of Jesus, I will always belong to you. Amen.

Grace

Sit quietly and think of all the times people have been generous towards you with their time, their gifts, their understanding.

Lord Jesus, thank you for inspiring people to be so generous and kind. I want to be like you and be there for others. Please help me. Amen.

Courage

Thank you, God, for those who need courage to do their jobs: for fire fighters, (*Mime putting out fires.*) for ambulance drivers, (*Mime driving really fast.*) for soldiers who keep the peace. (*Mime shaking hands.*) Keep them safe and make me brave, too. Amen.

Wisdom

(*Make a hat with a 'W' on for 'Wise.'*) I might not know lots of facts, but I know Jesus is my friend. (*Add an 'I' to the hat.*) I might not understand everything, but I know Jesus loves me. (*Add an 'S' to the hat.*) and I know Jesus is my Saviour, (*Add an 'E' to the hat.*) AND THAT MAKES ME WISE!

Joy

Who do I thank for the joyful things in life? I thank **Jesus**. **Oh Yes!** (*Do a 'Churchill the dog impression.'*) Who do I thank for those who make me laugh? I thank **Jesus**. **Oh Yes!** Who do I thank for being by my side every day? I thank **Jesus**. **Oh Yes!**

Compassion

Give thanks for all the people who have shown you kindness when you have been sad, hurt, or worried... Loving God, thank you for all those who have comforted me and made me feel better. May I be a kind person too, and be ready to share your love wherever it is needed. Amen.

Forgiveness

Dear Jesus, I am sorry for the times I have not done the right thing, or told the truth. When I am tempted to lie or to do something that you would be sad about, give me the strength to be honest and to follow your example. Amen.

Healing

Think about someone you know who is ill... for children in hospitals around the world... for those wounded in war... for those suffering from hunger... Loving God, I bring to you the children of the world and especially those I know and love who are ill. Heal them in body, mind and spirit. Amen.

Hope

What things are you most hoping for? Share them with Jesus and pray: Dear Jesus, I give my hopes to you to keep safe. Show me how to bring hope to others. Amen.

Peace

I pray for: **P**ace of mind in my daily life; **E**ach situation that I find hard; **A** sense of your presence when I am scared; **C**ourage to keep going when life is hard; **E**nergy when I am tired and have a lot to do. Lord Jesus, bless me with your peace. Amen.

Love

Lord Jesus, on the cross you showed us (*Stretch out your arms.*) God's love for the whole world (*Make a circle with your arms.*) and for me. (*Wrap your arms around yourself.*) Help us to reach out to others in love. (*Stretch out your arms.*)



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Belonging

Creator God,
may lonely people find friends,
may stray animals find homes,
may refugees find new hope.
May all the world find you
and know that you care.
Amen.

Grace

Dear God,
help us to be generous to the hungry,
(*Mime giving food.*)
to the lonely, (*Mime embracing them.*)
to the lost, (*Mime searching for them.*)
that your kingdom may come.
Amen.

Courage

Loving God, we pray for those who
need courage because they are ill;
for those who need courage
because someone they love has died;
for those who need courage to
stand up to bullies.
We pray for courage for everyone
who needs it today. Amen.

Wisdom

Dear God,
we ask that you would bless with
your wisdom those who have big
responsibilities, and difficult decisions
to make: parents, teachers, politicians,
leaders and all those in positions of
power. May they be like Jesus,
and look to you for guidance.
Amen.

Joy

For those celebrating a special day;
for those coming home after time away;
for those who love to dance and sing;
for babies and the joy they bring;
for those who've had a dream come true;
for those just married who said 'I do!';
for all those making brand new starts;
for all the joy in people's hearts;
we thank you, Jesus. Amen.

Compassion

Cut out pictures of people, animals
and nature and make a big collage
with them. Draw a cross in the corner
and remember Jesus' compassion in
the Gospel stories. Pray for kindness
in the world to be shown to all people
and all creation.

Forgiveness

If you want to win and be a winner,
let go of sin. Don't be a sinner!
Jesus will help you all the way,
so give a cheer,
and shout HOORAY!

Healing

Write Jesus' name in big letters at the top of
a sheet of paper, then cut out and stick down
pictures that relate to any aspect of healing.
When the collage is complete, pray:
Dear Jesus, you blessed and healed
all the sick people who came to you.
Thank you for all those who heal others
and continue your work today.
Amen.

Hope

I'm going to *hop, hop, hop*,
and pray hope, hope, hope,
for children who are suffering.
I'm going to *hop, hop, hop*,
and pray hope, hope, hope,
for families that are separated.
I'm going to *hop, hop, hop*,
and pray hope, hope, hope,
for all hearts that are breaking. Amen.

Peace

Make lots of banging noises on percussion
instruments, e.g. drums, shakers, then
suddenly stop. In the quiet, pray for a
country in the world where there is war.
Do this several times, choosing different
places to pray for.

Love

We pray, Lord Jesus, for all those
in need of love:
tough love to help turn their life around;
gentle love to believe in themselves;
fun love to help them smile;
and the special love that only you
can give. Amen.