

### **The Prayer of St Francis**

Lord, make me an instrument of  
your peace:  
where there is hatred, let me sow  
love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may  
not so much seek  
to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood as to under-  
stand,  
to be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive,  
it is in pardoning that we are par-  
doned,  
and it is in dying that we are born  
to eternal life.  
Amen.

### **The Prayer of Richard of Chichester**

Thanks be to you, our Lord Jesus  
Christ, for all the benefits which  
you have given us,  
for all the pains and insults which  
you have borne for us.  
Most merciful Redeemer, Friend  
and Brother,  
may we know you more clearly,  
love you more dearly,  
and follow you more nearly,  
day by day. Amen.

### **The Prayer of Sir Francis Drake**

*Disturb us, Lord, when  
We are too pleased with ourselves,  
When our dreams have come true  
Because we dreamed too little,  
When we arrived safely  
Because we sailed too close to the  
shore.  
Disturb us, Lord, when  
With the abundance of things we  
possess  
We have lost our thirst  
For the waters of life;  
Having fallen in love with life,  
We have ceased to dream of  
eternity  
And in our efforts to build a new  
earth,  
We have allowed our vision  
Of the new Heaven to dim.  
Disturb us, Lord, to dare more bold-  
ly,  
To venture on wilder seas  
Where storms will show Your  
mastery;  
Where losing sight of land,  
We shall find the stars.  
We ask you to push back  
The horizons of our hopes;  
And to push back the future  
In strength, courage, hope, and  
love.  
This we ask in the name of our  
Captain,  
Who is Jesus Christ.  
Amen.*

## **The Two Rivers Mission Community Prayers for use by Visitors**

### **Welcome**

This beautiful church is a place of transformation. For hun-  
dreds of years it has stood as a sign of God's love, and as a  
place of worship, prayer and community.  
Even today, Christians meet each Sunday and on other days to  
experience the life transforming love, grace and power of God.  
Today people find healing from past hurts, peace in life's  
troubles and hope for the future.  
In this booklet we have collected a few short prayers which we  
pray might help you to meet with God, to speak to him and to  
hear his voice.  
You might like to sit quietly in church and pray on your own;  
join with friends and family in saying the prayers together, or  
even take this booklet into the churchyard and enjoy the beau-  
ty of God's creation.

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, which art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy Name.  
Thy Kingdom come,  
Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive them that trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
The power, and the glory,  
For ever and ever. Amen.**

### **A prayer of praise and wonder (Psalm 8)**

LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!  
You have set your glory in the heavens.  
Through the praise of children and infants  
you have established a stronghold against your enemies,  
to silence the foe and the avenger.  
When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,  
what is mankind that you are mindful of them,  
human beings that you care for them?  
You have made them a little lower than the angels  
and crowned them with glory and honour.  
You made them rulers over the works of your hands;  
you put everything under their feet:  
all flocks and herds, and the animals of the wild,  
the birds in the sky, and the fish in the sea,  
all that swim the paths of the seas.  
LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

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### **A prayer of thankfulness**

Father God, the source of all that is good,  
I thank you for all the blessings you have given me.  
Thank you for my health and my faculties,  
For my family, friends and all who love me,  
For my home, my work, my interests.  
Today I thank you especially for...  
May I never take your good gifts for granted,  
but cherish them,  
and honour you by using them for the good of others.  
In Jesus name,  
Amen.

### **A prayer to become a Christian**

Lord Jesus, I am sorry for the things I have done wrong in my life  
*[take a few moments to ask God to forgive you for anything  
troubling your conscience].*

Please forgive me. I now turn from everything that I know is wrong.  
Thank you that you died on the cross for me so that I could be  
forgiven and set free.

Please come into my life by your Holy Spirit to be with me forever.  
I promise, that with your help, I will love and follow you for ever.

Amen

### **A prayer for those in need**

Father God, please bless *name*.

Give them patience and forbearance in their troubles.

May they know your presence with them.

Grant them healing, wholeness and life in all its fullness.

I ask this in the name of the great healer, Jesus Christ, Amen

### **Remembering those who have died**

Loving God,

Your Son Jesus Christ promised eternal life to all who follow him.

I thank you for *name*; for all that they mean to me, all the ways  
they have touched my life for good.

I now trust them to your care and keeping.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

### **A prayer for the world**

Father God, there is so much good in this world,  
but also so much pain and suffering.

Please heal the sick,

Provide for the needy,

Give justice to the oppressed

And help us all to live like your Son, Jesus Christ,  
who taught us to love our neighbour as ourselves.

In his name we pray. Amen