

WEEKLY PRAYERS

Anti-Racism Prayer

Holy god, who created all colors of people, allow us to honor your light in every soul. Help us to see you in one another, to hear your voice in all people, and to work to end racism in our church, our communities, and the world. *Amen*

Prayer for Social Justice

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart and especially the hearts of the people of this land, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

Prayer for the Human Family

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen* (BCP 815)

Birthday Prayer

Watch over your child, O Lord, as *his* days increase; bless and guide *him* wherever *he* may be. Strengthen *him* when *he* stands; comfort *him* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *him* up if *he* falls; and in *his* heart may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of *his* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen* (BCP 381)

Anniversary Prayer

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and His church. Send your blessing upon *N.* and *N.*, sustain them in their love and commitment to each other, that their home may be a place of peace and hospitality now and always. *Amen* (BOS 16)

Prayer for Travelers

O God, our heavenly Father, whose glory fills the whole creation, and whose presence we find wherever we go. Preserve those who travel; surround them with your loving care; protect them from every danger; and bring them in safety to their journey's end, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen* (BCP 831)

Some Prayers for Afghanistan

Almighty God give the spirit of governance, and of sound minds to all in places of authority in Afghanistan. Open the hearts and minds of the Taliban to the virtues of love, justice, respect, care and forgiveness. Bless all who labour in works of mercy, or in schools of learning. Preserve those that are appointed to die. Hear our prayer O gracious Father, for the love our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen - Ken Popp

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For those who are fleeing: sanctuary
For those who are staying: safety
For those who are fighting: peace
For those whose hearts are breaking: comfort
For those who see no future: hope

God we call out to you to see and protect your people of Afghanistan.

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When the words don't come, Lord, may the groaning of our spirits suffice...

My spirit groans, Jesus, for the people of Afghanistan- men, women, children, the unborn, the elderly, the weak and the disabled.

Lord God, you are there right now, in every street, every neighborhood, every hill, cave and cavern – please make your presence known to the people who call you Lord and even those who may not. Holy Spirit, strengthen their faith, their weary and frightened hearts, and may their emboldened faith in the face of unimaginable adversity leave the enemy dumbstruck. Until there is peace, we pray. In you holy, precious name – Amen (V.S.)

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Almighty God who can move mountains, soften the hearts of the Taliban fighters to show compassion to all the people of Afghanistan that they encounter. Give wisdom to their leaders and require the new regime to provide justice to all people. Bring peace to the streets of Kabul and make the way clear for those who wish to leave the country. Protect the lives and rights of all people. Protect your churches and let them grow so that all Afghanistan knows you. In Jesus' name we ask this. Amen

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Please write your own prayer for Afghanistan... (submit to Christchurchak@gmail.com)
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