

PRAYERS FOR PARTICULAR OCCASIONS

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For acceptance of God's will

Merciful Father, grant that whatever cross, sickness, or trouble we must bear, we may recognise your fatherly will, and patiently endure what we have received from you; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

Lord God, heavenly Father, give us each day new strength and new hope. Help us to submit to your will, take refuge in your peace, and overcome all trouble and temptation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For humility and obedience

My Lord Jesus, you have commanded that we should take up our cross and follow you. Give me a humble and obedient heart, so that I may carry your yoke willingly, trust in you, and follow you in all suffering. Amen.

Confession of sin

Lord Jesus Christ, all my sins are hidden from you. As you stretched out your hands on the cross and redeemed us with your blood, forgive me, a sinner. I ask for your pardon, I hope for your pardon, and I trust in your pardon. In your mercy, spare me and forgive me. Amen

For the sick

Almighty and eternal God, you are able to banish all bodily and spiritual suffering. Show your power to help those who are sick, so that by your mercy they may be restored and refreshed to serve you with a holy life. Amen

For the weary and burdened

Lord Jesus Christ, you call the weary and heavy-burdened to you. I come to you, burdened with physical sickness and spiritual weakness. Remind me of your promises, and strengthen me with your might. I give to you all that I have and all that I am. Let me be yours in life and death, and through your holy sacrifice on the cross let me enter into your eternal kingdom. Amen.

For God's forgiveness

Lord, have mercy on me. Do not reject me as I have deserved, but forgive me where I have done wrong. Forgive my sins as I have forgiven those who have sinned against me. I put my body and soul and all that is mine into your hands. Let your holy angel be with me, so that the wicked one may have no power over me. Amen.

For confidence

Lord, my Saviour, give me at all times a patient heart, so that I may watch and pray under the cross, and, in trust and confidence, cast all my cares on you; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

For God's support

Lord God, heavenly Father, without your support we cannot stand. So give us the power which is strong in weakness. Let us patiently bear what you have permitted to come upon us. Shelter us in your peace. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For grace

Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and eternal God, you have brought us safely to the beginning of this day. Protect us today with your mighty power; let us fall into no sin, nor run into any kind of danger. But guide us in all things, so that we may always do what is right. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

For peace

Lord God, from whom all holy desires, all good purposes, and all right works proceed, Give to your servants that peace which the world cannot give. Defend us from the fear of our enemies, and set our hearts to obey your commandments, so that we may live on earth in rest and quietness. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Saviour, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.