

Saint James' - Church of England
Serving the people of Briercliffe & Lanehead



PRAYER CARD

**We hope you will find these
Prayers useful in your daily life**

A PRAYER OF JOY

(Thomas Ken)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise him all creatures here below,
Praise him above, angelic host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. **Amen.**

A PRAYER FOR THOSE IN NEED

God, whose mercy and compassion never fail,
Look kindly upon the sufferings of all people:
The needs of the homeless;
The anxieties of prisoners;
The pains of the sick and injured;
The sorrows of the bereaved;
The helplessness of the weak.
Comfort and strengthen them for the sake of
Your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

PRAYERS FOR HELP
IN LIVING A LIFE OF LOVE

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me bring 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.

Lord, grant that I may seek to console,
rather than to be consoled;
to understand, rather than to be understood;
to love, rather than to be loved;
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

(St. Francis of Assisi, c.13th)

Teach us, good Lord,
to serve you as you deserve;
to give, and not to count the cost;
to fight, and not to heed the wounds;
to toil, and not to seek for rest;
to labour, and not to seek for any reward,
save that of knowing that we do your will,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

(St. Ignatius of Loyola, 1491-1556)

Lord, temper with tranquillity
Our manifold activity,
That we may do our work for thee
With very great simplicity! **Amen.**

A PRAYER FOR OUR WORLD AND OUR RESPONSIBILITY WITHIN IT

Lord God, your Son, Jesus Christ
cared for the welfare of everyone,
and went about doing good.

Grant us the imagination and perseverance
to create in this country,
and throughout the world,
a just and loving society
for the whole of humankind.

Make us active agents of your compassion to
the suffering, the persecuted,
and the oppressed,
through the Spirit of Your Son
who himself shared our sufferings,
even Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A GENERAL INTERCESSION

In peace let us pray to the Lord
for the peace that is from above
and the salvation of our souls;
for the peace of the whole world
of the holy churches of God and all people;
for pastors, teachers
and those in authority;
for our village, town and country
and all who dwell therein;
for all that travel by land, air or water;
for the sick and all who need care,
healing and protection.

On all, have mercy, and preserve all, O God,
by your grace, and all in the name of
Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. **Amen.**

PRAYERS FOR PERSONAL FAITH AND DISCIPLINE

Thanks be to you, my Lord Jesus Christ,
for all the benefits you have won for me,
and the pains and insults
you have borne for me.

O most merciful Redeemer,
Friend and Brother:
may I know you more clearly
love you more dearly;
and follow you more nearly,
day by day and for evermore. **Amen.**

(St. Richard of Chichester)

Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ before me, Christ beside me,
Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger
Christ in hearts of friend and stranger.

(Attributed to St. Patrick)

Enable me, O Lord God,
to walk in your way
with integrity and cheerfulness,
faithfully believing your word
and faithfully doing your commandments,
faithfully worshipping you
and faithfully serving my neighbour;
after the pattern,
and in the name of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

PERSONAL PRAYERS

O Lord, you have made me
and redeemed me,
and brought me where I am upon my way:
you know what you would do with me;
do with me according to your will,
for your tender mercies sake. **Amen.**

God grant me the serenity to accept
the things I cannot change;
courage to change the things I can;
and wisdom to know the difference. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who 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.**

AN OLD GAELIC BLESSING

May the road rise up to meet you;
may the wind be always at your back.
May the sunshine warm upon your face;
the rains fall soft upon your fields;
and until we meet again,
may God hold you in the palm of his hand. **Amen.**

EARLY ONE MORNING

I got up early one morning
and rushed right into the day;
I had so much to accomplish
that I didn't have time to pray.

Problems just tumbled about me,
and heavier came each task.
"Why didn't God help me" I wondered,
he answered "you didn't ask!"

I wanted to see joy and beauty,
but the day toiled on, grey and bleak:
I wondered why God didn't show me?
He said "you didn't seek!"

I tried to come into God's presence;
I used all my keys at the lock,
God gently and lovingly chided,
"My child, you didn't knock!"

I woke up this morning,
and paused before entering the day;
I had so much to accomplish,
that I had to take time to pray!



"Listen! I am standing at the door knocking;
if you hear my voice and open the door,
I will come in to you and eat with you,
and you with me."

(Words from the Bible)

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