

# Selection of Prayer



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## Opening Prayer:

God, we are thankful for the food around us.  
We hear you asking us to take care of other people.  
Help us feed the hungry and love them as you have loved us.  
Thank you for the gift of hope, even in the darkest of times. We trust in your love and your power.  
Amen.

## Faithful Lives

O God,  
we pray that we will know you more clearly as we try in faith to live with you.  
May we truly worship you in body, mind, heart and soul, so that the fullness of your life is expressed in some small way within us.  
Teach us to see the world around us as you do, Holy Spirit:

so that we discern your wisdom and guidance in all our relationships.

Help us to follow in your way, Jesus Christ: loving our neighbours as ourselves and walking in courage towards those who exploit others.

Show us the beauty of your creation, God of the Universe:

that we may value everything that lives and cherish all that you have given to us.

May your church always bear witness to the delight of your infinite reality, O God, and gather together all that we know of you into a unity which makes us one with you, for you are the centre of everlasting life, O God. Amen.

From Words for Worship, posted on the Uniting Church website.

## Prayer for Those Living with Poverty and Hunger

Our Loving Creator God,  
We bring before you this day  
the burden the whole world carries  
as it endures extreme poverty and hunger  
in every land.

Stretch out your loving arms, we pray,  
to embrace the suffering women, men and  
children whose bodies, minds and spirits  
are shrinking before our very eyes.

Help us to look, really look,  
with clear eyes and open hearts,  
to see the pain and hopelessness  
in their bewildered eyes.

Kindle within each one of us  
a flame of love and purpose,  
and then

Enable us to channel our love into action  
in every way possible  
and impossible.

For this we pray. Amen

Written by Mimi A. Simson, in "Lifting Women's Voices: Prayers to Change the World." Posted on the Episcopal Relief & Development website.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

All good gifts around us are sent from heaven  
above, so we lift our hearts up to you, God,  
in praise and thanksgiving.

As we count our blessings, and acknowledge your  
goodness,

our hearts go out to those who do not have,  
and who are in need.

We thank you for plentiful harvests and full  
refrigerators and ask that you supply the needs  
of those who are hungry.

We thank you for jobs that provide for our families  
and supply the needs of our society,  
and pray that you would care for those who have  
no work, or the dignity and purpose it brings.

We thank you for opportunities and choices,  
for meaning and challenges, and pray that you  
would give a sense of purpose

to those who feel trapped.

We thank you for family and friends who love us  
and care for us and pray that you would befriend  
those who are alone.

The abundance of the harvest is a symbol of the  
abundance of your love in our lives.

May we live in a spirit of gratitude to you and  
generosity to our neighbour.

Loving God, in this season and all year long,  
give to us the gift of a thankful heart,  
so that we may acknowledge you as the giver  
of all that is good in our lives.  
In the name of Jesus we ask it.

Amen.

Posted on the Presbyterian Church in Canada website.  
[www.presbyterian.ca](http://www.presbyterian.ca)

## Confession: Salt and Light

"You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste,  
how can its saltiness be restored?"  
Matthew 5:13

Lord, you placed us in the world to be its salt.  
We were afraid of committing ourselves,  
afraid of being stained by the world.  
We did not want to hear what 'they' might say  
and our salt dissolved as if in water.  
Forgive us, Jesus.

Kyrie eleison (or, Lord, have mercy)

Lord, you placed us in the world to be its light.  
We were afraid of the shadows,  
afraid of the poverty.  
We did not want to know 'difficult' people  
and our light slowly faded away.  
Forgive us, Jesus.

Kyrie eleison (or, Lord, have mercy)

Lord, you placed us in the world to live  
in community.  
Thus you taught us to love,  
to share in life,  
to struggle for bread and for justice,  
Your truth incarnate in our lives.  
So be it, Lord Jesus.

Peggy M De Cuehlo, in Harvest Prayers, posted on the  
Christian Aid website.

## Prayer of Commitment: Time to change

Just and loving God,  
we know it is time to change,  
to change our lives  
and so the lives of others.  
Help us to sing a new song.

Inspire us with the stories of those  
who are strong and determined,  
those who, through their own creativity and work  
have turned their lives around.  
Help us to sing a new song.

Show us how to turn the tables  
so that those who have the least  
may share in the gifts you have given us all.

May your kingdom come.

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## Prayer of Intercession Based on Psalm 8

God, when we think of your creation,  
we are amazed,

We can never come to the end of your wonders.

But you have entrusted us to take care of all these

You have shown us how to sustain life

Help us to use this knowledge for the good  
of the world,

To the benefit of your people and to the glory  
of your name. Amen

## Sending Out Prayer: Habakkuk 3:17-18

Though the fig tree does not blossom  
And there are no grapes on the vines,  
Though the olive crop fails  
And the fields produce no food,  
Though there are no sheep in the pen  
And no cattle in the stalls,  
Still, I will rejoice in the Lord,  
I will be joyful in the God of my salvation.

## Closing prayer:

Creator God, thank you for giving us the power  
to make a difference, even with just small actions.  
Bless the people who do these small actions  
every day. Help us do the same so that more good  
things can happen in this world. We pause to  
think and pray for people in the world who are  
experiencing hunger. In the silence of this moment,  
we dedicate ourselves anew to our God. Amen.

Now to him who is able to do exceedingly abund-  
antly above all that we ask or imagine, according  
to his power at work within us, to Him be glory in  
the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all  
generations, forever and ever.

Amen.

