

Let us pray in faith –

A verse from Psalm 124, the Psalm set for today –

“Our help is in the name of the Lord,
The Maker of heaven and earth”.

Lord we present ourselves, our souls and bodies, to you.

You give us life, you give us love, you give us yourself.

May we give our lives, our love, ourselves to you.

“Forth in Thy name , O Lord, I go,
my daily labours to pursue,
Thee, only Thee, resolved to know
in all I think, or speak, or do”.

Lord, transform us by your love, that we may know and do your will, that we may live and work to your praise and glory.

Give to your church a vision of your presence that we may proclaim your peace and your love. We pray for unity in the church worldwide, for interfaith relations and for all Christians persecuted for their faith.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

“The task Thy wisdom hath assigned
O let me cheerfully fulfil;
in all my works Thy presence find,
and prove Thy acceptable will”.

We pray for peace in our world. For all those who live in fear of their lives and all who are displaced by war, famine, drought, flood, fire or other disaster. Lord, give wisdom to all in authority and direct this and every nation in the ways of justice and peace, that we may honour one another and seek the common good. God of hope, in these troubled times, give us courage to overcome our fears and help us to build a future in which all may prosper and share.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

“Thee may I set at my right hand,
whose eyes my inmost substance see;
and labour on at Thy command,
and offer all my works to Thee”.

Lord, we pray for the ministry of all your faithful people as we seek to bring hope and encouragement to others, strong in our faith and constant in prayer. We pray for all people, that their talents and abilities may be able to be used. Bless each in their vocation and work. Lord, we give thanks for the gifts you have given to us, let us use them to your glory.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

“Give me to bear Thy easy yolk,
and every moment watch and pray,
and still to things eternal look,
and hasten to Thy glorious day”.

Recalling the verse from Psalm 124 –

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the Maker of heaven and earth”.

Lord, we hold before you those bowed down by conflict, poverty and broken relationships. May they know your saving power and abide in your love. We pray for all who are anxious or troubled, all who are lonely or sad. May we always be sensitive to the needs of others. We pray for the sick and especially for all those affected by the virus and for all who care for them. Lord, give them courage and hope in their troubles and enfold them with your love. We remember loved ones departed this life. We pray for those who have been bereaved, that they may receive healing, comfort and peace,
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

“For Thee delightfully employ
whate’er Thy bounteous grace hath given,
and run my course with even joy,
and closely walk with Thee to heaven”.

Lord, we bring before you the needs of our families, our friends, our homes and all whom we love. Protect us from all evil and keep us safe and may the church give strength to family life and society.

Let us take time to offer our own prayers to our Lord, giving thanks that our Lord hears our prayers and that we find rest and peace at this time.

Merciful Father, **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.**
Amen.