

SOME FAVOURITE PRAYERS OF MEMBERS OF THE HOLY TRINITY FAMILY

The Master Carpenter

O Jesus, Master Carpenter of Nazareth, who on the Cross with wood and nails hast wrought man's full salvation, wield well thy tools in this thy workshop, that we, who come to thee rough-hewn, may be fashioned to a truer beauty by thy hand; for thy name and glory's sake.

Anon

O God, give a me a glad heart and a cheerful countenance. Help me to know that a smile is a reflection of thy love and a help to those about me. Let me ever remember the courage of laughter and the joy that comes from faith in thee. Help me to make plain to others the happiness that comes from service and the peace of God which passes understanding. For happy is the servant of God and contentment his reward.

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A Prayer about love

O God of love, we pray you give us love, love in our thinking, love in our speaking, love in our doing, and love in the hidden places of our souls: love of our neighbours, near and far: love of our friends, old and new; love of those with whom we find it hard to hear, and love of those who find it hard to bear with us: love of those with whom we work, and love of those with whom we take our ease; love in joy, love in sorrow, love in life and love in death; so that at length we may be worthy to dwell with you who are eternal love.

Short Prayers for a Long Day

Teach us, O God, to view our life here on earth as a pilgrim's path to heaven, and give us grace to tread it courageously in the company of your faithful people. Help us to set our affections on the things above, not on the passing vanities of this world; and grant that as we journey on in the way of holiness, we may bear a good witness to our Lord, and serve all who need our help along the way, for the glory of your name.

Frank Colquhoun

Lord, I see clearly that any affection which I have ever had is scarcely as one drop in the vast ocean of all the seas, when compared with the tenderness of Thy divine heart towards those whom I love. Therefore I cannot even buy one thought, wish anything either than that which Thy almighty wisdom has appointed for each of them. Lord bless Thy special friends and mine, according to the good pleasure of Thy divine goodness.

St Gertrude & St Mechtilde

A Creation Prayer

A hidden source of life, let me now meditate upon the great and gracious plan by which thou hast brought it to pass that a mere mortal like me should look up to thee and call thee Father.

In the beginning thou, the Uncreated, putting forth thy creative power: and then space and time and material substance: the atom and the molecule and crystalline forms; and then the first germ of life: and then the long upward striving of life: all things that creep and fly, the beasts of the forest, the fowls of the air, the fish of the sea: and then the gradual dawn of intelligence: and at last the making of man: and the beginning of history: and the first altar, and the first prayer.

John Baillie

O Master Christ, thou has loved us with an everlasting love: thou has forgiven us, trained us, disciplined us; thou hast broken us loose and laid thy commands upon us; thou hast set us in the thick of things and deigned to use us: thou hast shown thyself to us, fed us and guided us. Be graciously pleased to accept and forgive our poor efforts, and keep us thy free-born slaves for ever.

To your care and protection, O Lord, we now commit ourselves, our families and friends. Of your goodness, forgive us; with your love, inspire us; by your Spirit, guide us: and in your mercy keep us; now and always.

The Grace

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.

Breathe on my, Breath of God,

Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what thou does love,
And do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Till I am wholly thine;
Until this earthly part of me
Glows with thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God:
So shall I never die,
But live with thee the perfect life
Of thine eternity.

Edwin Hatch

Concluding Prayers

The Lord bless us, and keep us;
The Lord makes his face to shine upon us and be gracious unto us, the Lord lift up his countenance upon us, and give us peace;
And the blessing of God almighty,
The Father, Son and the Holy Spirit,
Be among us and remain with us always.

May the love of the Lord Jesus draw us to himself,
The power of the Lord Jesus strengthen us for his service, and the joy of the Lord Jesus fill our hearts and lives, now and evermore.

Eternal God, you give us the day for work and the night for rest; grant to us, as we go to our rest, a good night's sleep. Then, Lord God, wake us refreshed tomorrow morning, better able to serve you and to serve our fellow-men. This we ask, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

William Barclay

A Prayer for Anglicans in Mission (Canada)

Draw your Church together, O Lord, into one great company of disciples, together following our Lord Jesus Christ into every walk of life, together serving him in his mission to the world, and together witnessing to his love on every continent and island.

An Irish Blessing

May the road rise up to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
And the rain fall soft upon your fields;
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of his hand.