

Weekly prayers

WEEK 1 (9-15 NOVEMBER)

Loving God,
at this time of crisis
when so many are suffering,
we pray for our nation and our world.
Give our leaders wisdom,
our Health Service strength,
our people hope.
Lead us through these parched and difficult days
to the fresh springs of joy and comfort
that we find in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

WEEK 2 (16-22 NOVEMBER)

Loving Father God,
be with us in our distress;
be with our families, friends, and neighbours,
our country and our world.
Give health to the sick,
hope to the fearful,
and comfort to mourners.
Give wisdom to our frontline and key workers,
insight to our Government,
and patience to us all.
Overcome disease with the power of your new life,
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

WEEK 3 (23-29 NOVEMBER)

Lord Jesus Christ,
in these dark and difficult days, we turn our hearts to you.
In ages past, you have delivered our nation from disaster.
Do it again, we pray.
Give wisdom beyond human wisdom to our leaders,
Give strength beyond human strength to the NHS and all our frontline workers.
Give comfort beyond human comfort to the elderly and all who grieve.
Lord Jesus Christ,
in these dark and difficult days,
turn your face towards us,

have mercy upon us,
and heal our land, we pray.
Amen.

WEEK 4 (30 NOVEMBER-6 DECEMBER)

Loving God,
your Son Jesus Christ came that we might have life and have it abundantly;
pour out your blessing upon our nation;
where there is illness,
bring your healing touch;
where there is fear,
strengthen us with the knowledge of your presence;
where there is uncertainty,
build us up in faith;
where there is dishonesty,
lead us into truth;
where there is discord,
may we know the harmony of your love;
this we ask in Jesus' name.
Amen.

SHORT PRAYERS

There are times when we don't have time for long prayers – and so we simply cry out to God. You could use words like these.

God, please help us now.
Amen

O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while troubles last and our eternal home.

Isaac Watts paraphrasing Psalm 90

O Lord, hear our prayer, and let our crying come before you.

or another paraphrase of Psalm 102

May the Lord keep watch over us, from this time forth for evermore.

paraphrasing Psalm 121

Good Lord, deliver us now.

Good Lord, deliver us and let your light shine in the darkness.

Come to us, Lord our God:
Stretch out your arm to save,
strengthen our hands to love,
for the sake of the world that is your own.
Amen.

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