

Other prayers which may be of comfort:

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.

Reinhold Niebuhr

God be in my head and in my understanding.
God be in my eyes and in my looking.
Good be in my mouth and in my speaking.
God be in my heart and in my thinking.
God be in mine end and at my departing.

Walford Davies

God is before me, he will be my guide.
God is behind me, no ill can betide.
God is beside me to comfort and cheer.
God is around me, why then should I fear?

Dear God
May we look
Backward with gratitude
Forward with courage
Upward with confidence.

Faith is putting out your hand in the dark
and finding it held. *Anon*

If you came to see a village church, we
pray that you felt it to be God's house,
where there is a place for you.

If you came overshadowed by sadness
and anxiety, we pray that you will
discover God is with you, to
strengthen and comfort.

If you came burdened with a sense of
guilt and shame, we pray that you will
leave knowing the freedom of God's
forgiveness and love.

If you came uncertain about God, we
pray that you have found Him drawing
closer to you.

If you came out of curiosity, we pray
that you have found something to
make you stop and think.

May God bless you and give you His
peace.



Please feel free to take this
leaflet home with you.

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'Let us pray'

Welcome - we hope that you
will find something of the
peace of God during your visit
to St John's.



If you are in need of prayer for a
particular person or area of your
life requests can be placed on the
prayer board by the church door.

This is a place dedicated to prayer but God will meet with us anywhere. You can pray wherever you are - at home, walking in the countryside, shopping.

Most of us live in a busy and often noisy world. Why not take the opportunity to unwind for a few minutes? Find somewhere to sit quietly and relax into the stillness. There are Bibles in the pews for you to use if you so wish.

Remember:

- God is with you in the stillness. He loves you and knows you by name.
- You can talk to him in your own way - you don't need to use special words.
- You can thank him for all the good things in your life.
- You can tell him about your worries and ask his help for your daily life.
- You can ask him to bless those you love.
- And, as you go on your way, remember that you are not alone - God is with you.



Some prayers you may like to use.

LORD, THANK YOU . . .

For your presence here, the opportunity to pray,
for the promise of peace,
for the beauty of the world,
the kindness of people,
for those whom I love ...
and who love me ...
for your love towards me (and especially)...
Help me to show my gratitude in deeds
as well as in words.

LORD, I AM SORRY . . .

For the times when I have been hasty
or unkind (especially to ...),
thought or acted selfishly,
failed to forgive or ask forgiveness,
forgotten your presence,
taken your love for granted.

LORD, I PRAY FOR . . .

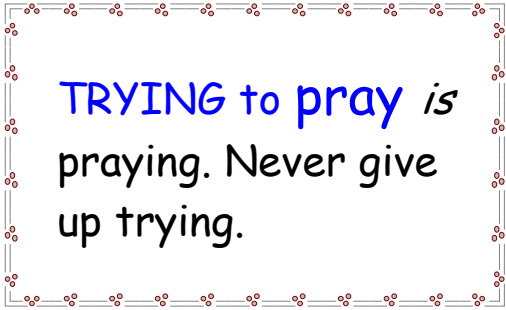
My family ... and friends,
my neighbours at home, at work,
the ones I like ... and dislike ...
Those who are ill ...
You love them and know their needs far
better than I do.
All I ask is that you will do for them
as you see best,
and bless them with your peace;
for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

LORD, I AM TROUBLED . . .

I am anxious and distressed.
Help me to trust your love, for you
carry our sorrows.
Teach me to act and speak in the way
you want.
Grant me wisdom to know when not
to interfere.
Calm my fears, for all things are in
your hands.

For those who have LOST SOMEONE or SOMETHING VERY DEAR TO THEM . . .

Lord, when we find ourselves
spiralling into despair stay close to
comfort and sustain us.
Be with us in our pain and confusion.
Hold and strengthen us in our weakness,
in time lifting us up and giving us peace,
acceptance and hope.



**TRYING to pray is
praying. Never give
up trying.**