

Prayers Sunday 17.05.2026

Let us pray for the church and for the world and let us thank God for his goodness.

Almighty God, as your Son Jesus Christ lifted his eyes and prayed for those you had given him to take care of and teach them your ways, open our hearts now to hear his voice. Draw us deeper into your love, root us in your truth and keep us faithful in the care of Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Loving God, may our prayers ascend to you. Let the meaning of the ascension offer to us those feelings of joy and hope as we now wait for the coming of the Holy Spirit. We pray for all your faithful followers across the world and say a special prayer for those persecuted for their faith and belief in you. We pray for our bishops, priests, church leaders and all who work and serve in this parish. Help them share your word with those around them. **Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer.**

Creator God, we live in a very turbulent world. One that humanity has not protected as they should. We pray for the leaders of the world, that they may find new ways of living in peace and harmony instead of causing needless destruction to humanity and the planet we live on. We pray for all those living in the war-torn areas of the world and for the innocent victims of the conflicts. May peace once again returns to these areas especially Ukraine, the Holy Land and the Middle East. **Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer.**

Loving God, we pray for our local community and the people we work with or encounter in our daily lives. We thank you for the time given by those who man the Prayer Stall in the Market every week, giving people the opportunity to seek out your work and pray for those they know in need. We thank you for all those that work voluntarily in Bridging the Gap, Living Waters and other charity shops, providing a service for those in need. Help us to recognise Christ in each other and work in His mission to spread the word of God. **Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer.**

Loving God, we pray for all those who are sick in body, mind or spirit. We pray for the lost and the lonely, for the homeless, the confused and those who are afraid. We bring before you those we know who need our prayer today. Give them strength and courage to face the difficulties they encounter each day. Give strength and guide all those who work to care for those in need. **Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer.**

Merciful God, we pray for all those who have died, that they are now in your safekeeping. We remember those close to us. We pray for those whose anniversary of death falls at this time. Comfort all those who mourn at this time and share your love with them. **Lord, in your Mercy: Hear our Prayer.**

Loving God, as we leave church today to start out on another busy week, remind us to take time out to pray for things going on in the world, in their community and in their homes. Let us remain your living disciples in the work we do.

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

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