

CHRIST CHURCH PARBOLD

Prayertime for the Day (week commencing 2nd August)



1. A prayer for our troubled world

Gracious God, let us never forget, as daily life becomes more difficult and restrictions cause annoyance, that there are many for whom this has been normality for years; affected by long-term drought or destructive storms; struggling in poverty, or through violence forced to adopt the life of refugee. May we remember to be thankful for what we have, and work together selflessly for all who need our help.

2. A prayer of praise for God's loving care

The God who breathed this world alive and sustains it day by day, whose hands flung stars into space and controls our destiny says, "Do not be afraid, for I am with you. "The God who filled the ocean depths and set tides on their way, who caused mountains to be raised up and rainbows to display Says, "I have called you by name, you are mine. "The God who made the fertile earth and seed within to sow, whose artistry creates butterflies and the early morning dew says, "You are precious in my sight" *(from Faith and Worship.com)*

3. A prayer for God's compassion

God of compassion, be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation. In their loneliness, be their consolation; in their anxiety, be their hope; in their darkness, be their light; through him who suffered alone on the cross, but reigns with you in glory, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. <https://www.churchofengland.org/>

4. A Prayer for our churches at Parbold and Appley Bridge.

Heavenly Father, as your churches seek ways of re-opening, give wisdom and discernment to all those planning services, especially our vicar, Sue. May your churches be protected from any infection and, whether watching online or attending a service that is socially distanced, may we be able to give You all our praise and glory in Your unending love. Amen

5. Lift to God anyone you know that need a healing touch from His Holy Spirit

Song:

Another hymn which is an old favourite. The words are on the next page. A hymn about God's love: "Loved with everlasting love"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1gPHPy29OEg>

**Merciful Father,
Accept these prayers for the sake of Your Son Our Saviour,
Jesus Christ. Amen**



Fling wide the **gates**
Open the ancient doors and the
Great King

will come in.
Psalm 24:7



BIBLE PASSAGES ABOUT GOD'S LOVE

The LORD appeared to us in the past, saying: "I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness." Jeremiah 31 v 3

But you, Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness. Psalm 86 v 15

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans ch 5 v8

The LORD your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing." Zephaniah ch 3 v17

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life John ch3 v16

For I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from His love. Death can't and life can't. The angels won't and all the powers of hell cannot keep God's love away. Our fears for today, our worries about tomorrow, or where we are – high above the sky, or in the deepest ocean – nothing will ever separate us from the love of God demonstrated by our Lord Jesus Christ when He died for us. Romans ch 8 v 38-39 (*British Living Bible version*)



Words to "Loved with everlasting love"

This is another hymn from my past and I love the poetry of the words. It was written by George W Robinson (1838-1877) but it's far from a Victorian upright and dry hymn – it is passionate and full of joy. As a young Christian in my teens I had a lot of doubts and uncertainty about my faith. But this hymn gave me such confidence and assurance. I pray it will bless you as well.

Loved with everlasting love,
Led by grace that love to know;
Spirit, breathing from above,
Thou hast taught me it is so.
Oh, this full and perfect peace!
Oh, this transport all divine!
In a love which cannot cease,
I am His, and He is mine.

Heaven above is softer blue,
Earth around is sweeter green;
Something lives in every hue
Christless eyes have never seen:
Birds with gladder songs o'erflow,
Flow'rs with deeper beauties shine,
Since I know, as now I know,
I am His, and He is mine.

Things that once were wild alarms
Cannot now disturb my rest;
Closed in everlasting arms,
Pillowed on the loving breast.
Oh, to lie forever here,
Doubt and care and self resign,
While He whispers in my ear,
I am His, and He is mine.

His forever, only His:
Who the Lord and me shall part?
Ah, with what a rest of bliss
Christ can fill the loving heart.
Heaven and earth may fade and flee,
Firstborn light in gloom decline;
But, while God and I shall be,
I am His, and He is mine.