

Maranatha Community Prayers



***We pray Maranatha!
Come Lord Jesus!***

These prayers have been compiled for members of the Maranatha Community. We pray and work for unity, renewal and healing in the Church and in the nations. As a Community, with a shared vision, we pray for each other daily. Recently, we have been led to spend just ten minutes in silent worship of the Lord each day. We affirm our unity with brothers and sisters in the vast and diverse Family of God across the globe and throughout all the centuries; we express too our desire for a deeper oneness with the Lord and with all His people. The prayers in this folder have been written by followers of Jesus from different traditions, some long ago and some very recently. We hope they will provide enrichment and blessing.

IN PRAISE OF GOD

You are holy, Lord, the only God,
And your deeds are wonderful.
You are strong,
You are great.
You are the Most High,
You are almighty.
You, Holy Father, are
King of heaven and earth.
You are Three and One,
Lord God, all good.
You are good, all good, supreme good,
Lord God, living and true.
You are love,
You are wisdom.
You are humility.
You are endurance.
You are rest
You are peace.
You are joy and gladness,
You are all our riches,
And you suffice for us.
You are beauty,
You are gentleness.
You are our protector,
You are our guardian and defender.
You are courage,
You are our haven and our hope.
You are our faith,
Our great consolation.
You are our eternal life,
Great and wonderful Lord,
God almighty,
Merciful Saviour.
Saint Francis of Assisi

PERSONAL PREPARATION FOR THE DAY

I come as myself
Just as I am
This moment.
My feelings, my fears
My joys, my sadnesses,
You see me as I really am.
You know me through and through.
You see all,
All that I am, or ever have been.
*Opening of the Shalom Prayer by Dennis Wrigley
(And used at midday prayers in the office)*



Jesus, Risen Lord, I open all my doors to you.
Enter every room in me.
As you breathed on your disciples, breathe on me so that
I can receive the Holy Spirit and have your peace today.
Jesus, Saviour of the world, I release my life to you.
Please bring your love and your truth into the deepest
part of me. Renew my mind with your living word.
Cover me with the blood of your suffering.
Cleanse me with the tears of your compassion.
Jesus, Judge of all, I surrender to you as judge of my life.
Fill me with your mercy. Give me your humble heart.

Allyn Benedict



Jesus, when I pray to You, with You,
This is the way to reach Your heart.
Prayer is truly the way to get to know You.
Although You come to me in many ways, it is never
more than when I am in prayer with You.
It is in prayer that I am closer,
more intimate than any other time.
It is there that You can speak to me;
It is there that I grow and am healed,
When I find fulfilment just by being with You.
Then the Holy Spirit can cast my spiritual roots
deeper and deeper into Your soil.
The deeper the roots of a tree
the more fruit it bears:
The deeper my roots, the more fruit
I shall bear – the fruit of love, joy, peace,
patience, goodness, kindness,
faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.

Sr Elizabeth Tuttle

PRAYERS FOR THE UNITY OF THE CHURCH

Amazing Father,
today I belong to you!
You draw me into the heart
of your sheltering love,
to a special place where -
not alone, not forsaken, not forgotten -
I belong!

Lord Jesus,
today I belong with you!
You call me by my name,
you show me my brothers and sisters.
We are one family, in you:
members of the one household,
sheep nurtured in your flock,
fruitful branches in your living vine,
precious stones being built
into a temple of your praise.
I belong!

Holy Spirit by your mighty power,
today, through your enabling, I belong:
an obedient soldier in your army,
a vital cell in Christ's body,
a willing citizen in God's coming Kingdom,
in community with all the saints who pray,
'Come Lord Jesus.'
I belong!

Hazel Catton



Maranatha! Come Lord Jesus.
Unite us in your love.
Heal our brokenness with your compassion.
Breathe new life into our faltering faith.
Shatter our complacency with your urgency.
Humble our pride with your poverty.
Penetrate our confusion with your simplicity.
Gather us afresh as little brothers and sisters,
walking together with you, Our Lord,
guided by the Spirit's wisdom,
perfectly aligned to the Father's will,
looking for the coming of Your Kingdom.
Maranatha! Come Lord Jesus.

Anon

PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY

God has created me to do Him some definite service: He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission – I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons.

He has not created me for naught. I shall do good; I shall do His work. I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place while not intending it – if I do but keep His commandments.

Therefore, I will trust Him. Whatever, wherever I am, I can never be thrown away. If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him; in perplexity, my perplexity may serve Him.

He does nothing in vain. He knows what He is about. He may take away my friends; He may throw me among strangers. He may make me feel desolate, make my spirits sink, hide my future from me – still He knows what He is about.

John Henry Newman

(known as the 'Maranatha Prayer' since our formation)



'When I receive Jesus, I receive love...
Love is the sign of his presence.
I am called to show his love.
To reveal Him in my life.

The power to love is a gift of His Spirit...
If I love the hungry, I will feed them.
If I love the sick I will help them.
If I love the bereaved I will comfort them.
If I love the persecuted, I will speak out for them.
If I love those who are cast down, I will raise them.
If I love my enemies, I will forgive them.
If I love Jesus, I will follow him
Here and now.....

Extract from 'About Love' by Dennis Wrigley

PRAYER FOR THE MARANATHA COMMUNITY

At this time I remember with gratitude before you Lord
All the members of the Maranatha Community.
Thank you for giving us to each other.
Support and strengthen us, guard and protect us.
Bind us together in your love.
May we continue to encourage each other to work for
the spread of Your Kingdom whose servants we are,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

From Maranatha Daily Compline

THE MARANATHA COMMITMENT PRAYER

In this Community we are pilgrims,
together we pray 'Maranatha - Come Lord Jesus'
We commit ourselves
to Jesus Christ the Saviour of the world -
our Lord, whose name is above every name
We commit ourselves
to be living and active members of the Body of Christ
We commit ourselves
to be caring members of the family
whose Father is God
We commit ourselves
to one another in love as
little brothers and sisters of Jesus
We commit ourselves
to pray for each other every day
We commit ourselves
to pray and work for unity amongst all Christians
We commit ourselves
to pray and work for the renewal
of Christian faith in our land
We commit ourselves
to pray and work for the extension
of Christ's healing ministry
We commit ourselves
to seek, receive, speak and live the truth in love
We commit ourselves
to give and receive forgiveness in the name of Jesus
to give and receive love in the name of Jesus
We commit ourselves
to stand for peace and justice
to stand with the poor, persecuted and marginalised
We commit ourselves
to speak out against the evil
and corruption which damages our society
We commit ourselves
to grow in faith, encouraging one another,
endeavouring to live and proclaim the simple Gospel
We commit ourselves
to listen to God and to be obedient to Him
We commit ourselves
to seek personal holiness and social righteousness
We commit ourselves
through His Spirit to walk ever more
closely with the Lord
and with one another.

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