

PRAY july

PRAYING FOR THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND – SUNDAY 12 JULY

CEEC is inviting churches across the Church of England to use the intercessions in Sunday Services on 12 July to pray for the Church of England.

Please find below some suggestions (set out as a kind of 'script') as to how these intercessions might be shaped. Feel free to use them as offered or amend as appropriate to your context.

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In our intercessions today, we are praying, along with evangelical churches across the dioceses, for the Church of England.

First, let's GIVE THANKS to God for the Church of England.

Please use some/all of the following bullet points to create your own prayer of thanksgiving:

- For the reformers who gave birth to the Church of England and its biblical foundations.
- For our scripturally infused liturgy.
- For local churches the length and breadth of the country that have over the centuries shared the gospel with local communities.
- For each and every parish church which is, in 2026, running Alpha, Christianity Explored, or another initiative to help people explore the Christian faith.
- For our bishops, clergy and lay leaders.
- For our buildings and other assets that enable us to serve our communities.

Second, let's pray into the CHALLENGES facing the Church of England at this time.

Please draw on any of the following to inform your prayers:

- Let's acknowledge where there has been ungodly leadership and pray that God will raise up leaders after His own heart.

- Let's pray that the divisions caused by *Living in Love and Faith* in churches, deaneries and dioceses will be healed by the 'grace and truth' that is in Jesus.
- Let's pray for the elections to General Synod happening this autumn – that a new Synod will be elected who are committed to God's Word and to mission.
- Let's pray for smaller churches struggling to afford clergy and/or to find lay leaders.
- Let's pray for churches and leaders under spiritual attack at this time – that they will know God's protection.
- Let's pray that God will provide for the current crisis in ordinand numbers as He sees fit.
- Let's pray for brothers and sisters in Christ who in recent times have felt in good conscience compelled to leave the Church of England.

Third, let's pray for our mission to be AMBASSADORS FOR CHRIST, PROCLAIMERS OF THE GOSPEL, AND SALT AND LIGHT to our communities.

- Let's pray for all those in our local communities who suffer and struggle (through matters of health, finance or in other ways).
- Let's pray for people of different faiths and for those with no faith.
- Let's pray for the community leaders in our area – paid and unpaid.
- Let's pray for local politicians (MP, local councillors, etc.).
- Let's pray that we – the Church of England in our community – might be the salt and light that Jesus calls us to be, to the honour and glory of His name.

Finally, you could CONCLUDE YOUR PRAYERS by inviting people to pray either / both:

- The CEEC prayer for the Church of England – below.
- The prayer that Jesus taught us (Lord's prayer).

Lord Jesus Christ,
 Head of the universal church,
 without whom nothing is true and nothing is holy,
 we pray for Your blessing and protection on our life and witness as the Church of England.
 Direct and fill all who lead with Your Holy Spirit,
 sustain and equip the local church with the gifts of Your Spirit
 and enable us all to reveal in our way of life the fruit of Your Spirit,
 that we may love what You command
 and desire what You promise,
 to the glory of God the Father, Amen