



THURSDAY 28TH OCTOBER 2021

BUILDING A TRAUMA-INFORMED COMMUNITY

Liturgical Resource Ideas

Extracts from A Prayer Book for Australia *Prayers for Various Occasions*

26 *Those suffering abuse*

Loving God, whose Son was both victim and victor, we cry to you for those who suffer abuse, [especially...]. Be with *them* in confusion and pain. Heal the wounds of body and mind; break open the prisons of fear, self-doubt and despair; and strengthen *them* to face the future with faith, hope and courage. Reach out to *them* with your love, that they may be made whole in body, mind and spirit, through the healing touch of the suffering Christ. Amen

27 *Those suffering abuse*

God, our redeemer and sustainer, We pray for survivors of violence, abuse and neglect. Give your power to the powerless, your fullness to the empty spirit. Heal their wounds, free them from fear, and restore them to true health. Grant this through Jesus Christ the crucified and risen Saviour who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

28 *Those who abuse*

Judge of all the earth, God of justice, We bring before you all who abuse others. Turn the hearts of the violent from the way of evil. Fill them with a hatred of the damage they do, so bringing them to true repentance and amendment of their lives, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

Some forms of Intercessions (from Church of England website)

8 Let us pray to God the Father, who has reconciled all things to himself in Christ:

For peace among the nations, that God may rid the world of violence and let peoples grow in justice and harmony...

For those who serve in public office, that they may work for the common good...

For Christian people everywhere, that we may joyfully proclaim and live our faith in Jesus Christ...

For those who suffer from hunger, sickness or loneliness, that the presence of Christ may bring them health and wholeness...

Let us commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray, to the mercy and protection of God.

10 In peace, let us pray to Jesus our Lord, who ever lives to make intercession for us.

Saviour of the world, be present in all places of suffering, violence and pain, and bring hope even in the darkest night. Inspire us to continue your work of reconciliation today. **R**

Lord of the Church, empower by your Spirit all Christian people, [*especially NN*], and the work of your Church in every land. Give us grace to proclaim the gospel joyfully in word and deed. **R**

Shepherd and Guardian of our souls, guide and enable all who lead and serve this community and those on whom we depend for our daily needs. Grant that we may seek the peace and welfare of this place. **R**

Great Physician, stretch out your hand to bring comfort, wholeness and peace to [*N and*] all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. Fill us with compassion, that we may be channels of your healing love. **R**

Conqueror of death, remember for good those whom we love but see no longer. Help us to live this day in the sure and certain hope of your eternal victory. **R**

Let us commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray, to the mercy and protection of God.

11 Let us by prayer and intercession with thanksgiving make our requests to God.

Gracious God, we pray for peace, justice and reconciliation throughout the world. We pray for the honouring of human rights, and for the relief of the oppressed. We give thanks for all that is gracious in the lives of men, women and children. **R**

We pray for the renewal of the Church in faith, love and service. We pray for *N* our bishop and for the life of this *parish/community*. We give thanks for the gift of your word, the grace of the sacraments and the fellowship of your people. **R**

We pray for this local community and for all people in their daily life and work. We pray for the young and the elderly, for families, and all who are alone. We give thanks for human skill and creativity and all that reveals your loveliness. **R**

We pray for those who are in need; for the sick, sorrowful and bereaved. We pray for all who bring comfort, care and healing. We give thanks for human love and friendship and for all that enriches our daily lives. **R**

Let us commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray, to the mercy and protection of God.

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/worship-texts-and-resources/common-worship/daily-prayer/prayers#mm10d>

Confession and absolution from Church of England Website

Invitations to Confession

B6 *God in creation, Lament*

Human sin disfigures the whole creation, which groans with eager longing for God's redemption. We confess our sin in penitence and faith. *cf Romans 8.22,23*

B23 Relationships and healing, Lament

Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the cross so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds we have been healed. Let us confess our sins. *cf 1 Peter 2.24*

B24 Relationships and healing, Incarnation

The sun of righteousness has dawned with healing in his wings. Let us come to the light of Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith. *cf Malachi 4.2*

B27 Relationships and healing

The grace of God has dawned upon the world with healing for all. Let us come to him, in sorrow for our sins, seeking healing and salvation. *cf Titus 2.11*

Confessions

B53 Living in the world, God in creation, Church and mission (*Suggested absolution: B82, below*)

Lord God, our maker and our redeemer, this is your world and we are your people: come among us and save us. We have wilfully misused your gifts of creation; Lord, be merciful:

Forgive us our sin.

We have seen the ill-treatment of others and have not gone to their aid; Lord, be merciful:

Forgive us our sin.

We have condoned evil and dishonesty and failed to strive for justice; Lord, be merciful:

Forgive us our sin.

We have heard the good news of Christ, but have failed to share it with others; Lord, be merciful:

Forgive us our sin.

We have not loved you with all our heart, nor our neighbours as ourselves; Lord, be merciful:

Forgive us our sin.

May the Father of all mercies cleanse us from our sins, and restore us in his image to the praise and glory of his name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

or

May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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Kyrie Confessions

B61 Holy Spirit, Relationships and healing

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit. Lord, have mercy, **Lord, have mercy.**

You bring pardon and peace to the broken in heart. Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

You make one by your Spirit the torn and divided. Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

B64 Church and mission, Living in the world

In a dark and disfigured world we have not held out the light of life: Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

In a hungry and despairing world we have failed to share our bread: Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

In a cold and loveless world we have kept the love of God to ourselves: Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

B65 Relationships and healing

Friend of sinners, you bring hope in our despair. Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Healer of the sick, you give strength in our weakness. Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Destroyer of evil, you bring life in our dying. Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

B67 Living in the world

Lord Jesus, you wept over the sins of your city. On our city: Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you heal the wounds of sin and division, jealousy and bitterness. On us: Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you bring pardon and peace to the sinner. Grant us peace: Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Absolutions

B72 General

The Lord enrich *you* with his grace, and nourish *you* with his blessing; the Lord defend *you* in trouble and keep *you* from all evil; the Lord accept *your* prayers, and absolve *you* from *your* offences, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour.

Amen.

B73 General

May the God of love bring *us* back to himself, forgive *us our* sins, and assure *us* of his eternal love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

B80 Relationships and healing

May the God of love and power forgive *you* and free *you* from *your* sins, heal and strengthen *you* by his Spirit, and raise *you* to new life in Christ our Lord.

Amen.

B82 Living in the world

May God who loved the world so much that he sent his Son to be our Saviour forgive *us our* sins and make *us* holy to serve him in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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