

Vestry Prayers & Prayers to prepare for worship

Tip: Practise these prayers a number of times before you need to use them. Do not hurry, practise being slow and meaningful. And don't worry! God will help you.

O Lord, we can do nothing without you. Go with me (*go with your servant name*) now to lead this worship to your praise and glory. Guide me (*guide name*) by your Holy Spirit, that I (*he/she*) may enable your people to reach you as you speak to them in this service. In the name of, and in the power of Jesus... Amen.

O Lord, Let the Holy Spirit rest upon me (*your representative name*) in a spirit of wisdom and understanding, in a spirit of counsel and might, in a spirit of knowledge and truth, in a spirit of fear and yet godly love, that this service may be acceptable in your sight, and that we may all proclaim your holy gospel, through Jesus Christ our Lord... Amen

Lord, I just want to thank you for lending me this opportunity to lead your people in prayer and in praise.

Guide me, lead me, guard me, that our praise is about you and not about me or us, that your spirit will come upon us in this hour, that your power will be within us, and your love will remain with us. Thank you. Amen

Bless us now as we praise you Lord. Fill us with your spirit, inspire us with your grace, challenge us with your teachings, renew us in your Love. For Jesus came into the world to save sinners... us. Amen.

Clean out my heart, O merciful father; and my mouth, that I may preach your gospel in love and mercy. Empower me for I am weak, enable the congregation to drink of your love, strengthen us together and prepare us for your work, for this hour is yours. Amen

Lord we are here. Lord we are weak. Lord we need you. Lord speak to us. Lord in this service. Amen.

Lord as we hear your earthly choir singing, transport us out of this world for a second, that we may experience a taste of the Heavenly chorus. Lord as we hear your word, take us to your side for a moment that you may speak to us.

Lord as we feel your presence may we embrace your will for us. And Lord as you send us away from your house, may we be filled with your spirit, to share with those we live and work with. Amen.

Lord, in your mercy, and through your power, may the words of my mouth, and the thoughts in my heart, be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my rock, and redeemer. Amen.

In this service Lord, may we trust and obey; for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, than to trust and obey. Amen.

O God, clear our minds of all things except your things in this hour, that we may clearly see you, clearly hear you and clearly feel you . Amen

May the Lord purify me (*his servant name*) that I (*he/she*) may worthily perform His service. That I (*he/she*) may boldly speak His glory, and may proudly submit to His leadership. Amen.

God you made us. We exist.
God you saved us. For we had fallen.
God you called us. We are here.
God you empowered us. We can do.
God you commanded us. We obey.
God, you sent Jesus. We are His. Amen.

Lord we want to hear you. Lord we want to feel you. Lord we want to know you. Lord we want to be yours. In your house we gather, in your name we come, in your honour we worship, in your power we are saved.
From your house we are sent, in your honour to spread your worship, in your power to save others. Amen.