

Prayers for Strength

Difficulty

Heavenly Father, Help us to keep our eyes on thee and to realize that you are still on the throne and in control. Help us in our unbelief. You, only, have the ability to clear the murky water and reflect through each of us the love and patience of Thy wisdom and peace.

- *Bob Dill*

Death

Jesus Christ, Lord of the living and dead: with each generation your body of believers grows and grows. Thank you for all who have gone before us, for what they achieved and what they learned. Give us strength to do your will to be your body now. Amen.

- *New Zealand Prayer Book*

Children

God our Father, you see your children growing up in an unsteady and confusing world: Show them that your ways give more life than the ways of the world, and that following you is better than chasing after selfish goals. Help them to take failure, not as a measure of their worth, but as a chance for a new start. Give them strength to hold their faith in you, and to keep alive their joy in your creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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- *Book of Common Prayer*

Child's Prayer

I pray to you oh God to guide me on my way. And to help me as I grow. And to let me become as strong as these trees. And as beautiful as the leaves. Let me grow up like the frog, who never has to worry about anything. And remind me Lord always that you are there for me. Amen.

- *Kathleen Barrett*

Family

We thank you Lord for being our teacher. For guiding us on the path of being more forgiving with each other while in the midst of everyday strife and pettiness. Help us to love each other in a way that is supportive and encouraging. Each morning as we go our separate ways, strengthen us to make the right decisions according to your word: to choose the correct path in all situations. Help us to remember there are those who are not surrounded by a loving family. May we take the time to lend a helping hand to those in need. As always, we pray in your name. Amen

- *Kathleen Barrett*

Divorce

Heavenly Father, be with the _____ family as they transition into two separate households. Let your love shine throughout both homes, that they may know your love and kindness. Let both this husband and wife grow strong in your love and live their lives according to Your will and not their own. I also pray for all children of divorce, that they have both their parents in their lives, and never doubt for one second that they are loved and cherished, and precious in Your sight. Thank you for your love for us through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Step-Family

Guide our steps God, from what was to what can be. We want to become a family. Guide us to common ground. As we step closer, keep us from crowding one another; help us honor each one as unique, intriguing, and special. And as we build new traditions, help us respect grief over losing old ones, for even in the midst of celebrating and rebuilding, there is mourning. Step closer, Lord, and guide us toward wholeness. Amen – *Kathleen Barrett*

Nation

Lord of all nations, we thank you for our country. Bless the people of our land with those things they need for daily living. Give guidance to our leaders that Your will be done. Protect us at all times and give us peace. In Jesus name. Amen.

World Peace

O Almighty God, the Father of all humanity, turn, we pray, the hearts of all peoples and their rulers, that by the power of your Holy Spirit peace may be established among the nations on the foundation of justice, righteousness and truth; through him who was lifted up on the cross to draw all people to himself, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

- *William Temple (1881-1944)*

Loss of Job

Heavenly Father, you provide all good things and have control over all creation. Sometimes things are taken away. Through the forgiveness from Your Son Jesus, take away the anger, frustration, and emptiness at the loss of employment. By Your Holy Spirit give understanding at the loss of this job. Give strength to endure this time. Guide us to be supportive of those looking for jobs, to be creative in seeking new jobs, and to be open to new opportunities. Provide a new job that is gainful, meaningful, offers a fair wage, and contributes to improving Your world. Amen.

Friendship

Creator God, shape _____ into a friend who loves at all times. Amen. – *Baker Kittelson*

Siblings

Holy Spirit, guide _____ and *his/her* siblings how to be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as Jesus forgave them. Amen. – *Baker Kittelson*

Purpose in Life

Creator God, You know the plans You have for _____, plans to prosper _____ and not to harm _____, plans to give _____ hope and a future. Cause _____ to call upon You and come and pray to You, and then listen to *him/her*, O Lord. Amen. – *Baker Kittelson*