

# GENERAL SYNOD JULY 2014

## Prayer Cycle for Continuous Praying Presence

The following prayers are provided as a framework. These and other prayers could be used to frame periods of silent prayer. Some or all of the prayers should be used to mark each quarter hour and may be introduced with the invitation:

‘As we continue in prayer for the deliberations of the General Synod, we pause to say together . . .’

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### Lord’s Prayer

Either version may be used:

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

*All* Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

or

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray  
*All* Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
Amen.

### **Collects for the Guidance of the Holy Spirit**

Almighty God,  
you have given your Holy Spirit to the Church  
to lead us into all truth:  
bless with the Spirit's grace and presence  
the members of this synod;  
keep us steadfast in faith and united in love,  
that we may manifest your glory  
and prepare the way of your kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

O God, forasmuch as without thee we are not able to please thee;  
Mercifully grant that thy Holy Spirit may in all things  
direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Prayer for an outward-facing church**

Sending God,  
You call your people to be salt and light in a dark and needy world:  
Set our eyes on the poor, the helpless and the lost,  
Open our lips with the good news that you have proclaimed to us,  
Fill our hearts with love for those you put in our path,  
And lead our feet in the ways of your Kingdom;  
In the name of Jesus, our Saviour and our strength,  
Amen

*✠ Justin Cantuar 2013*

### **Prayer for the Church of England**

Almighty and ever-living God  
Grant to all your faithful people  
in the Church of England  
a new understanding of your Kingdom,  
a new knowledge of your suffering-love and power,  
a fresh vision of your glory:  
and so awaken us to the reality of your presence  
that we may be caught up in your purposes,  
be generous in our judgements,  
and serve you with a burning spirit and a quiet mind.  
Keep us, good Lord, in the Joy, Simplicity  
and Compassion of your Holy Gospel;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord  
Amen.

*✠ Sentamu Eboracensis (Birmingham, 11 June 2002)*

## **Prayers for Christian Unity**

(to be said one after the other without a break)

Heavenly Father,  
you have called us in the Body of your Son Jesus Christ  
to continue his work of reconciliation  
and reveal you to the world.  
Forgive us the sins which tear us apart;  
give us the courage to overcome our fears  
and to seek that unity which is your gift and will;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
Amen.

Lord Jesus Christ,  
who said to your apostles,  
'Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you':  
look not on our sins but on the faith of your Church  
and grant it the peace and unity of your kingdom;  
where you are alive and reign with the Father  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God now and for ever.  
Amen.

***Please leave this booklet in the chapel***

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