

# Prayers for families with children being baptised



# TIME FOR PRAYER

We can pray in many different ways – in silence, in our own words or by lighting a candle. But sometimes we need help to pull our thoughts together. These pages have a selection of prayers which you may find helpful

*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.*



## A prayer for godparents to say

Generous God,  
Thank you for my godchild.  
Help me to be faithful to the promises  
I make on his/her behalf.  
Help me to grow in my own faith  
and to be a friend and companion to  
him/her.  
In Jesus' name. Amen.

## The night before a christening

Dear God,

Be with my friends tomorrow – may they know joy.

Be with my family tomorrow – may we know love.

Be with me tomorrow – may I know peace.

Be with my child – may s/he know your light

As s/he begins his/her amazing journey of faith.

Lead him/her in the right path,

Keep him/her safe

And help us all to know you are with us,

Now and always.

Amen.



## At bedtime

Loving God,

As the light shines in this bedroom,  
May your light shine always for my little one.

May he/she go safely through life,  
Knowing your love and goodness.  
May he/she be like a light for others,  
Bringing hope and joy to friend and stranger.

May he/she know you are always there  
To guide, to lead and to protect. Amen.



## A prayer for parents to say

Bless us parents as we celebrate the christening of our child.

Watch over us that we may be examples of your love, peace and joy to our children, friends and all who come into contact with us.

Bless our child's godparents, as they commit to support our newly baptized child.

Guide them as they offer help and support to us and our children, now and throughout their amazing journey of life.

Bless our child's grandparents, as they see their family growing.

Encourage them to pass on their wisdom with gentleness and truth, offering love and joy to us and our children.

Bless our friends, as our lives change and move on. Inspire them to be a listening presence, a calming influence and a source of joy, as we share new experiences together.

Bless our family and friends, Loving God, watch over and protect us all. Amen.



## To pray together with a child

Dear God,  
Thank you for your wonderful world.  
Be close to all the people who need help.  
Thank you for my lovely friends and family  
Help us to be kind to each other all the time.  
Thank you for me.  
Keep me safe, and let me grow well in every way.  
Thank you for Jesus.  
Be very close to me always. Amen.



## After a difficult day

Dear God,  
Sometimes life is good and sometimes it's not.  
Help us to know that you are with us in all of it.  
Where we have done wrong today, forgive us;  
when we have felt sad, comfort us;  
where we have been afraid, strengthen us;  
When we feel we've had enough  
Give us strength to try again.  
For we are on an amazing journey of faith,  
and we know that you never leave us.  
Bless this home tonight  
And let your peace be known.  
In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

# A Prayer for the future

Generous and loving God,  
We pray for our child(ren) in each stage of life.  
As the time to start school approaches;  
For the homework that will be done;  
For the friends who will be made;  
For the independence and confidence that will develop.  
We pray for the growth of faith in our child(ren).  
We pray for him/her/them at each new stage of their education.  
Give us the strength to support his/her/their learning  
Give to us parents the grace to love in good and in difficult times.  
Help us to say 'well done' and 'I love you' everyday.  
Amen.

