

*Let your Church be a living witness
to truth and freedom,
to justice and peace,
that all people may be lifted up
by the hope of a world made new.*

EP Various Needs and Occasions

For we are God's servants,
working together; you are God's
field, God's building.

According to the grace of God
given to me, like a skilled mas-
ter builder I laid a foundation,
and someone else is building
on it. Each builder must choose
with care how to build on it. For
no one can lay any foundation
other than the one that has been
laid; that foundation is Jesus
Christ.

1 Corinthians 3:9-11

*Keep your Church alert in faith
to the signs of the times
and eager to accept
the challenge of the gospel.*

*Open our hearts to the needs
of all humanity,
so that sharing their grief
and anguish,
their joy and hope,
we may faithfully bring them
the good news of salvation
and advance together
on the way to your kingdom.*

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HUMAN WORK

By offering out labour to God
we become associated with the
redemptive work of Jesus Christ.
He gave great dignity to work
when at Nazareth he worked
with his own hands.

Gaudium et Spes 67

*Almighty God,
Creator of all that is,
you call us to serve you
as stewards of the world
you have made.*

*Guide those who exercise
this stewardship
in industry, commerce,
and technology.*

*Grant to your people the wise use
of all the talents you have given,
that our endeavours
may serve the common good
and your own greater glory.*

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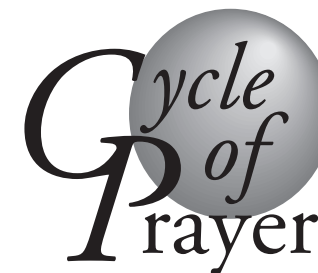
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Easter

Because the joy and hope, the struggle and anguish of the people of this age and especially of the poor and those suffering in any way are the joy and hope, the struggle and anguish of Christ's disciples, the Church prays not just for its own needs but for the salvation of the world.



The Bishops of England and Wales invite you to join in the Cycle of Prayer

Please pray for the current intentions, both with your parish community and in your own personal prayers. On some days these intentions will be included in the Prayer of the Faithful at Mass. Also it is hoped that vigils and other prayer services will be held.

This leaflet is one of a series which offers a selection of prayers and texts on the intentions of the Cycle of Prayer which may be used in private or public worship.

Throughout Easter we are asked to pray for these intentions:

EASTER

New Members of the Church

Vocations

especially on the World Day of Prayer for Vocations (Fourth Sunday of Easter)

Human Work

especially on St Joseph the Worker (1 May)

The Right Use of the Media

especially on World Communications Day (Seventh Sunday of Easter)

The Church

Especially at Pentecost

NEW MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH

Rejoice, you newly baptised, chosen members of the Kingdom. Buried with Christ in death, you are reborn in him by faith.

RCIA 263

Father,
you give your Church constant growth by adding new members to your family. Help us put into action in our lives the baptism we have received with faith.

Roman Missal (RM) 222

I have chosen you to go and bear fruit that will last.

John 15:16

Father,
in your plan for our salvation you provide shepherds for your people. Fill your Church with the spirit of courage and love. Raise up worthy ministers for your altars and ardent but gentle servants of the gospel.

Roman Missal (RM) 806

VOCATIONS

THE RIGHT USE OF THE MEDIA

Speak out with a voice of joy; let it be heard to the ends of the earth: The Lord has set his people free, alleluia.

RM 260

O God,
whose word is truth and in whose light we see light, guide those who tell the story of our times through word and image.

Make them seekers after truth and advocates of human dignity. Grant discernment to all who rely on their labours, and, as we confront the pain and promise of this world, awaken in us a sense of wonder at your presence and of longing for your peace.