



God is at work and we believe
that partnering with God in
prayer, changes things.

Through your prayers and support, even more people at the edges can hear the life-changing good news of Jesus. Your prayers are powerful and knowing you are praying is such an encouragement to our people in mission and the communities they work in.

We'd love you to pray with us this Christmas and the coming weeks by using the resources below in your services, small groups and/or by sharing prayer items in your regular emails and newsletters.



1. Intercessory Prayers for use in groups and services

Slides of this intercessory prayer are available if you are able to project in your setting. Alternatively, the prayer can be read and the congregation asked to join in each section with the repeating line of 'Lord, we pray the world hears the good news that only Jesus can bring.'

[Leader]

Loving God,

We thank you that you are a great
and mighty God,

Creator of the heavens and the earth.

We come before you now with our
prayers and petitions for ourselves
and for the world.

God of peace,

We lift before you places in the world
where there is conflict

In a moment of silence, we think of a
place where peace seems impossible.
[silence]

But you are a God of the impossible
and we ask for you to intervene.

**(All) Lord, we pray for the peace that
only Jesus can bring.**

God of hope and joy,

We thank you that you promise to be
with us at all times and in a places,
In the highs and the lows of life.

We pray for anyone trying to live,
work and provide for their family in
difficult situations.

At all times, whatever season we are
in, help us to find our hope in you.

**(All) Lord, we pray that the world
would know the hope that only
Jesus can bring.**

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God of the unexpected,
We bring to mind situations where a miracle is needed,
And we pray for you to intervene.
Help us to give you the glory when the unexpected happens, and help us to trust in you when our prayers aren't answered how we would like.

(All) We pray for miracles that only Jesus can bring.

God of good news,
As Christmas approaches, we thank you for a baby born to be saviour of the world.
We thank you that we have a message of hope and love for the world.
We thank you for organisations like Church Mission Society working to share the good news of your love far and wide.

We pray you will guide them and give them wisdom.

Show us the part we can play in telling the world of your love.

(All) We pray for the whole world to hear the good news that only Jesus can bring.

God of faithfulness,
We thank you for the people in mission working with CMS to share the good news of your love with people at the edges all around the world.

We thank you for their faithfulness, And we pray for protection over them and strength in their mission.*

(All) We pray for strength that only Jesus can bring.

In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
(All) Amen.

**You could include information and requests from CMS partners you support or those in our Only Jesus Prayer Resource at this point.*

2. Prayer gift tag activity

Our prayer gift tag template can be used as a moment of prayer for all ages in your services or as a rolling prayer station during the Christmas period. Please see the All Age resources pdf for the activity.



3. Please keep **praying**

Prayer changes things so please encourage your congregation to continue to pray for our people in mission into 2025 by including prayer points below in your services, groups or newsletters and service sheets over the coming months.

Prayer focus: Democratic Republic of Congo

Working with the Anglican Church in Congo, Church Mission Society partner Bisoke started a Peace Centre in Ituri Province, a region rocked by tribal fighting.

Please pray for:

- ▶ people trapped in trauma after war, to know and experience the miraculous healing that only Jesus can bring
- ▶ peace to reign in DRC provision for families living in camps
- ▶ for God's love to be shared across the region

Prayer focus: Middle East

Church Mission Society partners Fiona and Joel Kelling have been working alongside local churches in the war-torn Middle East to strengthen the mission of the Church there and to care for vulnerable groups.

Please pray for:

- ▶ lasting peace that only Jesus can bring across the Middle East
- ▶ those displaced by the ongoing violence and destruction
- ▶ Strength for the staff at Al-Ahli Hospital in Gaza (founded by CMS in 1882), which was hit by a rocket attack in October 2023
- ▶ rest and recuperation for Fiona and Joel currently back in the UK to study

Prayer focus: Ukraine

Church Mission Society partner Alison Giblett is serving in Ukraine to give practical, spiritual and emotional support to people whose lives have been torn apart by the war.

Please pray for:

- ▶ an end to war and peace to prevail
- ▶ the peace of God that only Jesus can provide for all who are in fear or suffering
- ▶ safety and continued wisdom for Alison and her team
- ▶ Godly wisdom for all leaders in how to respond

Prayer focus: Honduras

Church Mission Society partners Lindsey and Steve Poulson work in Honduras on creating safe spaces for at-risk young people to flourish and avoid living on the streets.

Please pray for:

- ▶ hope that only Jesus can give and for opportunities for young people in Honduras
- ▶ young people searching for a better life, that God will provide for their needs and guide them to a safe and hopeful future
- ▶ the mentoring groups run by Lindsey and Steve
- ▶ Lindsey and Steve as they welcome a new baby to the family next year