

## **Thank You God**

Thank You God, for giving us the gift of this day,  
another opportunity to give and receive your love.  
Thank you for giving us food and shelter and good health.  
Thank you for the sun that warms our bodies  
and the air that fills our lungs.  
Help us to be kind and understanding,  
loving and caring,  
Be with us today and every day. Amen.

## **Prayer for School and Play**

Dear God, be with us throughout this week.  
Be with us in all our schoolwork and in our play.  
Help us to be friendly, thoughtful and kind.  
Be with us through each day. Amen.

## **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

Thank You God, for giving us the gift of this day,  
Another opportunity to give and receive your love.  
Thank you for giving us food and shelter,  
and good health so that we can fully participate in life.  
Thank you for the sun that warms our bodies  
and the air that fills our lungs.  
for friends, for toys, books, fun and everything  
May we never forget the gifts you have given us  
And help us to share them at home, in school and everywhere.  
Amen.

## **Beatitudes**

Blessed is the tree which takes time to sink deep roots.  
Blessed is the seed that has the potential to produce a rich harvest.  
Blessed are the flowers of the fields that bring so much colour to the countryside.  
Blessed is the wind that breathes life into all creation.  
Blessed is the rain which falls on the fields helping the green grass to grow.  
Blessed are the leaves that fall from the trees  
To provide rich nourishment for the earth.  
Praise and thank you God for all the gift of creation.

## **Lord you are always with us**

Lord you are always with us, fill us with your love,  
Cover us with your peace, show us your presence.  
Help us to know that we are under your protection,  
and that we are covered by your love. Amen.

## **Come Lord**

Come Lord, with the power of your presence into our midst.  
Come with your power into our prayer.  
Come with your power into our lives.  
Come with your power into our work.  
Come with your power into our togetherness.  
and help us to be your presence  
  
and to spread your love to one another  
and to all we meet. Amen.

## **Prayer for Kindness**

Lord, help us to be kind and loving  
Let no one come into our midst  
without coming away better and happier.  
Help us to be a living expression of your love and kindness.  
Love and kindness in our face.  
Love and kindness in our eyes.  
Love and kindness in our smile.  
Love and kindness in our greeting of hello and goodbye. Amen.

## **Prayer for Refugees and Victims of War**

Lord God, no one is a stranger to you  
and no one is ever far from your loving care.  
Watch over refugees and victims of war, all who are separated from their loved ones  
and all who are in need of any kind  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Summer Prayer

Creator God, thank you for summer.

For the warmth of the sun and the increased daylight and the opportunity it brings to be outside to enjoy the beauty of creation and the companionship of our friends.

Open our eyes to see your beauty all around us that fills us with joy and happiness. Amen.

## A Seaside Prayer

Lord, we thank you for the beauty and gift of the ocean,

We ask you to guide and protect all who sail the seas.

Bless and renew all who come to the seaside, whether to engage in water sports, to swim and walk the beach, to build sandcastles, to share a picnic or just to relax in the sea air.

For the gift of the seaside we thank and praise you. Amen.

## Gratitude for Mother Earth

God of the Universe,

Thank you for your many good gifts.

For the beauty of creation, its rich and varied fruits,  
animals and plants, clean running water and fresh air.

Forgive us for the times we have taken the earth's beauty and resources for granted  
and wasted what you have given us.

Help us to touch the earth and to respect all life with love and care. Amen.

## Blessing

With first light of dawn when the new day begins

*May God bless us*

When the long day is over and we snuggle down in our bed

*May God bless us*

In our work and in our play each day

*May God bless us*

In our smile and in our tears

*May God bless us*

*In our successes and in our disappointments*

*May God bless us*

Through each day and through each night

*May God bless us*