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# The Parish Church of St. Giles, Pontefract



## Prayers for Family Life and Children

**For the gift of children**

Lord of life,  
you shape us in your image,  
and by your gracious gift  
the human family is increased.  
Grant to *N* and *N* the blessing of children.  
Fill them with wisdom and love  
as they care for their family,  
so that they and their children  
may know and love you;  
through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

**For a new baby**

God our creator,  
we thank you for the gift of this child,  
entrusted to our care.  
May we be patient and understanding,  
ready to guide and to forgive,  
so that through our love  
he/she may come to know your love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

**For a fragile new baby**

Gentle God, giver of life,  
you know each of us by name  
and you love all that you have made.  
Thank you for [name], our wonderful, tiny  
baby.  
Come close to us, and to all who care for her.  
Protect her in the treatment she faces,  
and support us as we tend her fragile body.  
Help us to know you near us, night and day.  
Amen.

**Adopting a child**

Loving Father,  
who through a Spirit of adoption  
has made us his children and fellow-heirs with  
Christ,  
grant that *N*, whom *N* and *N* now bring into  
their family,  
may come to know their love,  
and find in the fullness of their common life,  
the joy and the glory  
of Jesus Christ our risen Lord.  
Amen.

**A prayer for children**

Loving God,  
your Son told his disciples  
to become like little children.  
Lead us to work for the welfare  
and protection of all young people.  
May we respect their dignity  
that they may flourish in life,  
following the example of the same  
Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

**A prayer for family life**

God of compassion,  
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,  
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,  
and on the cross drew the whole human fami-  
ly to himself:  
strengthen us in our daily living  
that in joy and in sorrow  
we may know the power of your presence  
to bind together and to heal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.