

## For those who mourn

O God, who brought us to birth,  
and in whose arms we die,  
in our grief and shock  
contain and comfort us;  
embrace us with your love,  
give us hope in our confusion  
and grace to let go into new life;  
through Jesus Christ.  
Amen.

Father,  
you know our hearts and share our sorrows.  
We are hurt by our parting from those whom  
we loved:  
when we are angry at the loss we have  
sustained,  
when we long for words of comfort,  
yet find them hard to hear,  
turn our grief to truer living,  
our affliction to firmer hope  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

Gracious God,  
surround us and all who mourn this day  
with your continuing compassion.  
Do not let grief overwhelm your children,  
or turn them against you.  
When grief seems never-ending,  
take them one step at a time  
along your road of death and resurrection  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

If you would like to talk to someone about  
the things you have brought to God in prayer,  
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# The Parish Church of St. Giles, Pontefract



## Prayers for Personal Situations

## **For the healing of memory**

Loving God,  
you are merciful and forgiving.  
Grant that those who are suffering the hurts  
of the past  
may experience your generous love.  
Heal their memories, comfort them,  
and send them all from here  
renewed and hopeful;  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## **A prayer for God's guidance**

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,  
we ask you to direct, sanctify and govern both  
our hearts and bodies  
in the ways of your laws and the works of  
your commandments;  
that through your most mighty protection,  
both here and ever,  
we may be preserved in body and soul;  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen.

## **For dealing with a difficult situation**

Sovereign God,  
the defence of those who trust in you  
and the strength of those who suffer:  
look with mercy on our affliction  
and deliver us through our mighty Saviour  
Jesus Christ.  
Amen.

## **For justice**

Living God,  
deliver us from a world without justice  
and a future without mercy;  
in your mercy, establish justice,  
and in your justice, remember the mercy  
revealed to us in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## **For those who are lonely**

O God, our sovereign and our shepherd,  
who brought again your Son Jesus Christ from  
the valley of death,  
comfort us with your protecting presence  
and your angels of goodness and love,  
that we also may come home  
and dwell with him in your house for ever.  
Amen.

Abide with us, Lord, for it is evening,  
and day is drawing to a close.  
Abide with us and with your whole Church,  
in the evening of the day,  
in the evening of life,  
in the evening of the world;  
abide with us and with all your faithful ones, O  
Lord,  
in time and in eternity.  
Amen.

## **For growth and transformation**

Almighty God,  
in Christ you make all things new:  
transform the poverty of our nature by the  
riches of your grace,  
and in the renewal of our lives  
make known your heavenly glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

Faithful and steadfast God,  
nourish your people in this wicked world,  
and, through prayer and the Scriptures,  
give us our daily bread;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## **A prayer of thanksgiving**

Blessed are you, Lord our God.  
How sweet are your words to the taste,  
sweeter than honey to the mouth.  
How precious are your commands for our life,  
more than the finest gold in our hands.  
How marvellous is your will for the world,  
Unending is your love for the nations.  
Our voices shall sing of your promises  
and our lips declare your praise.  
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
Blessed be God for ever.  
Amen.

## **For those who feel guilt**

Give us honest hearts, O God,  
and send your kindly Spirit  
to help us confess our sins  
and bring us the peace of your forgiveness;  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

Lord, your justice turns evil on itself:  
move us to examine our hearts  
and repent of all duplicity;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ,  
our Judge and righteous Saviour.  
Amen.

## **For those in pain**

Lord God, whose Son, Jesus Christ,  
understood people's fear and pain  
before they spoke of them,  
we pray for those in hospital;  
surround the frightened with your tenderness;  
give strength to those in pain;  
hold the weak in your arms of love,  
and give hope and patience  
to those who are recovering;  
we ask this through the same Jesus Christ, our  
Lord.  
Amen.