

For the refugee crisis

Heavenly Father,
you are the source of all goodness, generosity
and love.

We thank you for opening the hearts of many
to those who are fleeing for their lives.

Help us now to open our arms in welcome,
and reach out our hands in support.

That the desperate may find new hope,
and lives torn apart be restored.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ your
Son, our Lord,

who fled persecution at His birth
and at His last triumphed over death.

Amen.

For the cold and homeless

God of compassion,
your love for humanity was revealed in Jesus,
whose earthly life began in the poverty of a
stable

and ended in the pain and isolation of the
cross:

we hold before you those who are homeless
and cold

especially in this bitter weather.

Draw near and comfort them in spirit
and bless those who work to provide them
with shelter, food and friendship.

We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen.

If you would like to talk to someone about
the things you have brought to God in prayer,
please do contact the vicar:

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Or speak to one of our Open Church
Volunteers.

For more prayers please visit our website:
www.stgilespontefract.org.uk

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The Parish Church of St. Giles, Pontefract



*The Prayers used in this leaflet are courtesy of the Church of
England website*

Prayers for the World

For those caught up in tragedy and disaster

O Lord our God,
source of all goodness and love,
accept the fervent prayers of your people;
in the multitude of your mercies look with compassion
upon all who turn to you for help;
for you are gracious, O lover of souls,
and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
now and for ever.
Amen.

In troubled times

God of love,
turn our hearts to your ways;
and give us peace.
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 international unrest

Almighty Father,
whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the King of all:
govern the hearts and minds of those in authority,
and bring the families of the nations,
divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to
be subject to his just and gentle rule;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

At a time of despair

Restless with grief and fear,
the abandoned turn to you:
in every hour of trial,
good Lord, deliver us,
O God most holy, God most strong,
whose wisdom is the cross of Christ.
Amen.

For peace and safety amid unrest

O God, who would fold both heaven and earth in a single peace:
let the design of thy great love
lighten upon the waste of our wraths and sorrows:
and give peace to thy Church,
peace among nations,
peace in our dwellings,
and peace in our hearts:
through thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

For those coping with floods

God of compassion,
you hear the cries of all who are in trouble or distress;
accept our prayers for those whose lives are affected by storms and flooding:
strengthen them in their hour of need,
grant them perseverance and courage to face the future
and be to them a firm foundation on which to build their lives;
this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

A prayer for the emergency services and those coping with the flooding

God of compassion,
hear our prayers for those who are affected by storms and flooding:
strengthen them in their hour of need, and grant them courage to face the future,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen