



## Prayers

### Prayer for Laudato Si'

All powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness, all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love that we might protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world, and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every living creature as we journey towards your infinite light. We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace. Amen.

### Prayer for World Day of the Sick

1. Assign one student to read out each intention. The response after each intention is **Lord, come and heal us.**
  - a. Bless all the sick and fill them with new hope and strength.
  - b. Relieve their pain.
  - c. Free them from sin and do not let them give way to temptation.
  - d. Sustain all the sick with your power.
  - e. Assist all who care for the sick.
  - f. Give life and health to our brothers and sisters who are ill.
2. End with reciting the following prayers:

#### Special Blessing for the Sick

Father in heaven, grant our brothers and sisters comfort in their suffering. When they are afraid, give them courage, when afflicted, give them patience, when dejected, afford them hope, and when alone, assure them of the support of your holy people. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Special Blessing for Caregivers

Lord Jesus, our Brother, you showed your love for the sick by your concern for them. Help us to see you and serve you in the sick. Bless these men and women who are dedicated to helping and healing the sick. Guide them in their labours and give them a greater share of your love. Reward their service by the peace and joy of your Holy Spirit and by the everlasting happiness of heaven.

Lord Jesus, we praise you, for you are our Lord forever and ever. Amen.



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