

Using Scripture for praying for others.

Praying the Lord's Prayer for our neighbours & friends

Lord God, I bring _____ to you and pray for them to become aware that you are their God and Creator. Reveal yourself through what you have made. May they **honour your name** by wanting to live godly lives. Draw them to seek you as their **Father** also, so they will become born of God.

Come, Kingdom of God, and rule in their lives, their homes, and their hearts. Rule over their self-seeking. Rule over the works of darkness, in Jesus' name. **Be done, will of God** in the way they turn to you and follow you.

Give them all the provision they **need for this day**, Lord. Surprise them with your generosity towards them. Open their eyes to your mercy and love in all the good things they enjoy.

Bathe them with your forgiving spirit. May they see their own **need of forgiveness**, and turn to you for cleansing. May they **freely forgive all those who offend them**. Turn their hearts away from vindictiveness and defensiveness. Soften them, and flood them with your love.

Guard them Lord from the evil one with his tempting and testing ways. May they have an increasing distaste for sinful habits. May they long to be free from the powers of darkness. Show yourself strong on their behalf Lord God.

For your **kingdom rule, and your power, and your glory** wants to be revealed in their lives. Do it, Lord God! Shine upon them with mercy and love and power. Make your name renowned in their lives! For your glory, Lord. Amen.

Praying Psalm 23 for your neighbours

Lord Jesus, Good Shepherd, reveal your loving care to my neighbours _____. Help them see all you can be to them. Where there is distress and need, lead them to a place of inner quiet and trust in you. Where there is emptiness and inner hunger, lead them to finding that their soul can feast on you and be satisfied.

Guide _____ into paths of righteousness. Make your name famous by the way you lead him/her into good and right paths. Give _____ the courage to turn away from wrong paths and seek your good ways.

When they walk in dark valleys of suffering or loss or grief, walk with them Lord Jesus. Reveal to them that you are with them, and you can strengthen them and comfort them. Lift their eyes up to you in such times.

When their enemies assail them, show them the table of good things you have laid out for them. When they feel harassed and embattled, may friends and family come to their aid and reveal your goodness. Let the oil of joy flow over them even in the midst of trial.

Pursue _____ Lord with your goodness and mercy. Relentlessly chase them with your love, Good Shepherd. May they come to know you deeply, so they will go to be with you forever.

Open your Word to their hearts, so they receive it with joy. Fulfil your Word in their lives, for your glory, Lord. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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Hold up your hand. Each finger represents a prayer request you can make for your neighbours or contacts as you pray for them. Ask for insight and obedience to God's leadings as you walk and pray. Plead the blood of Jesus over them and yourself.

1. Thumb - Open Heavens. Is.61:1 "O that you would rend the heavens and come down." Pray down God's blessing on the people. "Lord bless them in their work, their relationships, their finances, their health. May they see your goodness and give praise to you. May they acknowledge that all the good things in their lives come from you."
2. Forefinger - Open Hearts to the good news that Jesus wants them to hear. Pray that they would "receive the Word with gladness." "Come Holy Spirit, draw them to places where they can hear good news. Take the veil from their eyes so they can see who Jesus is."
3. Middle finger - Open Homes. Pray that their homes would be open for Jesus to walk in and lovingly redeem the whole family, and that believers can visit freely and bring his peace. "Make them hungry Lord for your presence and your peace in their homes."
4. Ring finger - Open Highways. Is.40:3-5 "Prepare the way of the Lord..." Pray for creative ways that the Word of God can enter their lives. Through music, through TV, articles, books, love from believers, testimonies etc.
5. Little finger - Open Hands Matt.10:7-8 "Freely you have received, freely give." Pray for God's people to offer acts of compassion and unconditional love to help open their hearts to Jesus.

Standing against the enemy - "In the name of Jesus Christ we stand against all the schemes of the enemy to rob these people of the presence and power of God in their lives. We break down every stronghold that raises itself against the knowledge of God. Hear the Word of the Lord, dear people. Him only shall you serve." Amen

Blessing our Neighbours

We have the power in our words to bless our neighbours and workmates. Speak out these blessings and add to them from your personal knowledge of them.

Body - Lord Jesus, we ask you to bless their body with good health and protection and strength for their day. Where there is pain or disease, come with your love and relieve them. Cause them to reach out to you in faith and find healing. Give me healing prayer for them. Strengthen them for demanding tasks. May they know how to find balance and refreshment.

Labour - Lord bless the work you have given them. May they find it gives them satisfaction and joy. Give them sufficient income for their needs, and enough to give away to others in need. Make them generous people. May they be able to create financial security for their later years.

Emotional - Lord I pray for them a deep sense of peace. May they have hope in trial and joy in their accomplishments. Stabilize them in turmoil. Become their anchor in hard times. Help them let go of hurt and unforgiveness.

Social - Lord may their relationships be soaked in love. Strengthen their marriage and family bonds. May they have good friends who support and encourage them. May they be free to give love.

Spiritual - Lord, I pray for their salvation. Call them to yourself. Cause their hearts to turn to you. Grant them the gift of repentance, and the gift of faith in Jesus. Pour out your grace upon them. May they hunger for you, and seek you until they find you. In Jesus' Name, Amen

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Write out your own prayer for your neighbours using thoughts and phrases from Isaiah 55:1-3a, 6-7, 12-13.

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