



Place of Welcome Prayers - Week One

The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it: for he founded it on the seas and established it on the waters.

(Psalm 24:1-2)

Please join in with the words in bold

Leader: The Earth is the Lord's

All: And everything in it

Leader: Faithful God you have blessed us in so many ways

All: We will not forget your goodness to us God

Leader: Your love and grace are our daily companions

All: We rejoice in our journey with you

Leader: Lord Jesus, you were moved with compassion in the face of suffering

All: Soften our hearts, make us a compassionate people

Leader: Lord Jesus, on a crowded mountainside, you fed the hungry

All: From what you have given us, help us ensure that everyone has enough food

Leader: Lord Jesus, you stooped to bring hope to the leper

All: Make us never too busy to bring hope to the hopeless

Leader: Lord Jesus, you displayed your love for us in your life and your death

All: Save us from cynicism and help us live sacrificially

Leader: Lord Jesus by your actions you brought transformation to the world

All: By your power help us to be agents of change in the places of need

All: Lord Jesus, you teach us to care for strangers and foreigners, be with us as we seek to be good neighbours in our communities. Holy Spirit, you break down our barriers and celebrate community, be with us as we find the courage to create a place of welcome for all, Amen.



 Place of Welcome Prayers - Week Two

For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger, and you took me in. (Matthew 25:35)

Please join in with the words in bold

Leader: That the rest of this day may be holy, peaceful, and full of your presence:
in faith we pray.

All: We pray to you, our God.

Leader: That the work we will do and the people we will meet today may bring us
closer to you:
in faith we pray.

All: We pray to you, our God.

Leader: That we may hear and respond to your call to peace and justice:
in faith we pray.

All: We pray to you, our God.

Leader: That you will sustain the faith and hope of those who are lonely, oppressed
and anxious:
in faith we pray.

All: We pray to you, our God.

Leader: That you will strengthen us in your service,
and fill our hearts with a longing for your kingdom:
in faith we pray.

All: We pray to you, our God.

**All: Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every
person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen.





Place of Welcome Prayers - Week Three

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his. We are his people, the sheep of his pasture. (Psalm 100:1-3)

Please join in with the words in bold

Leader: We thank you God for the world, the tides and seasons, the incredible way it sustains life, and the powerful way it affects our existence. We thank you that you provide for all you have made. Help us to ensure that all you have entrusted to us is shared and not wasted.

Lord in Your mercy

All: Hear our prayer

Leader: We place our leaders into your hands, politicians and monarchs, church leaders and corporations. We pray for a just world, where your love and mercy reign, and all are protected, supported and nurtured. We place our country into your hands, the people, the institutions and the way of life.

Lord in Your mercy

All: Hear our prayer

Leader: We pray for those who are hungry this day, and those who have the power to change that. We pray for all those in poverty and all those fighting to end poverty.

Lord in Your mercy

All: Hear our prayer

Leader: We place our community into your hands, those we know and those we don't, those who are in a time of great need right now. We pray that we may be your hands and feet in this place.

Lord in Your mercy

All: Hear our prayer

Leader: We place ourselves into your hands, trusting that you know our needs, what we hunger and thirst for. We give ourselves to play our part in your plan.

All: Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ, Amen.





Place of Welcome Prayers - Week Four

Psalm 121

Please join in with the words in bold

Leader: I lift up my eyes to the mountains - where does my help come from?

All: My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.

Leader: He will not let your foot slip; he who watches over you will not sleep.

All: Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

Leader: The Lord himself watches over you; the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

All: So that the sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

Leader: The Lord will keep you from all harm; He will watch over your life;

All: The Lord will keep watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

Leader: God of faithfulness, your generous love supplies us with all that we need. We know that all we have is yours. We give you thanks for the generous support of many people. Through this Place of Welcome, we are able to offer refreshment to the hungry, a drink to the thirsty, and compassion to those in need.

All: Accept our offering of worship and service. May your Holy Spirit empower us to be your hands and feet in our community as we continue to serve those in need. And we pray that you would bless all those who give and receive.

Amen.





Place of Welcome Prayers - Week Five

I was a stranger and you welcomed me in. Matthew 25:35

Please join in with the words in bold

Leader: Loving God, we lay before you the challenges that confront us at home, at work, in our communities and Church. May your Son, the Good Shepherd, guide and shape the life of your Church that all may find a welcome, secure in your presence.

Jesus, Lord of the Church,

All: In your mercy, hear us.

Leader: Renew your Church in the love of truth and in passion for justice. Take from us all hypocrisy and deceit, and teach us to serve with humility and honesty those whose lives are broken.

Jesus, Lord of the Church,

All: In your mercy, hear us.

Leader: Help us to cherish children and all in our community who are vulnerable, to protect them, and keep them safe. May this place rejoice to be a place where your love is celebrated with integrity.

Jesus, Lord of the Church,

All: In your mercy, hear us.

Leader: Jesus, friend and brother, You know what it is like to be hungry and thirsty. You know the plight of the stranger who is made unwelcome. We pray that by welcoming all, we may show love for our neighbour and draw closer to you.

Jesus, Lord of the Church

All: In your mercy hear us.

All: We welcome Christ today In friend and in stranger. We worship Christ today In word and in deed. We honour Christ today In love given and in love received. Thanks be to God. Amen.

