



Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin, Rickmansworth
The Church of England and the Methodist Church in Partnership

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The prayers include petitions for the world, the Church,
the local community, the sick and those who have died.

Advent

In joyful expectation of his coming to reign
we pray to our Lord, saying,
Come, Lord Jesus.

All **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Come to your world as King of the nations.
We pray for...
Before you rulers will stand in silence.
Come, Lord Jesus.

All **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Come to your Church as Lord and Judge.
We pray for...
Help us to live in the light of your coming
and give us a longing to do your will.
Come, Lord Jesus.

All **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Come to your people as Saviour and bearer of pain.
We pray for...
Enfold us all in your love and mercy, wipe away the tears of failure, fear and
distress, and set us free to serve you for ever.
Come, Lord Jesus.

All **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Come to us from heaven with power and great glory,
and lift us up to meet you, where with all your saints and angels,
we will live with you for ever.
Come, Lord Jesus.

All **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Merciful Father,

All **accept these prayers, for the sake of your son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Christmas

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, come to your people.
All In your mercy set us free.

Searched for, Christ comes.

To the wise and powerful, star-led to Bethlehem, seeking a king,
he comes, child of Mary, crowned with meekness, worthy of every gift.

Silence

Loving God, we pray for the leaders of the world ...
Guide them with your light to seek wisdom, justice and peace.

Lord, come to your people.
All In your mercy set us free.

Longed for, Christ comes.

To Anna and Simeon, whose days are lived in faithful expectation,
he comes, a new life to the old, a living prophecy of hope.

Silence

Loving God, we pray for the Church in all the world...
Unite us by your Spirit, and make us faithful witnesses to the hope we have in you.

Lord, come to your people.
All In your mercy set us free.

Prayed for, Christ comes.

To men and women, girls and boys, crying out in darkness, pain and loneliness,
he comes, at one with us, our Saviour, healer and friend.

Silence

Loving God, we pray for those whose lives are hard and painful or whose existence
is sorrowful, bitter or empty...
In their need, may they know your healing touch,
reaching out to comfort, strengthen and restore.

Lord, come to your people.
All In your mercy set us free.

Unlooked for and searched for, longed for and prayed for,
loving God, you come to us now as you have come to your people in every age.

We thank you for all who have reflected the light of Christ.

Help us to follow their example and bring us with them to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

If another form is used, the prayers may end with the following words

Merciful Father,

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

Epiphany

Let us worship the Saviour with joy
and make our prayer to our heavenly Father.
The Magi came from the east to worship your Son:
Father, grant to Christians everywhere the spirit of adoration...

All Lord of glory,
hear our prayer.

The infant Christ received gifts of gold, incense and myrrh:
Father, accept the offering of our hearts and minds.

All Lord of glory,
hear our prayer.

The kingdoms of this world have become
the kingdom of our God and of his Christ:
Father, grant an abundance of peace to your world ...

All Lord of glory,
hear our prayer.

The Holy Family lived in exile and in the shadow of death:
Father, look in mercy on all who are poor and powerless,
and all who suffer ...

All Lord of glory,
hear our prayer.

Your Son shared the life of his home and family at Nazareth:
Father, protect in your love our neighbours,
our families and this community of which we are a part ...

All Lord of glory,
hear our prayer.

Father, we rejoice in our fellowship with the shepherds, the angels, the magi, the
Virgin Mary, Saint Joseph and all the faithful departed,
In your unfailing love for us and for all people,
hear and answer our prayers through your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

All **Amen.**

If another form is used, either of these responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy or Lord, hear us
All **hear our prayer.** **All** **Lord, graciously hear us.**

The prayers may conclude with the following words

Merciful Father,

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

Lent

Let us pray for the Church of God throughout the world, for...

Lord, hear us.

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Let us pray for those who have power and influence and for all who govern the nations, for...

Lord, hear us.

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Let us pray for the powerless, for all victims of famine and war, and for all who strive for justice and peace, for...

Lord, hear us.

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Let us pray for the afflicted and sorrowful and for all who need our prayers, for...

Lord, hear us.

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Let us remember before God those who have passed from this life in faith and obedience, (giving thanks for...)

Lord, hear us.

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Eternal God, through the self-offering of your Son you have filled our lives with your presence. Help us in our sufferings and trials and strengthen us in our weakness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

If another form is used, this response, or another, may be used:

Lord, in your mercy

All **hear our prayer.**

The prayers may conclude with the following words:

Merciful Father,

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

Easter

In the power of the resurrection we offer our prayers to God.
Let us pray.

Remember, O Lord, in your love
the Church throughout the world
those recently baptised and confirmed
those who minister to others

Silence

May your whole Church know your power
and be a sign that Christ is risen.

Lord of life,
All hear us in your love.

Remember in your love the world you have made
those who seek a fair and proper use of the world's resources
those who strive for justice and peace among the nations

Silence

May the whole earth be transformed by mercy
and rejoice in hope.

Lord of life,
All hear us in your love.

Remember in your love those who suffer
the victims of violence and injustice
those who mourn

Silence

May all in need find comfort, strength
and freedom in the living Christ.

Lord of life,
All hear us in your love.

Remember in your love those who have died:
those who have confessed the faith
and those whose faith is known to you alone.

Silence

May all your children receive grace and light according to their needs and come at
last to share with all the saints in life eternal.

Lord of life,
All hear us in your love.

Gracious God,
we ask these prayers through Jesus Christ,
our risen Lord and Saviour.

All Amen.

If another form is used, either of these responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy or Lord, hear us
All hear our prayer. All Lord, graciously hear us.

The prayers may conclude with the following words

Merciful Father,

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

Pentecost

Gracious God, whose Spirit helps us in our weakness
and guides us in our prayers,
we pray for the Church and for the world
in the name of Jesus Christ.

Renew the life and faith of the Church;
strengthen our witness;
and make us one in Christ...

Silence is kept

Grant that we and all who confess that Christ is Lord
may be faithful in your service and filled with the Spirit,
that the world may be turned to you.

All Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Guide the nations in the ways of justice, liberty and peace;
and help them to seek the unity and welfare of all people...

Silence is kept

Give to all in authority
wisdom to know and strength to do what is right.

All Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Comfort those in sorrow;
heal the sick in body or in mind and deliver the oppressed...

Silence is kept

Grant us compassion for all who suffer,
and help us so to carry one another's burdens
that we may fulfil the law of Christ.

All Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Receive our thanks and praise
for all who have served you faithfully here on earth,
and especially those who have revealed to us
your grace in Christ...

Silence is kept

All Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

May we and all your people share the life and joy of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Ordinary Time

One of these responses may be used, or another

Lord, in your mercy or Lord, hear us
All hear our prayer. All Lord, graciously hear us.

Merciful Father,

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