

Prayers for the 21st of April 2024

Let us bow our heads in prayer.

Come and be with us Lord.

Settle our minds as we come before you, forgetting our burdens and our cares knowing that we serve a mighty God.

Father your word says that “Those who live in the shelter of the Most High will find rest in the shadow of the Almighty.” We therefore come to you confident that you will give us real rest as we draw close to you.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer

Thank you for all that you have done for us this week. We thank you for those moments that were pure miracles that we least expected. The moments when you nudged us or directed us towards a deeper clarity or comfort or away from fear or danger. Lord we are grateful for the answered and unanswered prayers, knowing fully that you know us more than we will ever know ourselves. We are grateful for your impact in our lives and take this time to thank you wholeheartedly.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Father God, I pray for peace in areas of unrest across the globe, where your children are living in fear and panic. I ask in particular for your presence to be felt in the Israel-Gaza conflict. I pray for your intervention in the way governments are dealing with this, knowing that you oh Lord have the power to bring beauty for ashes. Help us to focus on the things that give us joy – nature, our loving relationships, time spent with you – instead of all the negativity in the world.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lord, forgive us when we are either too hard or too easy on ourselves. Help us to recognise how you have called and gifted us differently from each other. Embolden each one of us to be our true selves, as opposed to striving to be like others.

Help us to be loving and kind even when we do not feel up to it. This week, encourage us to commend and appreciate others, avoiding judgement.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray together as our Saviour taught us

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins**

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation

but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours

now and for ever.

Amen.

**Merciful father accept these prayers for the sake of your son for the sake of your son,
Jesus Christ.**