

## **Prayers for the 27<sup>th</sup> of April 2025**

Dear Lord, we worship you this morning.

Your word says that where two or three are gathered in your name, you are there with them. So please come and be with us now, King of glory.

Help us to fix our eyes on you this morning. Quieten our busy minds and help us to feel your presence.

**Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Father Lord, this week we lost your servant, Pope Francis. We are grateful for his focus on humility and inclusivity. Thank you that he connected with people regardless of who they were. Thank you for the way he touched the lives of believers and non-believers alike. Christianity is about hope and we stand in your presence today filled with hope that he is with you in glory.

Thank you that in Pope Francis' death, there has been public discussion about your work on earth, and for that we are grateful.

We ask for your direction and your guidance as the next pope is chosen. Heavenly Father, let your Holy Spirit be front and centre in this process.

**Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

We pray for the sick and those in need who have nowhere to turn. We pray that you are there for those where the load is too heavy for them to bear.

Father Lord, take control as we spend a few moments in silence bringing forward names of people and circumstances on our minds, where divine change is needed.

We stand in confidence on your word that says that we should come to you with our heavy burdens, as your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Heavenly King, give us the humility to accept help from others in our times of need.

**Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Make a way where there seems to be no way Lord, in all the parts of the world where there is unrest. We know that as a God of miracles, you have the power to bring peace and understanding, wherever there is conflict. Father God, we ask for your intervention so that world leaders are focused on proper conflict resolution and peace.

**Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

As I bring these prayers to a close, I thank you for this most precious time spent with you. Have your way in our lives, come walk alongside us Lord. Give us experiences with you that show us that we are never on our own and that You are more than enough for us, Lord.

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