

Heavenly father, your word tells us that the joy of the Lord is our strength. We ask that you would fill us with your super natural joy even when we face difficulties and feel helpless. Thank you that you pour your grace into our lives. Let the knowledge of your overwhelming love for us bring us deep joy. Please grant us the strength to endure, the wisdom to navigate life's trials and courage to face each day with hope and faith. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus, help us to fix our eyes on you, the founder and perfecter of our faith. Help us to remember your promises to us. Make us a people who reflect your love and joy. Don't let us settle for just a taste of the fruit of the Spirit and don't allow us to keep the love, joy and grace you freely give us, to ourselves. Make it our hearts desire to be more like Jesus. Make us beacons of grace, showing the light and love of Jesus to everyone we meet.

Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Lord, bless all those here at St Paul's that seek to serve you and share your love. For the clergy and the many volunteers who serve the church family. We want to thank you Lord for all the people working behind the scenes. Giving their time, energy and commitment to serve you here. Help them to know they are valued by you, help us to not criticise or condemn. Make us united in our love for you. Help us to not to be easily offended, and to show grace to each other. Help us to love the family we worship with, praying for and serving them in our shared journey to wholeness. Shalom.

Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Lord we confess that it is difficult to feel joy when we see this broken world. Living God, deliver us from a world without justice and a future without mercy, in the name of Jesus Christ we pray for peace to reign in our world. Break our hearts for what breaks yours. As we see conflict increase and a rise in global unrest and injustice, we pray for reconciliation and diplomatic solutions.

Lord, draw close to the crushed and broken hearted. Help those in pain, sickness, grief, depression, fear or despair.

Let's take a moment to name someone you know who is suffering, maybe a friend or family member who is unwell, grieving, in financial difficulty, or in the throws of relational breakdown PAUSE 10 SECONDS.

Please send your Spirit to pour your love into the hearts of those we have named.

We give thanks with joyful hearts for your promise that one day there will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain. Until that day we pray for your continued grace and goodness to overflow in this world.

Accept these prayers

In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.