

Prayers

Opening prayer

Almighty God, You yearn for those who have turned away from You and You long to save them. May we therefore be careful, lest our words and deeds become a stumbling block to others, robbing them of the liberating power of faith and Your healing touch. Open our hearts to see the eternal consequences of all we do, so that we become reliable and worthy witnesses of the Gospel, throughout our days. We ask this in the name of Jesus; AMEN

Prayer Suggestions

General theme of the week: PREJUDICE

1. For yourself

Praise God for His generosity, and ask Him to bless you with the same open hearted generosity, which shows no favouritism to others

2. For your friends and family

Thank God for your many friends, forgive them for any prejudicial attitudes you have found in them over the years. If necessary seek restoration

3. For the church and its work

Give thanks to God for the faith of the church and for its work in the world. Ask the Lord to help you further its work without prejudice or favour

4. For your neighbourhood, your country and the world (News)

Praise God for the wonders of the world and the beauty of His creation. As you do this, seek the Lord's wise counsel about how the Gospel may best be preached to all people, without favour or prejudice, according to God's will

Meditation

Let Christ inspire your attitude towards those you meet

Seek to be like Your Saviour, who loved everyone He met

Greet everyone you come across with an open heart

Give time to all, from little children, to adults

Listen carefully to what others may wish to say

Allow time to the elderly to address their concerns

Talk to young people because their opinion matters

Enjoy conversation with people from all backgrounds

Listen carefully to opinions with which you disagree

And make sure you understand the reasons for any rift

Look beyond appearances before making presumptions

Assume the best in people, and look for what is good

Seek to be known as one who cares, one who loves

Respond with generosity to every appeal for help

Be inspired by the Gospel stories of Jesus' generosity

And in so doing, let Christ speak to others, through you

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Final Prayer
