



Growing in Prayer

Snowdrops, known as Candlemas Bells, are a symbol of hope and light. We plant snowdrop bulbs in the autumn, trusting that they will bloom as winter darkness turns to spring. In the same way, we trust that God hears our prayers and is at work even when we can't see it.

You are invited to take this prayer card home, pray the prayer, plant the bulbs and see what blooms!

Prayer for our schools, colleges and places of learning



We pray for teachers and staff in our schools, colleges and places of learning. We thank you for their gifts and talents. We pray for all young people in education, whether learning comes easily to them or is challenging, that they see the opportunities before them and grow in confidence and wisdom and flourish. We pray that every young person is nurtured, recognised and valued.



Together, we grow and flourish.

Amen

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Okehampton college*



Prayer for those who care for us



Heavenly Father,
we ask that you may calm the
anxious; give strength and
healing to those who are sick,
and give skill, compassion and
resilience to all who are caring for the sick, and your
wisdom to those searching for a cure. Please grant
strength and clarity to all who work in emergency
services. Protect them from harm as they go about
their duty.



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Prayer for the mission and ministry of our churches and for all church life



Dear Lord,
we pray for the churches
in our Diocese and for all who
love and care for them.



Thank you for being our shield and strength. You are the God of compassion and faithfulness. Please strengthen all church leaders through the work of your Holy Spirit. May they find rest and encouragement in your loving care. Bless our churches with growth, in number, depth and service.

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Prayer for our communities



Heavenly Father, we ask for healthy, thriving relationships between neighbours. We pray different cultures will be able to understand and care for one another in our neighbourhoods. We thank you for the diversity of your people and pray it will be celebrated by all.



We pray for God's transformative power to take hold of our communities.



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Prayer for those who represent us



Father, we lift our local civic leaders up to You today. Please draw them close to You. We ask that You give them courage, wisdom, and strength and help them make the right decisions. We pray for Charles our King, bless and guide him. We pray for the leaders of the nations of the UK and for all in authority. Direct this and every nation in the ways of justice and of peace. May all in authority honour one another and seek the best way forward.



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Prayer for prisoners, refugees and the homeless



We pray for those who are without a place to call home, without shelter and warmth. Surround them with Your divine protection, keeping them safe from harm and danger. Provide them with the basic necessities of life, such as food, clothing, and a comfortable place to rest. We ask you to help all people who are imprisoned, whether their prisons are physical, mental, spiritual, or emotional. Let them find freedom and meaning in You.



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Prayer for charities and volunteer groups



Dear Father in Heaven, Your son, Jesus Christ, told in the parables, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me'. We pray for all those who serve our communities; in serving others, they serve Jesus Himself. Look kindly on those fleeing from danger, homeless, or hungry this day. Bless those who work to help them and inspire generosity and compassion in all our hearts.



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