

A THANK YOU PRAYER

O God, my Father, thank you
for the world in which I live.
Thank you for all the beautiful
things in it;
for all the interesting things in it.
Thank you for the life
which you have given me.
Thank you for:
My body to act
My mind to think
My memory to remember
My heart to love.
Thank you for giving me:
So many things to enjoy
So many things to learn
So many things to do
So many things to love.
Help me never to do anything
which would make the world
uglier or people sadder.
Help me always to add
something
to the world's beauty
and to the world's joy.

A PRAYER FOR TODAY

Everyday I need you, Lord,
but this day specially,
I need some extra strength
to face whatever is to be ...
This day more than any day
I need to feel you near
to fortify my courage
and to overcome my fear.
By myself I cannot meet
the challenge of the hour.
There are times when human
creatures need a higher Power -
to help them learn
what must be borne.
And so, dear Lord,
I pray hold on to my
trembling hand
and be with me today.

Let nothing disturb you.
Let nothing fright you.
All things are passing.
God alone is changeless.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL PARISH PRAYER

Loving God, through
St Vincent de Paul,
we seek your guidance and constant
protection,
for our parish community.
Gathered together as your people,
we come as we are,
to live out the Gospel message,
in a faithfilled, welcoming and
caring community.
Grant us your help in our weakness,
that we may proclaim to all,
your abundant goodness.
We praise and thank you
for your gifts given freely,
to share with one another.
May we never lose faith in you
and always strive to live,
in a spirit of strength and
gentleness.
On our journey,
may we be an example of your love,
to those we meet.
Loving God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
may you always watch over us in all
we do. Amen.

PRAYER OF SERVICE

Lord, let nothing stop me from
doing what I ought to do,
and being where I ought to be.
Give me the grace to conquer:
Laziness, which paralyses
my mind and will and heart;
Fear, which may deter me from
taking a public stand about what
I know ought to be said and
done;
Selfishness, which prevents me
from caring for and sharing with
others, even though I know
how better off I am.
Lord, I ask this grace for myself;
I ask it, too, for my community
and my nation. May despair not
make us stop trying.
May discouragement not make
us give up. May pessimism not
take away our hope. Give us the
grace of perseverance and
discipline;
foresight and wisdom
and true devotion of heart.

PRAYER OF ST FRANCIS

Lord, make me an instrument
of your peace. Where there is
hatred let me sow love.
Where there is injury pardon.
Where there is doubt faith.
Where there is despair hope.
Where there is darkness light
and where there is sadness joy.
O Divine Master grant that I
may not so much seek to be
consoled as to console
to be understood as to
understand
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive
it is in pardoning
that we are pardoned
and it is in dying that we are
born to eternal life.

Lord, I am sick and in pain but
You are with me. I know that
you love me. Help me to trust
You and to know Your peace.

IN TIME OF SICKNESS

Father, let this suffering pass
for me;
Yet not my will but yours be
done
May you be blessed for ever.
Jesus, Son of God,
have mercy on me.
With you I am nailed to the
Cross
Let my pains be mingled
with yours for the saving of the
world.
Holy Spirit, comforter
and consoler,
heal what is sick in me
Strengthen what is weak
Sweeten what is sour and cranky
Save me from depression and
Self pity.
Renew my courage;
bring me to pray with Jesus on
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Father, into your hands,
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