

*Let your Church be a living witness  
to truth and freedom,  
to justice and peace,  
that all people may be lifted up  
by the hope of a world made new.*

EP Various Needs and Occasions

For we are God's fellow workers.  
You are God's field, God's building.

According to the grace of God  
given to me, like a skilled master  
builder I laid a foundation, and  
someone else is building upon  
it. Let each one take care how he  
builds upon it. For no one can lay a  
foundation other than that which is  
laid, which is Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 3:9-11

*Keep your Church alert in faith  
to the signs of the times  
and eager to accept  
the challenge of the gospel.  
Open our hearts to the needs  
of all humanity,  
so that sharing their grief  
and anguish,  
their joy and hope,  
we may faithfully bring them  
the good news of salvation  
and advance together  
on the way to your kingdom.*

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HUMAN WORK

By offering out labour to God  
we become associated with the  
redemptive work of Jesus Christ.  
He gave great dignity to work  
when at Nazareth he worked with  
his own hands.

Gaudium et Spes 67

*Almighty God,  
Creator of all that is,  
you call us to serve you  
as stewards of the world  
you have made.*

*Guide those who exercise  
this stewardship  
in industry, commerce,  
and technology.*

*Grant to your people the wise use  
of all the talents you have given,  
that our endeavours  
may serve the common good  
and your own greater glory.*

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# Easter

**B**ecause the joy and hope, the struggle and anguish of the people of this age and especially of the poor and those suffering in any way are the joy and hope, the struggle and anguish of Christ's disciples, the Church prays not just for its own needs but for the salvation of the world.



*The Bishops of England and Wales invite you to join in the Cycle of Prayer*

Please pray for the current intentions, both with your parish community and in your own personal prayers. On some days these intentions will be included in the Prayer of the Faithful at Mass. Also it is hoped that vigils and other prayer services will be held.

This leaflet is one of a series which offers a selection of prayers and texts on the intentions of the Cycle of Prayer which may be used in private or public worship.

Throughout Easter we are asked to pray for these intentions:

EASTER

New Members of the Church

Vocations

*especially on the World Day of Prayer for Vocations (Fourth Sunday of Easter)*

Human Work

*especially on St Joseph the Worker (1 May)*

The Right Use of the Media

*especially on World Communications Day (Seventh Sunday of Easter)*

The Church

*Especially at Pentecost*

NEW MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH

*Rejoice, you newly baptised,  
chosen members of the Kingdom.  
Buried with Christ in death,  
you are reborn in him by faith.*

RCIA 263

Father,  
you give your Church  
constant growth  
by adding new members  
to your family.  
Help us put into action in our lives  
the baptism we have received  
with faith.

Roman Missal (RM) 222

*You did not choose me, but I chose  
you and appointed you that you  
should go and bear fruit and that  
your fruit should abide*

John 15:16

Father,  
in your plan for our salvation  
you provide  
shepherds for your people.  
Fill your Church  
with the spirit of  
courage and love.  
Raise up worthy ministers  
for your altars  
and ardent but gentle servants  
of the gospel.

Roman Missal (RM) 806

VOCATIONS

THE RIGHT USE OF THE MEDIA

*Speak out with a voice of joy;  
let it be heard  
to the ends of the earth:  
The Lord has set his people free,  
alleluia.*

RM 260

O God,  
whose word is truth  
and in whose light we see light,  
guide those who tell the story  
of our times  
through word and image.

Make them seekers after truth  
and advocates of human dignity.  
Grant discernment to all  
who rely on their labours,  
and, as we confront the pain and  
promise of this world,  
awaken in us a sense of wonder at  
your presence  
and of longing for your peace.