

**Prayers of the People
Ascension Day
May 29, 2022**

Both heaven and earth are full of God's glory. God of love, as we celebrate this festival of Jesus' entry into heaven as Saviour and Lord, we pray for unity in the Church and reconciliation and renewed vision. We pray, both heaven and earth: **are full of God's glory.**

For the Church, that the Lord will grant wisdom and insight to all who lead and guide us in our faith, remembering Samuel our Bishop, for the parishes of Harbour Grace and Heart's Content, and for those worshipping in the Anglican Church in Korea. We pray, both heaven and earth: **are full of God's glory.**

We pray for those who are full of tears, and cannot imagine being happy again; we pray for the hardened and callous, whose inner hurts have never yet been healed. We pray for wholeness and comfort and new life especially for those on the Ascension Prayer Cycle, and those known to you alone. Both heaven and earth: **are full of God's glory.**

Lord God Almighty, you have given your Son all authority in heaven and on earth; hear us as we pray for the world he came to redeem. Grant that we may know even in this time the things that make for peace, and may strive for the reconciliation of all people in his kingdom of justice and love. Both heaven and earth: **are full of God's glory.**

We commend to your eternal love those we remember who have died, and we pray for those who miss their physical presence. Both heaven and earth: **are full of God's glory.**

Lord God, our hearts are broken with pain as we hear again of death and despair caused by gun violence. Families mourn, children live in fear, and we ask why. We ask, O Lord, that you comfort those families wounded by events in Uvalde, Texas. Care for the souls who grieve and help us work for greater and lasting peace. Help us to transform our own hearts, to turn from violence, and to seek peaceful ways of resolving differences. Let our hands connect with those who feel alone, those who live in fear, and those suffering from mental illness. Let our voices be raised asking lawmakers to create the means to protect all in our society, especially those most vulnerable. And let our choices be those that make our communities a healthy, holy home. Both heaven and earth: **are full of God's glory.**

Risen and ascended Lord Jesus Christ, we know that you are seated at the right hand of the Father in majesty. Send us your Holy Spirit, so that we may also be strengthened to know your constant presence with us according to your promise to remain with us until the end of the age. We ask this in your name, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Prayer for Jerusalem Sunday:

O God, we give thanks that your dear Son has gathered us in the embrace of his redeeming love and sent us to make that love known to the ends of the earth. We pray for your continued blessings on the steadfast witness of the Church in Jerusalem and throughout the Middle East. Give your deep joy to those who welcome the pilgrims seeking to know this land and its many peoples. Grace those who proclaim the Gospel. Guide all who teach a new generation of young people. Draw near to those who are sick and bless those who tend them. Sustain the hope in all who long and labour for a just and lasting peace in the land of The Holy One. And may the companions of Jerusalem be many and faithful. We pray in the name of our merciful Saviour, Friend, and Brother, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayer for the Ukraine:

When hatred is revealed and its banner unfurled, words turn to violence, and innocent lives lost in the name of race, religion, or political creed, may your light be seen, your voice be heard, and this truth ring out, that in the eyes of God there is no place for hate in a world made in love. May your justice prevail, your love triumph always, gracious God, we pray. Amen

ASCENSION PRAYER CYCLE: Aden, Alexa, Ambrose, Amelia, Amy, Angela, Ann, Annie, Arlene, Aubrey, Audrey, Barbara, Bettina, Bertha, Brenda, Brian, Berdina, Brandon, Callum, Carl, Cathy, Christina, Cindy, Claire, Clarence, Connie, Debra, Delilah, Dennis, Derrick, Don, Donna, Doreen, Dot, Douglas, Dulcie, Ed, Baby Edward, Edie, Edgar, Elaine, Emily, Erin, Evelyn, Finnley, Frederick, Fred, Frank, Flo, Garrett, Gary, George, Gerald, Harry, Ike, Ingrid, Ira, Irene, Jack, Janet, Jason, Jenny, Josephine, Joan, Junior, Kent, Kevin, Kim, Kyle, Laura, Leo, Leonie, Lori, Louise, Luke, Marie, Marsha, Marion, Marylou, Maxine, Maxwell, Melvin, Michael, Michelle, Mike, Mona, Nancy, Nicole, Oskar, Pam, Peter, Randell, Rochelle, Rodney, Rose, Roland, Roy, Ruby, Ruth, Sadie, Sam, Sean, Shirley, Stephen, Susan, Tina, Terry, Todd, Tom, Tony, Valerie, Wayne and Warrick