



**PRAYERS
FOR THE LIFE OF ST. ANDREW'S**
From the Quiet Day, May 19

For the Children's Ministries of St. Andrew's

Heavenly Father, you sent your own Son into this world. We thank you for the lives of our children at St Andrew, entrusted to our care. Help us to remember that we are all you children, and so to love and nurture them, that they may attain to that full stature intended for them in your eternal kingdom; for the sake of you dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Families of IHN

Lord God, you bring to us these children, our brothers and sisters who have lost their way. Help us to walk in the way of Jesus as we endeavor to love and help them. Truly it is your grace that brings these friends into our lives. Let us open our hearts and minds to this grace, so that we can show the same love for these, our brothers and sisters, you have shown for us. So that some day, these, our brothers and sisters, will feel the same joy you have shown to us. We are ever grateful for the grace, love, and joy which comes from you. Amen.

For the Homeless

Lord, no one is a stranger to you, and no one is ever far from your loving care. In your kindness watch over refugees, exiles, and the homeless, those separated from their loved ones, young people who are lost, and those who have left or run away from home. Protect those who are without shelter and on the streets. Bring them back safely to the place where they long to be. Help us always to show your kindness to strangers and to those in need. Amen.

Sr. Barbara Joseph, Carmelite Sisters of St. Therese of the Infant Jesus, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

For MetroCaring

Lord, to those who hunger, give them bread. And to those who have bread, give them a hunger for justice. Amen

--Nigerian justice prayer

For the Liturgy and Worship at St. Andrew's and those who lead it

Favor, O God, your servants with your watchful Holy Spirit, as they are about your service in the sanctuary, leading your people in offering praise and thanksgiving at your altar, that they may always intercede for those who make our neighborhood their home and be drawn with all your people to know them, care for them, and to invite them into the faith and life of this community, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

For "Books and Bricks", the Malawi Project

O Eternal God, bless the Mlambe II Primary School, Malawi, that it may be a lively center for sound learning, new discovery, and the pursuit of wisdom; and grant that those who teach, and those who learn may find you to be the source of all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the 72 Hour Fund and Making Choices Program

Lord, you are gracious when we fall short of your Son's example. We ask that you be with those whose mistakes have embroiled them in the justice system. Bless the work of the Making Choices program for women in prison. Walk with these women as they honor you, themselves and their children with new choices for the future. And, Lord, bless the 72-Hour Fund that supports men and women as they leave prison and seek new life on the outside. May the barriers they face today become opportunities for your community to think and work conscientiously toward systems that are just and humane. Amen.

For St. Elizabeth's School; the teachers, students and their families

O Lord, look with favor upon the children, staff, and mission of St. Elizabeth's. Grant that St. Elizabeth's may be a place of learning, hope, and inspiration, and that the children of St. Elizabeth's and children everywhere may grow and learn in safety, comfort, and joy. Amen.

St. Andrew's Music Ministries

O God, whom saints and angels delight to worship in heaven: Be present with your servants Tim, Frank, and all the choir of St. Andrew's, who seek through music to perfect the praises offered by your people on earth; and grant to them even now a glimpse of your beauty, and make them worthy at length to behold it unveiled for evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

St. Andrew's Adult Forum

Holy Spirit, giver of life and source of wisdom, guide us in our pursuits to discern truth, understand our heritage, and gain insight from the experiences and deliberations of others – those in our local community and those distant in time or place but all fellow seekers. We pray for guidance in our efforts to learn about and appreciate the diversity of cultures and faiths in our world. Bring us together for thoughtful discussion, nurturing fellowship, and spiritual growth. Amen.

For the Haiti Project

May the poor find wealth, and those weak with sorrow find joy. May the forlorn find new hope, constant happiness, and prosperity. May the frightened cease to be frightened, and those bound be free. May the weak find power, and may their hearts join in friendship.
--HH the Dalai Lama

For Project Education Sudan

Loving God, we ask for your constant guidance as we continue to serve the suffering children, women and men of Darfur and Southern Sudan.

These are very fragile times in Southern Sudan as they rebuild their lives after 20 years of war. We especially pray for the hunger they are enduring, the spread of meningitis and malaria and the safety of the people from outside tribal raids.

Remember the children who are hopeful and eager to learn, the women who are tending the sick and attempting to feed their families and the men as they focus on building the schools.

Our brothers and sisters in Sudan know the love of Christ deeply; they ask their American friends to continue the vigilance of prayer for them as they move into their dreams of building a new Sudan. We ask this in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

For the Denver Justice and Peace Committee

- ❖ Dear God, we give you thanks for the beautiful Gaia, our Mother Earth. Forgive us for how we have marred her. Help us learn how to keep her healthy and whole.
- ❖ We give you thanks for the diversity of people on this planet. Forgive us when we hurt and even kill because of prejudice. Help us to build community among all people and bridges to overcome divisions between us.
- ❖ We give you thanks for economic systems that make quality of life possible for many. Forgive us when we manipulate those systems in greed for our own interests over those of others. Help us to build economic systems where everyone prospers.
- ❖ We give you thanks for democratic forms of government where the people elect their leaders and determine their own destinies. Forgive us when we run roughshod over the rights of minorities. Help us to create justice among all people.
- ❖ We give you thanks for the decency and generosity of ordinary Americans. Forgive us when we remain ignorant of major issues in other countries. Through education, compassion and understanding, help us to avoid becoming ugly Americans.
- ❖ We give you thanks when our government assists the needy and promotes justice around the world. Forgive her when she is a bully and acts only in the interests of corporations. Help us to cry out in protest when she institutes structures that imprison and impoverish others.
- ❖ We give you thanks when it is possible for us to live in peace. Forgive us when we use the words peace and democracy as an excuse to permit the status quo. Help us to remember that we cannot have true peace on the planet without justice for all.
- ❖ Without you, O Lord, our civilization will collapse and our environment will be destroyed. Help us to become better stewards of what you have provided for us so we can pass these gifts on to our children and to our children's children. Help us to know you and to receive your strength so that together we may mend this planet and our life together on it. Amen.

Prayer for Homeless Children

Eternal Father, reach out with your tender love and mercy, to those children who wander the streets at night, homeless; with your unfathomable love and mercy, bring them back to their families, or to a home you choose for them. Jesus, through your divine mercy, enable us to help these poor children, with our deeds and with our prayers. Holy Spirit, lead all to reach out in love to poor children in distress. Mother Mary, send out your mother's love to those poor children who have never really known a mother's love and tenderness. For the lonely, distressed and homeless children and people of the world, through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen. *Divine Mercy Prayer*

For Families Torn by Addiction

We pray, O God of hope,
for all families
whose lives are torn and disrupted
by drugs and alcohol.
Enable them to identify the illness.
Strengthen them to seek help.
Bless them with the power of your love,
which imparts transformation and wholeness
to those who trust in your name.
Grant that as they walk this tortured road,
they may journey together
and bound close in the bond of love.
Amen.
Vienna Cobb Anderson

Prayer for Sacred Vision/Sacred Space

Stir up your power, O Lord: inspire us to discern the needs of our community and respond with love and discipline so that Jesus Christ remains the chief cornerstone of all our ministries and endeavors, and that we remain ever-faithful stewards of Your generosity, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.