



THE CHURCH
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Diocese of Manchester

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Prayers for Our Vision





A Vision Built on Prayer

Prayer is at the heart of our life together in Manchester Diocese. As we work together to achieve our vision, we do so knowing that lasting renewal, growth, and transformation can only flourish when they are grounded in God's presence and shaped by the Holy Spirit. This prayer resource has been created to support individuals, parishes, schools, chaplaincies, and communities to pray for our work together and seek God's guidance for the path set before us.

These prayers reflect the key areas of our shared vision, from **Parish Renewal** and **Growing Younger**, to **Church Planting and Revitalisation** and **Developing Missional Leaders**. We continue to work towards **Net Zero Carbon**, seek **racial justice**, and ensure **safeguarding** remains at the centre of all we do.

As we pray, we unite our hearts trusting that God is already at work in us and through us. May these prayers strengthen our work together, deepen our discipleship, and inspire us to follow Christ with faith, courage, and compassion.



A Prayer for Our Diocese

Almighty and eternal God,
we thank you for the life and witness of your people
in Manchester Diocese over many years,
and give thanks for the signs of your kingdom today.

As we look to the future,
may we grow deeper in faith,
proclaim the hope that comes from knowing you,
and live the gracious love of Jesus.

We ask these things through the power of the Holy Spirit
and in the name of Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Parish Renewal



God of grace,

we hold before you the people and places
entrusted to our care.

By your Holy Spirit, renew our parishes in mission.

Give vision to our planning,
wisdom to our actions,
and power to our witness.

May we grow daily in love for you and for one another,
that the whole world might know your love.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord,

Amen.

Growing Younger



God of every generation,

we thank you for all children, young people
and families across our Diocese.

Strengthen us in our calling to nurture younger disciples.

Bless those who already follow Christ,
and guide those who are searching after him.

Give courage, imagination and hope
to all who serve in churches, schools and chaplaincies,
that together we may see new generations grow and flourish.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Church Planting & Revitalisation



God of life, you call your Church to proclaim
afresh the gospel in every generation.

We pray for the growth of your church,
that we may see new churches planted and others revitalised.

Draw us into the work of your Spirit
that we might see an increase in number,
discipleship and fruitfulness.

May new communities of faith take root,
grow strong, and be signs of your kingdom.

We ask all this for the glory of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Developing Missional Leaders



God of love,
we thank you for all whom you are calling
to lead and serve in your church.

We ask you to continue raising up missional leaders, lay and ordained.
Deepen our faith, develop our gifts,
and form us into the likeness of Christ.

Open our eyes to see where you are at work,
and give us courage to follow you boldly and faithfully.

Amen.

Net Zero Carbon

God of wonder,
we praise you for the rich diversity
of creation that reflects your glory.
Help us cherish all you have made.
As we work towards Net Zero,
give us wisdom to make sustainable choices,
courage to advocate for justice,
and boldness to act with the urgency required.
May our words and actions bear witness to our faith in you,
demonstrate our commitment to care for your world,
and express love for our neighbours near and far.
We pray through Jesus Christ, in whom all creation holds together.

Amen

Racial Justice

God of mercy,
we rejoice in the rich diversity
of peoples, cultures and languages
through which your love is made known among us.
Stir up in us a holy longing for racial justice.
In all that we do, teach us to act justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly.
May we be one in Christ,
that the world may see a community where
every tribe and nation find their home in you.

Amen.

Safeguarding

Loving God, we pray that
our churches, schools and chaplaincies
may be places of welcome, security and compassion.
Keep us watchful yet caring,
trusting yet ready to question,
that all who worship
may do so in safety and in the knowledge of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory
for ever and ever.

Amen.

(Traditional)

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(Modern)

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