

Thy Kingdom Come

Family near and far, given or chosen.

Father God,

We pray for those people who are family to us. We pray that these relationships would be full of love and encouragement. Help us to forgive and let go of past hurts that get in the way. May we have the humility to seek forgiveness where it's needed and may our family be a place of safety and flourishing.

Amen

Perhaps you want to pray for particular members of your family
Maybe you long for someone in your family to know the love of God.



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Friends

Father, we thank you so much for the gift of friendship, for those whom we see regularly and those who champion us from afar. We pray that we would always be thankful for them, and we pray that we too would be a good friend. Help us to have compassion and love in the tough times as well as taking the rewards of friendship in the good times.

Amen

Do you have anything you want to pray for a specific friend?

Who of your friends needs to know they are loved and valued?



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Carers

Father God, we pray for all those people who care and look after us. We particularly think of people who are in the medical and caring professions. We know that these roles are not always easy and are not always given the credit they deserve. We pray for the NHS and all who work within it. We ask boldly for more resources and wisdom for those who are shaping and leading the work of the NHS. We pray especially for Ashfields surgery and give thanks for their hard work and compassion.

Amen

Do you know people in the caring profession who might need to know they too are cared for?



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Schools

We pray for our schools and educational system; we thank you that all are able to access education without cost or prejudice. We pray for those children for whom school is a challenge, either to get there or whilst they attend. We pray for your blessing on all the teaching staff and support staff who work hard to make school a place for growth, development, nurturing and learning; give them energy and inspiration. May all who are there learn to gain a good sense of self, worth and aspiration.

Pray for any teachers or school support staff you know.

Do you pray for the children in your life? Perhaps you want to pause and pray for your godchildren or children whom you especially care for.



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Young people

Father, we know that being a young person can be a strange mix of fun and challenge. Be with the young people of Sandbach and neighbouring towns as they grow up together, as they learn more about themselves, the world and their place within it. Give them hope when they feel without sad and joy in the seemingly mundane. We pray for the consultation that is happening from the council as they seek to invest resources for the town's youth. Give them wisdom to know who best to support and encourage these precious young people so that what is provided is of true value and can be accessed by many.

Do you remember what it was like to be young: full of joy, ambition and hope whilst also being full of uncertainty, fear and lacking in self-worth?

Why not lift up to God the names of the young people in your life.



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Local businesses

We pray for the businesses and places of work in our town. We ask that they thrive and grow and continue to serve our communities. We pray that our town might be a place of business adventure and success. We pray for those we work long hard hours to make ends meet on very narrow margins. Would their work places be a place for laughter and joy as well as hard work and focus.

Which businesses do you pass each day?

Which businesses do you know who might need our prayers?



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Those on their own

We pray for those who feel alone and isolated for various reasons. For those who have found themselves unexpectedly living on their own in later life, with young families or for those whose dreams have not been realised. We pray for those who feel alone even as they are surrounded by others. We pray that they might have a real sense of your love for them and might know that you are with them always.

Who do you know who might struggle with being alone?
Pray that God might open your eyes to those who are isolated.

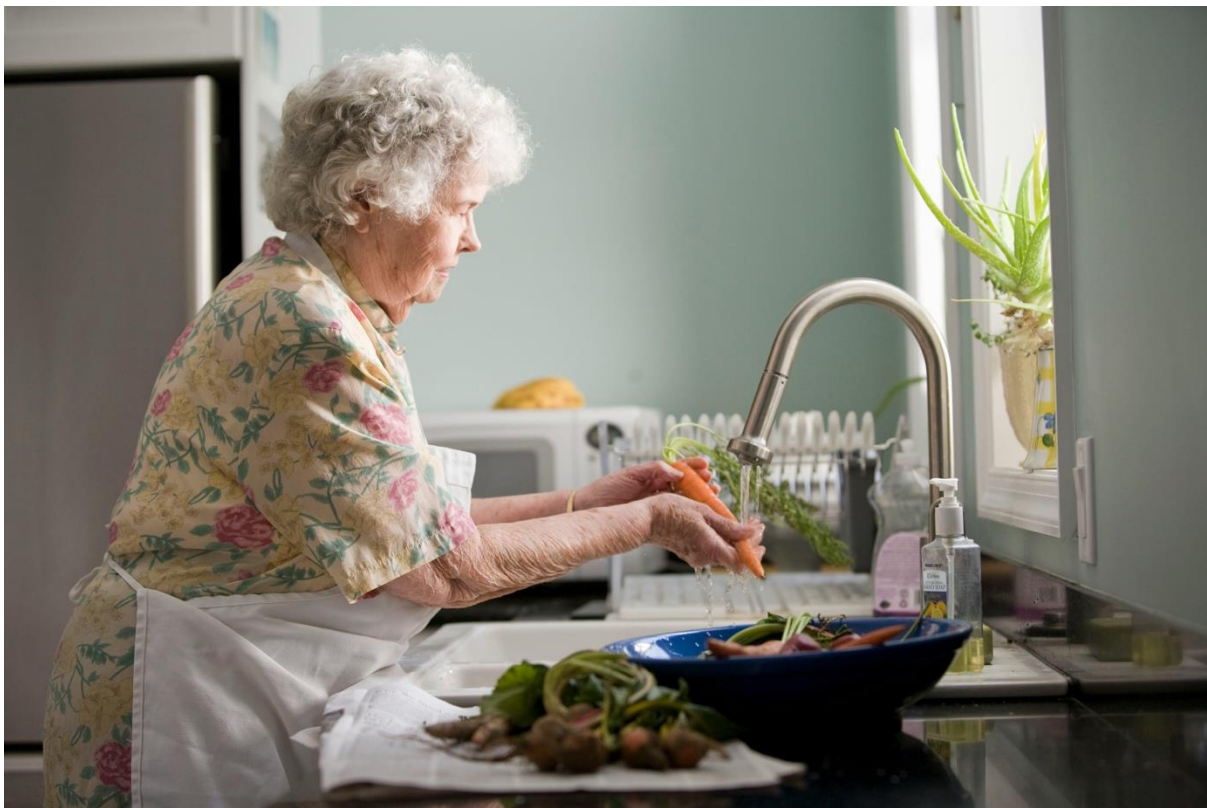


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Those in Authority

Father God, we pray today for all of those who are in positions of authority and power. We ask that they will be wise and shrewd in making decisions that are for the benefit of all people and particularly for the lost, the least and the last. We pray that you would be right alongside these people as they are often isolated from support and positive encouragement. Give them strength as they face adversity and challenge. We pray that they would serve others because they know you came to serve them.

Who do you know who is in a role of make decisions on behalf of other people?
What could you pray for them today?



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Those who volunteer.

We pray with thanks for all of those who give up time and energy to volunteer with and for other people. May they know they are valued by you as well as by others. Would you bless them as they bless others.

Who sacrificially helps you? what would you like to pray for them today?



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Churches Together

We pray for the work of Church Together Sandbach.

We ask that you bless the work they do together in order that your kingdom would be known and grown in the town we love. May they also know Gods love more deeply as they seek to make Gods love known and felt throughout. May they celebrate their differences and keep what unites them front and centre.



If you don't feel comfortable praying or you yourself would like to talk about faith and the journey you are on or would like to begin the journey, please do email or call Rev Bee Boyde

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