

Neighbour Sunday Prayers

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Lord God,

Thank you for your love towards us; you call us not to keep that love to ourselves but express it with the people we meet.

As we look to our streets, we pray for all those who are parents in our community and their children too.

We ask that you would help us value the family and pray protection on all our young people as they grow up in an ever changing society.

As we pray, we ask that you would provide us with ways to reach out and serve families with your love and compassion, especially those in particular need.

In your Holy name, we pray. Amen.

Gemma Hunt, TV Presenter (as seen on CBBC)

Lord,

In a world where we are tempted to keep our head down amidst busy lives, we ask that on this Neighbour Sunday, you will awake us to look up from our phones to see the needs around us.

Help us to find ways to keep an eye out for our neighbours, not just ourselves.

For those in our cities, help us Lord to see our communities as places where we live to be a blessing rather than just a convenient place to sleep. Give us a heart for the asylum seekers, the elderly, and the vulnerable young who surround us.

For all of us, Lord, give us words to speak your truth in loving ways so that your Kingdom may grow.

We pray this in Jesus name. Amen

Graham Miller, Chief Servant of London City Mission

Father God,

Thank you that you call us to live our lives not in isolation but in community with others, even those living on our streets.

We thank you for those who live around us where we are. Help me to learn about those who lives around me.

We pray that you would open our eyes to look outwards to see our communities as you see them.

We remember that those especially who live alone or struggle to be part of that community, including those who are older members.

Use me as a vehicle to reach out and encourage them. Use our churches communities to best serve them.

Help us love our neighbours as you do. Amen.

Pam Rhodes, Writer and Broadcaster

Loving Lord, we pray today for our neighbours and those who live in our communities. We pray a blessing over each person and every household and we ask that each one will be filled with your peace and experience fullness of life. Where there is goodness and abundance, we pray for a spirit of gratitude and joy; where there is pain and challenge, we pray that there would be an awareness of your presence with them in and through all things.

We pray for ourselves that we may be neighbours who are Beacons of Hope, embodying and sharing your light, life and love through the faithful daily witness of our discipleship. Please Lord, would you would stir up in us a deeper desire to bless and serve and pray for our neighbours and fill us with your Holy Spirit so that we may see with your eyes and respond with your love and grace. We long for you to be lifted up and glorified in our lives and our communities today. Amen

Rev Lynn Green, General Secretary of the Baptist Union

Heavenly Father, as we reflect on our neighbours, enable us to be aware that we live in a society where there has never been more opportunity for communication yet such an epidemic of loneliness.

So often our lives are lived out behind closed doors.

We pray that you would open our hearts towards our neighbours and as in the parable of the good Samaritan, that we help someone in need.

You know at times we too busy, too afraid of rejection, too aware of the needs behind our own doors. Yet you have said that when we are weak we are strong. We pray by your spirit, you will enable us, to reach those around us, that you would inspire us to serve, equip us to help, and grant us a passion to be the kind of neighbour that truly salt and light – a bringer of hope to those in need.

In Jesus Name. Amen

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