

# PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

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Let us pray for Pope Francis as he asks us all to nurture our interior life. *"We all need to meditate, to reflect, to find ourselves."* Let us welcome meditation to our daily lives to draw closer to Jesus and against the daily stresses, to care for our interior life that should not be neglected.

**Lord, hear us.**

As we approached 1<sup>st</sup> May we mark *St Joseph the Worker*. Let us follow St Joseph's example as we remember this compassionate and obedient man of God. We pray for all fathers as they strive to protect and provide for their family. May this honourable saint, who watched over the Virgin Mary and Jesus, now care, and watch over all of us.

**Lord, hear us.**

As the Coronavirus devastates India, we pause to remember the many families that are left alone abandoned with deeply unwell family members, unable to reach or receive medical care. We keep them in our thoughts and prayers.

**Lord, hear us.**

As the children's charity the *NSPCC* declares calls and messages to its helpline rose to record levels during the pandemic, we turn our hearts and prayers to the safety of children currently living in fear, vulnerable to abuse and neglect. We pray the government sets recovery plans in place to protect children throughout the UK living in unsafe conditions.

**Lord, hear us.**

We pray for our young people that continue to bear the brunt of the job crisis. Let them realise their own unique skill set and feel empowered to seek support and guidance for their future career path.

**Lord, hear us.**

With lockdown restrictions continuing to loosen we pray that the coming together of families, friends and communities is a happy, united, and safe union.

**Lord, hear us.**

As we continue to celebrate the risen Lord let us pray for ourselves. Let us take a moment of prayerful consideration to think how we might pass the glorious flame of the Holy Spirit on to all we meet.

**Lord, hear us.**