

Wednesday 1 September

You don't need to create your own hope - the sky is full of it. Wake up early one day and watch the sun rise. It encourages the Earth to become itself, only more so; watch how it allows all things to be colourful and beautiful, then listen, as it says quietly, undoubtedly, "We begin again". (Tearfund)

Thursday 2 September

We thank you, Lord, that we are citizens of a world made up of different races. Your Grace touches us all, whatever our race and colour. We rejoice in the richness of our cultures, our music and dance, our folklore and legends. We thank You for all these gifts. We delight in the joy they bring to all our lives. Amen

Friday 3 September

For those who are feeling confused, somewhat afraid to meet other people, in these days after the pandemic isolation:- Give them wisdom and courage in their decisions. Amen

Saturday 4 September

This day, Father, may my eyes be opened to see the beauty in all that is ordinary - yet special - around me. May the glory of all that You have made, remind me of Your

presence, and lead me closer to You. Amen.

Sunday 5 September

Often your tasks will be many, and more than you think you can do. Often the road will be rugged, and the hills insurmountable, too. But always remember, the hills ahead are never as steep as they seem; and with Faith in your heart start upward, and climb 'til you reach your dream.

Monday 6 September

O God, we pray for our schools and universities, the students and teachers as a new academic year starts. Bless our life together as a learning and teaching community. Make us wise, perceptive and generous, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Tuesday 7 September

Heavenly Father,
You have created us to love You.
Lord Jesus Christ,
You came to show us that love.
Holy Spirit,
Fill us with the peace and joy that comes from knowing that love.

Wednesday 8 September

In a world whose web of life is intricate and beautiful, save us,

Lord, from carelessness and blindness.

In a world whose creatures are so varied and vulnerable, save us, Lord, from plundering and cruelty.
In a world whose waters are fresh and whose oceans should be clean, save us, Lord, from wanton pollution.

In a world whose forests protect our air and wildlife, save us, Lord, from the systems that drive us to destroy them.

In a world whose fruits are rich and plentiful, save us, Lord, from waste and greed. Amen

Thursday 9 September

God of the Living Word, give us the faith to receive Your message, and wisdom to know what it means, and the courage to put it into practice. Amen

Friday 10 September

Loving Lord: teach us Compassion, so that we are truly compassionate to Others. Amen.

Saturday 11 September

Lord, we praise you that You have come that we may enjoy life and have it in abundance. May our lives overflow with that joy today, whatever trials we may face. Amen

Sunday 12 September

Lord of heaven and earth, as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer, give us patience and courage never to lose hope, but always to bring our prayers before You; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Monday 13 September

We give God thanks for the commitment of teachers, and all those involved in serving children and young people. Amen.

Tuesday 14 September

In everything I do today, good Lord, give me the dogged determination of Peter, the faith and perseverance of Paul, and the likeness of Jesus Christ. Amen

Wednesday 15 September

Let nothing disturb you. Let nothing frighten you. All things are passing away. God never changes.

Thursday 16 September

Lord, we pray for families that are headed by orphan children, due to disease, war or famine. Help them, Lord, as they take on these heavy responsibilities, to have the strength and wisdom for the task. Amen

Friday 17 September

Pray today for those who trade in our world: that they may not exploit those who have little, but treat others fairly and share the good things of Your Creation.

Saturday 18 September

Lord: lead us in Boldness, to meet all situations to Your Glory. Amen

Sunday 19 September

O Lord, give us a life Full of Ardour, burning love for You and the Christian life. Amen

Monday 20 September

Creator of all things, and all people, we hear with sorrow the plight of our brothers and sisters in lands where they are persecuted for their faith. Please give them courage and hope, and turn the hearts of those who persecute them. Amen

Tuesday 21 September

Lord, give us wisdom before we speak, understanding while we listen, sensitivity towards those we meet, and the perspective of Your Kingdom.

Wednesday 22 September

I dream of a world where there are no exploiters or exploited;

no slaves and masters, no very rich or very poor, no oppressors and repressed. Amen

Thursday 23 September

I dream of a world where governments are on the side of the poor, those without land, the homeless and the unemployed; those in society who are not considered to be children of God.

Friday 24 September

I dream of a world where the reign of God would also be a reign of Justice and Peace for the whole of creation. If we all pray, it will become a reality.

Saturday 25 September

Lord God, help me to let go of fear, chasing perfection, the need to please, comparison, past mistakes, self doubt, toxic relationships, and things over which I have no control. Amen

Sunday 26 September

Thank you Heavenly Father for the Harvest. Thank you for all who work to produce and deliver our food, for farmers and growers, fishermen, factory workers and cooks. We bless them in Jesus' name. Amen

Monday 27 September

Lord, we acknowledge our past indifference and exploitation of your world including people and animals, plants and habitats. We commit ourselves to live sustainably sharing earth's gifts in the future. Help us to recognise that we are not above your creation but members of a diverse created community with special responsibility to love and let be. Amen

Tuesday 28 September

Prince of Peace, help us to be dedicated to Your service and God's Kingdom. Amen

Wednesday 29 September

As we plan and make decisions
God be our Way
As we learn and ask questions
God be our Truth
As we grow and as we change
God be our Life.

Thursday 30 September

Lord of the harvest, by our Spirit may we sow thoughtfulness, so that the harvest may be love; forgiveness, that the harvest may be peace; understanding, that the harvest may be patience; persistence, for a harvest of faithfulness, and discipline, so we may reap self control. Amen

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Prayer Link

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**God, guide me with Your
wisdom
God, help me with Your mercy,
God, protect me with Your
strength,
God, fill me with Your grace,
for the sake of Your anointed
Son**

Traditional Gaelic prayer

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