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# Prayer Points and Intercessions



**Sight Loss Sunday** 



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## **Prayer Points and Intercessions**

We understand that it may not be possible to pray for all of the points below. However, we would encourage you to select at least one point from each section.

#### **People With Sight Loss**

- Give thanks to God for his goodness to people with sight loss; that they are able to enjoy equality with sighted people and play a valuable part in society.
- Give thanks for the skills and compassion of medical professionals, social services, and the staff and trustees of charities and businesses responsible for specialist provision; pray that they will be able to continue in their work to improve the lives of people with sight loss.
- Pray for scientists and others working to eliminate preventable blindness, especially in developing countries; give thanks for improvements to healthcare, transport, water supplies, power and other utilities which have led to a reduction in sight loss throughout the world.
- Pray for governments, councillors and politicians, that they may make wise decisions which do not adversely impact people with sight loss.

• Pray for those struggling with their sight loss, that they may be strengthened by the power of God.

#### Made in God's image

- Give thanks to God who loves us so much that he made us in his image
- Pray for those who do not feel that they're worthy of God's love; that the presence of God will refresh them, that everyone will feel God's love and power within them.
- Pray for God's blessing on our individual ministries; that we may grow more Christlike every day and that individuals will know Jesus through our actions and outreach of Torch Trust.
- Give thanks for the technology and expertise of the team that allows Torch to create Accessible Bibles in braille, large print and audio.
- Give thanks for the Christian authors and publishers who grant access to their books and the volunteers who help create the audio recordings.
- Pray for those who use the Torch library and resources; may God bless them as they read, giving them comfort, hope, encouragement and strength to fulfil their calling.
- Pray for all those who have yet to hear about Torch, who are struggling without access to the word of God; pray for good relationships with churches, Christian bookshops and Sight Loss Agencies so that



more people will hear about Torch and benefit from their services.

 Give thanks for all those taking part in Sight Loss Sunday; pray that all churches in the UK would be places that welcome and meet the needs of all people, whatever their gifts and abilities.

#### Intercessions

Everlasting Father, you created the world and everything in it, we pray with one voice, proclaiming your presence to all the earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you and give thanks for all wonders of your marvellous creation.

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer

Lord of the church, we pray for all people who seek to follow your way in their lives. Let your church speak your word of truth with confidence and in unity so that those who are searching and listening will be able to see and hear clearly your message of love and peace.

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer

We pray for key decision-makers and leaders in the governments of the United Kingdom and the world, all who have the power to bring about change. Mighty God please intervene and move within our nations, especially in Yemen\*, South Sudan\* and as the war continues in the Ukraine\*.

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer

We pray for our family members and friends who are not Christians. Please work in us so that we can share your love, your life and message with them and reveal your love to them, so that they might know, follow and witness to you. Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer

We pray for those who, through illness, disability or infirmity, anxiety or depression, find it difficult to pray for themselves. Help them to be aware of the prayer and love which surrounds them and those who care for them.

And in a moment of silence we name before you (in our heart or spoken aloud) those people, places and situations that are on our hearts at this time.

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer

Your son Jesus asked the man at the pool "Do you want to be made well?" We pray for all those who have been ill for so long that it has become part of their life.

Help them and those who care for them to see all the possibilities that life still holds despite their disabilities and to make the most of all the wonderful aids that are now available to help people lead enjoyable and fulfilled lives.

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer

We pray for [local sight loss agency] and other local, national and international organisations for people with sight loss. May their services be a blessing to those who need them.

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer

And Lord, on this Sight Loss Sunday we pray for the work and witness of Torch Trust, its staff, volunteers and supporters. That, through them, churches across the UK will be enabled to include people with sight loss in every aspect of church life.

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer





Merciful God, we pray for those whose hearts have been saddened by the death of someone close and dear to them, for members of our families who have died and whose anniversary we recall. Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer

Merciful father: accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

