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## Prayer Points

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

### Walking By Faith

* Give thanks to God who loves us so much and never leaves our side
* Pray for those who do not feel the presence of God with them, pray for strength for them to believe He is there, even when they don’t feel Him
* Pray for endurance for us to continue walking by faith, even when we don’t see God at work in our lives
* Pray for forgiveness for doubting that God’s listening, that He cares and that His answers, even when different from what we'd prefer, are good, true and loving
* Pray for boldness to trust in the Lord for His plans are perfect and His will is greater than ours

### 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.

God of love

**Hear our prayer**

Give wisdom to all in local, national and international authority. We pray especially for the members of [local council], Parliament and Government as they are faced with challenging economic and humanitarian decisions. May they have patience and understanding in their discussions, and may their decisions take account of the needs of all people, including those with sight loss.

God of love

**Hear our prayer**

Bless the work of Torch and other local, national and international organisations for people with sight loss. We pray that their services will give dignity to people with sight loss, that people with sight loss will benefit from them, and that their work will be sufficiently resourced.

God of love

**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.

God of love

**Hear our prayer**

Comfort and heal those who are sick in body, mind or spirit. On this Sight Loss Sunday, we pray especially for people who are struggling to come to terms with sight loss, and for people who find living with sight loss challenging. Silently, we lift others in our lives who are struggling, to you now.

God of love

**Hear our prayer**

Finally, we pray for all of us here and across the world. We pray for continued strength to walk by faith and not by sight; to follow you, Jesus, wherever you may lead and to trust in Your plan for our lives.

We pray all of this in Jesus’ name.

**Amen**