



A Prayer for belonging

Gracious Creator, we come before You with hearts overflowing with Your boundless love and mercy. We lift every soul in our diverse community, knowing that each one is a precious reflection of Your divine image.

We remember those facing the trials of poverty, that they may be uplifted and provided with the resources to thrive. May their dignity be upheld, and their needs met with generosity and care.

For those who walk the path of different faiths, including Christians, Muslims, Hindus, Mormons, Buddhists, Jews, and Catholics, may they find harmony and respect in their spiritual journeys. We also extend our prayers to followers of many other religions not explicitly mentioned, hoping they find peace and support within their communities. May their beliefs be honored and their communities supported.

We hold close the elderly, cherishing them for their wisdom and experience, and the children and teenagers, that they may grow in a world full of opportunities, love, and acceptance. May all generations coexist in mutual respect and support.

We pray for people of color, that they may experience justice and the celebration of their rich heritage. May they find the love and support needed to thrive and be valued in all aspects of life. We pray for systemic change that would be inclusive and rooted in equity, fostering a sense of belonging for everyone in our community.

Bless our LGBTQ¹ community, that they may **safely live** their truths with courage and receive the love and acceptance they deserve. May they be respected, honored and celebrated.

We ask for strength and understanding for individuals living with physical disabilities and mental illness, that they may find support, access, and a sense of belonging within our community. May their challenges be met with compassion and their contributions recognized.

¹ LGBTQ: (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender): this is not an exhaustive list of all the ways people express their sexuality.

To learn more about the LGBTQ community: [CLICK HERE](#)

Please hold in Your light those who are neurodiverse, that they may be appreciated for their unique perspectives and profound contributions. May they find environments that nurture their individuality and talents.

We honor people across the gender spectrum, recognizing and affirming their identities with love and respect. May they find spaces where they can express themselves freely and be embraced by their communities.

We ask for protection and strength for police officers and military personnel, that they may perform their duties with integrity and compassion. May they be guided by justice and empathy in their service to others.

We lift Indigenous people, praying for the recognition and respect of their sovereignty, the preservation and protection of their sacred lands and waters, and the alleviation of poverty within their communities. May their cultures and rights be honored and preserved, allowing them to thrive with dignity and justice.

We remember those without nation status and refugees, that they may find safety, stability, and acceptance. May their journeys lead to secure and welcoming homes, free from fear and persecution.

Loving God, we lift those who have suffered as victims of crime, including human trafficking, into Your healing embrace. May they find solace and justice, and may their hearts be mended by Your infinite love. Surround them with compassionate support and guide them towards recovery and peace. May they feel Your presence in their darkest moments and find the strength to rebuild their lives.

While we have named many, we acknowledge that this is not an exhaustive list of all the different types of people. We extend our prayers for love, joy, and blessings to all, including those not specifically mentioned.

Special Prayer for the Episcopal Church

Loving God, we, as members of the Episcopal Church, humbly seek Your guidance and strength. May our hearts be opened to offer love and compassion to all, reflecting Your divine grace in our actions.

Grant us the courage to collaboratively create a world where everyone can thrive in dignity and respect. Help us to embody the teachings of Jesus Christ, promoting peace, justice, and inclusivity in our communities. ***May we be instruments of Your love, actively working to break down barriers and build bridges of understanding and unity.***

Loving God, we ask for Your guidance to foster a community where all are seen, heard, and valued. May Your divine light shine through us, illuminating the path toward true inclusivity and unity.

Amen.