

# Prayer Sheet - Christian Aid Week 2023



Esther Saizi prays in her church in Malawi.

## Join us in Prayer

Thank you for downloading this Christian Aid Week prayer resource. The content within will be suitable for the many traditions and denominations that support Christian Aid's work, enabling you to pray with confidence and boldness this Christian Aid Week.

## Collect for Christian Aid Week

God, gardener of Eden, who flung stars into space  
and nurtures the tiniest plant,  
lift our hopes and dreams  
above the loss and damage of our suffering planet,  
that we might share  
your long-dreamed vision  
which values the pea as much as the plant,  
fill us with your life-giving hope  
and inspire us with your creative Spirit  
now, and in the age to come.

## Thanksgiving Prayer

God of broken bread and wine shared.  
We give you thanks for the story of Esther  
and her community that helps each other.  
May we learn and be inspired

to be part of that community that helps each other  
and to extend that community to the Earth  
and to the ends of the Earth  
that all may live and live abundantly.  
Amen.

## Offeratory Prayer

God, our Farmer  
You plant the seed  
You water the seed  
You nourish the seed  
You value the widow's mite  
You value Esther's peas  
You value what we bring today  
What we bring today  
Is already yours  
Accept these, our offerings  
And use them to help dreams come true  
In this community  
Through this church  
And in your world  
Through Christian Aid.  
Amen.

## Prayer of Approach

Creator God, you have planted the seed of love  
in our hearts, in our souls, in our lives.  
We long for the brightness of your presence  
drawing ever closer to you  
and to one another,  
as we join with your people  
at all times  
in all places  
to worship and to serve.

We confess  
those frequent times  
when we have been stony ground,  
too hard to value the tiny seed,  
the generous smile,  
the heartfelt word.

[Women] You grow us into community.  
[Men] You grow us into community.  
[All] You grow us into community.

We confess  
those frequent times  
when we have been stony ground,  
too hard to see beyond our selfish desires  
and for tacitly accepting  
a world that smothers the dreams of those with less power  
and wealth.

Creator God, once again, you have planted the seed of love  
in our hearts, in our souls, in our lives.  
We draw near today  
in the knowledge that your forgiveness  
waters the seed  
and nurtures us with the power of your Spirit  
to grow, to flourish  
and to bear the fruit of your justice  
now and forevermore.  
Amen

## Prayer of Sending

Go into the world  
working together for change  
so that everyone can thrive  
and share life in its fullness.  
And in all we do  
let us show the love of Jesus.  
Let us treat everyone with dignity.

We will show the love of Jesus.  
Let us stand up for equality.  
We will show the love of Jesus.  
Let us fight for justice.  
We will show the love of Jesus.  
May the God of hope  
fill you with all joy and peace in believing,  
so that you may overflow with hope  
by the power of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

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