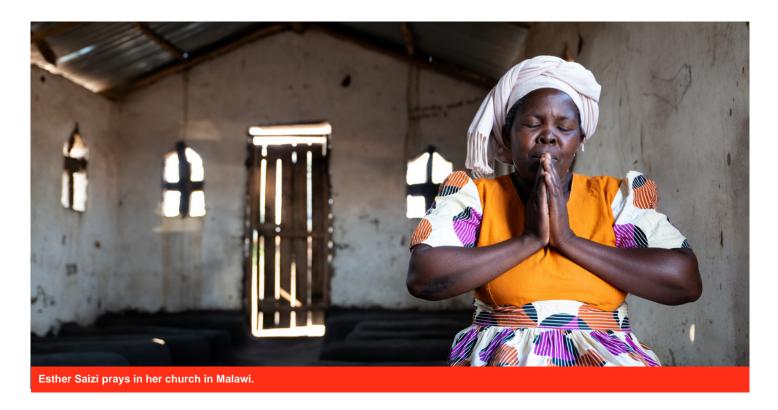
Prayer Sheet - Christian Aid Week 2023



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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