



St. Paul's Church
Canford Heath – Poole
Prayer Diary
Oct/Nov/Dec 2020

The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Psalm 103:8

St. Paul's church – Prayer Diary

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the third edition of St. Paul's church prayer-diary. This issue covers the last three months of 2020.

You'll notice a few changes:

- **Each table no longer includes a specific day – just numbers.**
- **The note column has been replaced with daily rows.**
- **Praise suggestions are included on a separate page that can be cut out and used as a bookmark if you choose.**

Daily suggestion/reminders for prayer.

- ① Ministries, charities, outreach, leaders.
- ② Our Neighbourhood – local streets & groups.
- ③ Wider Church, global issues and leaders.
- ✂ Space for personal prayer requests.

Information and Inspiration includes one of the following:

- ① Article related to prayer or ongoing global concern.
- ② An especially written prayer.
- ③ One of the 650 plus Bible prayers.

Please note that prayer requests may be re-worded due to limited space. If you feel your request should be worded differently please e-mail.

There is limited space - less than 60 characters is ideal.

Find the diary useful? Suggest improvements? Mistakes? please email: prayerdiary@stpaulscanfordheath.org.uk

Prayer meetings and services in the church building are currently running in line with government guidelines. Online services can be found on the church website. stpaulscanfordheath.org.uk or on the **St.Pauls Youtube** channel (or use QR code right)



October - Week 1

Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.
Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.
Romans 12:12-13

1

① For unbelievers be drawn to faithful churches & Henbury cl.

② For schools that are still getting used to working in 'bubbles'

③ Christians in North Vietnam who are denied aid



2

① For the live services to reach the lost .

② For Pastoral C.Workers Inset Day Oct 2 to be a great opportunity to learn & meet.

③ For N. Korea for religious freedom and much needed aid.



3

① Seatown & Southbrook close.

② For wisdom in how we meet spiritual needs of children & youth during the pandemic

③ For those Christians around the world who have to gather in secret



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① For St. Paul's church children and teenagers and the people of Godmanston cls.

② For those working with PACE (see thepacetrust.blogspot.com)

③ For people who struggle with addictions and those who support them



5

① For sacrificial love toward each other and those people in Charlbury close.

② Students as they adapt to school Bubbles

③ For world economies to recover especially in poorer countries



6

① For future prayer ministry and meetings.

② For the people in Hooke Close.

③ For those who are smuggling Bibles into countries that forbid it.



7

① For our desire to open the Bible to grow.

② Arc & Totmel close.

③ For those people around the world who have no Bible



"The word of God is the food by which prayer is nourished and made strong."
Edward McKendree Bounds

October - Week 2

In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Matthew 5:16

8

- ① For the significant financial problems facing many churches as result of pandemic
- ② For boldness to preach the gospel & for those in Chaldon close.
- ③ For Christians in India who are beaten, abused and imprisoned.



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- ①
- ② Those working in Press & broadcasting
- ③ For the Maldives officials to increase religious freedom



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- ① That we will grow in love for the Lord
- ② For School pastoral care workers & local press.
- ③ For the people of Iraq as poverty increases there.



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- ① Chernobyl children's life line & for all medical staff.
- ② For PACE as they work alongside schools to provide the resources whether in person or digitally
- ③ For Hindu extremists in India to be granted true faith in Christ.



12

- ① For strength, wisdom and energy for those planning future church services
- ② For the work of C.A.P (see capuk.org) & Nursing/OP homes
- ③ For the people struggling after the Beirut explosion.



13

- ① Build strong connections with faithful churches in our area.
- ② For wisdom and strength for school staff adapting to change.
- ③ For the few believers in Qatar to have courage to spread the gospel.



14

- ① For For those in Music Ministry
- ② For those struggling with prayer both at St. Pauls and worldwide.
- ③ For believers in Algeria where church continue to be closed down



“To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing.”
- Martin Luther -

October - Week 3

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship,
to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Acts 2:42

15

- ① For strong /growing relationships as Christians despite restrictions to meeting.
- ② Acts435 (see acts435.org.uk)
- ③ For those in Syria without food and shelter after nearly a decade of war



16

- ① For our desire to open the Bible to grow
- ② For new staff settling into new positions at PACE
- ③ For believers in Lebanon working to educate the lands children.



17

- ① For Those feeling isolated during the pandemic
- ② For the people and work of 'Lunch club'
- ③ For those suffering with mental health issues and those that support them.



18

- ① That we will grow our love for the lost
- ② For One World Week. (see www.oneworldweek.org)
- ③ For believers in Egypt as they continue to preach the word



19

- ① That we will grow in Biblical discernment and courage to defend truth.
- ② The commonwealth
- ③ For those suffering under Hindu extremists & for extremists to receive the gospel



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- ① For the members of the PCC to make wise decisions, to trust God and spread the Gospel
- ② For the European union
- ③ For all key-workers, healthcare, cleaners, suppliers during the pandemic



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- ① For Opendoors (see opendoorsuk.org)
- ② For Town Twinning Association
- ③ For everybody worldwide who has lost their employment.



“The one concern of the devil is to keep Christians from praying.
He fears nothing from prayer-less studies, prayer-less work, and prayer-less religion.
He laughs at our toil, mocks at our wisdom, but trembles when we pray.”

- Samuel Chadwick -

October - Week 4

And this is the confidence that we have toward Him, that if we ask anything according to His will He hears us. And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of Him.

1 John 5:14-15

22

- ① Lord to give us wisdom & resources we need to reach out in new ways.
- ② The peoples of the Arctic
- ③ For those people working toward a covid cure/vaccine.



23

- ① That we will encourage each other
- ② The peoples of Asia
- ③ For the health workers on the front-line of covid care.



24

- ① For St Paul's church's reach to grow as a beacon of hope
- ② United Nations
- ③ For the people of Azerbaijan under very strict down measures



25

- ① For wisdom /opportunities to share the Gospel with unbelievers during pandemic
- ② The people of the British Isles
- ③ For world leaders to open paths for Christian aid workers to help during pandemic



26

- ① That we will find opportunities during this pandemic to spread the gospel
- ② The peoples of Europe
- ③ For the people of our own country and worldwide struggling to survive at this time.



27

- ① That we will serve each other humbly and sacrificially
- ② The peoples of Africa
- ③ For countries such as India whose economy is suffering at this time



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- ① For ourselves and non-believers to receive Gods word with eagerness like Bereans
- ② The peoples of The Americas
- ③ For those believers of other faiths that they may come to know the only living God.



“True prayer is measured by weight, not by length.
A single groan before God may have more fullness of prayer
in it than a fine oration of great length.”

- Charles Spurgeon -

October - November Week 1

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

29

- ① That we will grow in love for the Lord
- ② The peoples of Australasia
- ③ For world leaders to have wisdom and patience



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- ① For those who are elderly/disabled at St.Pauls.
- ② Saints: Men & Women of learning
- ③ For Christians persecuted and blamed for the pandemic in Islamic countries .



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- ① For all those who are in mission partnership with St.Pauls
- ② For those who Work with the poor
- ③ For Armenian and Azerbaijan leaders to make peace and avoid full scale war.



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- ① That churches will obey the Great Commandment/Commission as hard as it is now
- ② All those who are elderly/disabled
- ③ For those who are translating, in secret, the Bible into languages such as Russian



2

- ① That we will be a church that remains thankful to God
- ② For the businesses across Poole to adapt and support clients and staff
- ③ For all the faithful churches ministering to deaf and blind communities



3

- ① That as believers we let our light shine before others.
- ② For a family you know
- ③ For the ongoing work of MAF as they deliver aid to difficult to reach places



4

- ① That whatever we do we do with all our heart as if we are working for Christ.
- ② Bishops & pastors
- ③ For believers around the world who have been imprisoned for their faith.



“Prayer turns ordinary mortals into men of power.
It brings power. It brings fire. It brings rain. It brings life.

It brings God.”
Samuel Chadwick

November - Week 2

"...O Lord, let Your ear be attentive to the prayer of Your servant, and to the prayer of Your servants who delight to fear Your name, and give success to Your servant today, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man."

Nehemiah 1:11

5	①	For the church to grow in number & spiritual maturity despite today's challenges
	②	Teachers of the Christian faith
	③	For the people of Yemen suffering poverty and disease
	✂	
6	①	That St Paul's will be a church dedicated to prayer (see Col 4:2-4)
	②	Christian Missionaries
	③	For the leaders of Sudan as they continue to reform their laws.
	✂	
7	①	That St. Pauls grows as a church filled with believers renewing minds (Rom 12:2)
	②	Artists and creators
	③	For Nigerians:believers who are persecuted and for the perpetrator to receive faith
	✂	
8	①	For all believers to have courage to share the good news.
	②	Remembrance Sunday
	③	For non-believers to receive he Gospel and come to true faith
	✂	
9	①	That we will walk in way that is worthy to our calling (see Ephesians4:1)
	②	The Royal British Legion
	③	For Christians worldwide to serve our risen saviour in humility and faith
	✂	
10	①	For those at working for/with young people at St.Pauls
	②	Forces' Chaplains
	③	For those living in famine in Somalia
	✂	
11	①	That we continue to point people to Christ and not ourselves
	②	Forces' Medical Staff
	③	For those living in famine the Congo
	✂	

"True happiness consists not in beauty, honour, riches (the world's trinity)--
but in the forgiveness of sin."

Thomas Watson

November - Week 3

The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; He knows those who take refuge in Him.
Nahum 1:7

12	①	For the financial needs of St. Pauls to be met
	②	Red Cross & Red Crescent
	③	For those living in famine in Sudan
	✂	
13	①	Thank You God for everyone at St.Pauls You have called into Your light (1Pet 2:9)
	②	Rehabilitation Centres
	③	For the worlds 1 billion+ Hindu believers
	✂	
14	①	That we will act justly, mercifully and humbly with God (see Micah 6:8)
	②	Chernobyl children and those who support them
	③	For the Lofian people where the presence of Christianity is very limited
	✂	
15	①	For people to be able to meet safely at church without catching the virus
	②	Prison Staff
	③	For the people of Malawi, whose healthcare system is on the verge of collapse
	✂	
16	①	Thank You God for those You bring to St. Paul's (see Acts 2:47)
	②	All prisoners
	③	For the foster children in Bangladesh as new, better, foster systems are growing
	✂	
17	①	That St Paul's will be a church that prays together however we can (See Acts 2:42)
	②	Prison Chaplains
	③	For faithful Christian radio stations worldwide to spread the good news.
	✂	
18	①	That we will be a church that pleases God not man (see 1 Thessalonians 2:4)
	②	Probation Officers
	③	For churches in Guatemala as they struggle with growing homelessness issues
	✂	

“Satan laughs at our toil, mocks at our wisdom, but trembles when we pray.”
Samuel Chadwick

November - Week 4

For You have been my help, and in the shadow of Your wings
I will sing for joy. My soul clings to You; Your right hand upholds me.
Psalm 63:7-8

19	①	For those church members who facilitate the opening of St.Pauls
	②	Prisoners' families
	③	For the disciples of faithful Japanese churches to grow in love and evangelism
		
20	①	Thank you Lord for Your mercy, love and grace (see Ephesians 2:4-5)
	②	Education and educators in Prison
	③	For the people of Cambodia where the pandemic has hit the economy hard
		
21	①	For the shelter of the church building and those who maintain it
	②	Victims of crime and for the perpetrators to receive repentance
	③	For all the victims of abuse and that abusers will receive repentance
		
22	①	That all believers will persevere in faith and godliness despite the challenges we face
	②	For someone living in Poole that needs comfort
	③	Those around the world who imprisoned for their faith
		
23	①	That we will individually and corporately grow in our trust in God
	②	Victims of abuse and the charities supporting them
	③	For the peoples of Mongolia where family life is fragmented by cultural norms
		
24	①	Hallowed be Thy Name, Thy will be done.
	②	Study Groups as they plan new ways to work through pandemic limitations
	③	For the people of Romania suffering through strict lockdown measure and poverty
		
25	①	The D Team it's members and the leaders as they find way to move forward
	②	For our council servants as they make difficult choices
	③	For Europe's only remaining pagan tribe – the Mari. That they may find true faith
		

“If I feel myself disinclined to pray,
then is the time when I need to pray more than ever.”
Charles Spurgeon

November - Week 5 - December

"The Lord lives, and blessed be my rock,
and exalted be my God, the rock of my salvation,"
2 Samuel 22:47 (part of David's prayer)

26

- ① For us all to retain our commitment to God, church & each other in difficult times
- ② Youth House Groups
- ③ Churches in France as they struggle to maintain belief in Biblical truths.



27

- ① Thank Lord for giving us food at the proper time (see Psalm 145:15)
- ② Little Treasures
- ③ For many faithful people translating the Bible into various African languages



28

- ① For our country that allows St. Paul's church to worship openly
- ② Jumping Jelly Beans
- ③ For all refugees that they might receive security and the gospel.



29

- ① For us to have opportunities during the Christmas period to share Christ.
- ② Advent
- ③ For the Japanese people, a country where there is little evangelism.



30

- ① That we will have courage to reject the fruitless deeds of darkness (see Eph 5)
- ② Lunch Club
- ③ For people in Ethiopia as violence and political unrest grows.



1

- ① For clarity in wider issues within the CoFE
- ② Seniors Club
- ③ For people worldwide who have not received the true message of Christmas



2

- ① For the work and workers of CPAS (See spas.org.uk)
- ② 'Save the Children'
- ③ For those people worldwide who are not free to celebrate Christmas openly



"Prayer is to the Christian what breath is to life,
yet no duty of the Christian is so neglected."
R.C. Sproul

December - Week 1

Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed.
The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.

James 5:16

3

- ① For wisdom in how we meet spiritual needs of children & youth during the pandemic
- ② Pre-schools and nurseries
- ③ U.N.I.C.E.F



4

- ① For those planning sermons, outreach and support over Christmas
- ② World Health Organisation
- ③ For Justice and peace for all



5

- ① Wessex gospel partnership (see wessexgospelpartnership.wordpress.com)
- ② "Shelter" (see shelter.org.uk)
- ③ For all those who are homeless and those who support them.



6

- ① For lock-down to bring good opportunities and fruit
- ② Aid organisations
- ③ For the people of Ghana



7

- ① That we will adapt safely and smoothly as lockdown continues to change
- ② CAP – Christians against poverty (see capuk.org)
- ③ For the people of Mexico who's lives are impacted by corruption and extreme crime



8

- ① For a non-christian you know
- ② Christians against Torture (see acatuk.org.uk)
- ③ For the church catholic as it spreads the true Christmas message



9

- ① For those in music ministry
- ② Voluntary Service Overseas
- ③ For the people of Fiji, suffering through rising sea levels and the effects thereof.



"When we cannot pray as we would,
it is good to pray as we can."

Charles Spurgeon

December - Week 2

Whatever you ask in My name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son
John 14:13

10

- ① For the significant financial problems facing many churches as result of pandemic
- ② Tools for Self Reliance (see tfsr.org)
- ③ For the Christmas season to aid the reach of the good news.



11

- ① For the work of CPAS - see cpas.org.uk
- ② Practical Action (see practicalaction.org)
- ③ For the people of Indonesia, many of whom live in slums.



12

- ① For future Christianity explored courses
- ② Medecins sans Frontieres (see msf.org.uk)
- ③ For the people of Lesotho and it's church to continue to grow in strength.



13

- ① For areas of service to be filled
- ② Routes to Roots (see routestoroots.org)
- ③ For the people in E.Timor to continue its successful control of the pandemic



14

- ① Faithworks Wessex (see faithworkswessex.org.uk)
- ② TWYFORD CLOSE
- ③ For the Christmas season to remind us all of Easter and our need for the Saviour.



15

- ① Acts435 (see acts435.org.uk)
- ② UPLYME CLOSE
- ③ For the people of Nicaragua to receive much needed aid.



16

- ① For clarity in wider issues within the CofE
- ② SUTTON CLOSE
- ③ For the people of Kenya to receive much needed aid.



“Prayer begins and ends not with the needs of man but with the glory of God (John 14:13)*.
It should be concerned primarily with who God is, what He wants, and how He can be glorified.”

John F. Macarthur

*see above

December - Week 3

Every word of God proves true;
He is a shield to those who take refuge in Him.
Proverbs 30:5

17	①	For strong /growing relationships as Christians despite restrictions to meeting.
	②	DEWLISH CLOSE
	③	Lord, please reveal to us those who we can help and those who need our prayers.
		
18	①	Canford Heath Hub
	②	CARSWORTH CLOSE
	③	For the people of Puerto Rico who continue to suffer increasing earthquakes.
		
19	①	For our local food banks to be replenished
	②	FERNHILL CLOSE
	③	For the many Indonesians living in slums and grieving those lost to flooding.
		
20	①	That we will not only know the Bible but also embody the gospel
	②	SYDLING CLOSE
	③	For us all to show greater respect for the creators world.
		
21	①	The work of Opendoors (see opendoorsuk.org)
	②	STOCKBRIDGE CLOSE
	③	For those in Greece who adapting to displacement.
		
22	①	Poole food bank
	②	Mary's Meals (see marysmeals.org.uk)
	③	For Hungary where many are building new lives because of persecution.
		
23	①	For sacrificial love toward each other
	②	'Crisis at Christmas' (see crisis.org.uk)
	③	For the people of Hong Kong. May there be patience, understanding and compassion
		

Prayer does change things, all kinds of things.
But the most important thing it changes is us.

R.C. Sproul

December - Week 4

...He regards the prayer of the destitute
and does not despise their prayer.
Acts 2:42

24

- ① For wisdom /opportunities to share the Gospel with unbelievers during pandemic
- ② The Children's Society (see childrenssociety.org.uk)
- ③ For people Lesotho where farming is difficult, healthcare sparse, politics fractured



25

- ① People who are willing to lead and serve in the church.
- ② For all those who are alone this Christmas or unable to publicly celebrate it.
- ③ For all the people of the world to be free to worship as we remember Christ's birth.



26

- ① For home groups and their leaders
- ② 'Children all around the world.
- ③ For people around the world recognise the true and living God.



27

- ① Those training to be future church leaders/teachers
- ② For all the orphans around the world.
- ③ For Sierra Leone people fighting for women's rights and equality



28

- ① For food bank to be replenished
- ② Theological Colleges
- ③ Thank You Lord for the world and it's provision, diversity & beauty in all it's forms



29

- ① For momentum in preaching the gospel
- ② Ordinands
- ③ For Germany where poverty is on the rise and racial fear is growing



30

- ① For God's word to spread throughout Poole in the year ahead
- ② Sarum College
- ③ For the church to grow in number, unity, love for all and in faith.



"The streaming wounds of Jesus are the sure guarantees for answered prayer."
Charles Spurgeon

*(To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David, when Nathan the prophet came unto him,
after he had gone in to Bathsheba.)*

Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy loving kindness:
according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.
For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me.

Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight:
that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest,
and be clear when thou judgest.

Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me.

Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts
and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom.

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean:
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Make me to hear joy and gladness;
that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.

Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities.
Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from thy presence;
and take not thy holy spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation;
and uphold me with thy free spirit.

Then will I teach transgressors thy ways;
and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God, thou God of my salvation:
and my tongue shall sing aloud of thy righteousness.

O Lord, open thou my lips; and my mouth shall shew forth thy praise.
For thou desirest not sacrifice; else would I give it:
thou delightest not in burnt offering.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart,
O God, thou wilt not despise.

Do good in thy good pleasure unto Zion: build thou the walls of Jerusalem.

Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness, with burnt offering and
whole burnt offering: then shall they offer bullocks upon thine altar.

Psalm 51 (KJV)

Some things we can praise God for:

- Our freedom to worship
- Prayer walks
- For our warm dry homes
- A God who loves the unlovable
- The gift of Faith
- Birdsong
- Teachers who care
- Trees
- Christ's empty tomb
- For a Bible believing church
- Freedom of speech/religion
- Church choirs
- For God's goodness
- For learning opportunities
- For air to breath
- For our senses

Some things we can praise God for:

- His supreme sacrifice
- Technology that helps us
- Music
- Our jobs
- Opportunities to serve
- Evening walks
- Our saviour
- Bread to eat & bread to read
- Families with legacy in the faith
- Humour
- For baby giggling
- Good Christian role models
- Our Mediator
- For challenges
- For Your answers to our prayers

Some things we can praise God for:

- His Word – The Bible
- For our Church family
- For provision of Food
- For a God who answers prayer
- Provision of good mentors
- For a beautiful world
- The sound of children laughing
- For the nature around us
- For medicine and carers
- Peace in all circumstances
- the gift of family
- The church catholic
- For every new believer

Some things we can praise God for:

- The gift of marriage
- The beach
- Pets
- Sunsets and sunrises
- Our Christian brothers & sisters
- The gift of prayer
- Chocolate
- God's amazing grace
- Opportunities to show love
- Provision of clean water
- People who fight for justice
- Time with our children
- For His patience

Don't feel like praying?

7 points to remember when we struggle to pray.

- ▶ Never forget that God already knows our weakness
(Psalm 19:1-4)
- ▶ Remember the Holy Spirit and Jesus intercede for us and Jesus understands our struggles as He too suffered.
(Romans 8:26-27,34 & Hebrews 7:25)
- ▶ Anyone can struggle with weakness and in prayer. Even Apostle Paul!
(Romans 8:26-27)
- ▶ Perhaps it's time to ask 'why' we are struggling to pray.
(Psalm 139:23-24)
- ▶ It could be time to ask another Christian to pray **FOR** you.
- ▶ There are over 650 prayers in the Bible!
Here are some we can use for ourselves:

A prayer for boldness - (Acts 4:29-30)
A Prayer for mercy - (Luke 18:13)
A prayer for guidance - (Psalm 25)
- ▶ And whatever remember to pray without ceasing. (1 Thessalonians 5:17)

**'Oh what peace we often forfeit,
oh what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry'
everything to God in prayer'**

A stanza taken from the poem '**What a friend we have in Jesus**' by preacher J.M. Scriven. Penned as a poem in 1855 to comfort his mother who lived 3000 miles away. It would later, in 1868, form a hymn with music composed by William Bolcom.

- A Adoration:** Give honour and praise to the living God.
- C Confession:** Repent of sins. Ask that He reveal to us our sins.
- T Thanksgiving:** Show gratitude for every gift in our lives.
- S Supplication:** Ask God to fulfil our/others needs, if it is His will.

