

PRAYERS

A PRAYER FOR THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN BAPTISED

By Lynn Green

You Lord are the God of hope
– we worship you.

You Lord, are the God of love
– we delight in you.

You Lord, are the Prince of Peace
– we praise your name.

You Lord, are our rock and
salvation – we rejoice in you.

Lord, we thank and praise you for
all those who have been baptised
as believers in this past year.

Thank you for all the ways that
you are graciously touching and
changing lives through the work
of your Holy Spirit and for the
celebration and encouragement
this brings.

We pray that each one will grow
as a disciple, deeply rooted in
love and exhibiting the fruits of
the Spirit in the whole of life.

We pray too that the seeds
sown in people's hearts through
baptismal services would flourish
and bring to birth new followers
of your Son Jesus Christ.

Lord, we pray that, by your grace,
every church in our Union would
be able to open their baptistry
and experience the joy of
believers baptism in this coming
year.

Where there have been many
baptisms recently, we pray for
more, Lord.

Where there have been few or
none we pray that a fresh and
gentle move of your Holy Spirit
will surprise us.

Give us all a fresh anointing to be
witnesses for you in the places
that you have put us – through
steadfast prayer, through our
Christlike words and actions and
through our invitations to 'come
and see'.

Lord, help us to experience and
share the joy of our salvation.

Holy Spirit, by grace draw people
to Jesus.

Heavenly Father, may many,
many people discover their true
home in you.

For you honour and glory, we
pray.

AMEN

BLESSING from *Prayers for all
Seasons: Book 2*
by Nick Fawcett

May the word of God guide your
footsteps,
the power of God equip you for
service,
the grace of God constantly
renew you and the love of God
surround you always

May your vision be clear,
your commitment strong,
and your faith constant.

May peace flood your soul and
light shine from your heart.

May Christ be your constant
companion on the path of
discipleship, until your journey is
over and you meet with God face
to face, secure in the joy of his
everlasting kingdom.

The Lord bless and keep you,
now and for evermore.

AMEN

PRAYERS FOR BAPTISTS TOGETHER IN THIS SEASON AND WITH THE STORY OF BAPTISM IN OUR MINDS.

These can be used corporately
or individually as we rejoice
with those who have been
baptised, with those baptising
and as we pray for those who
are still hoping and expecting
to baptise. (Bold words said
together)

We thank God for all who are
expressing faith in the Lord Jesus
Christ and are experiencing God's
love in new and deeper ways.

*Pause to pray for someone known
to you*

Lord, we give you thanks
Lord, we give you thanks

We thank the Lord Jesus Christ
and give him the glory for the
immeasurable greatness of his
power promised to us.

*Pause to think about the places
where we live and the places to
which we have been called and
give them afresh to God.*

Lord, we give you thanks
Lord, we give you thanks

We thank God for the Spirit of
wisdom given to us and pray for
a further outpouring of insight
that all may know the hope to
which he has called us.

May we continue to share the
incredible love God has for all,
that all may know how high and
deep, how long and wide God's
love is for us.

*Pause to reflect on God's love for
us and for those around us*

Lord, we give you thanks
Lord, we give you thanks

We pray, for those for whom your
blessings seem far off and feel
discouraged on their journey

pause

We pray, for those for whom the
storms rage

pause

We pray, for those for whom love,
hope and joy seem distant

pause

We pray, for those who believe
they are not seen or heard or
loved

pause

Lord, we pray...
**for your Spirit that encourages
and walks with us to be present
with the people and places we
have named before you.**

**Lord, we pray that all would
know the riches of your
mercy, your great love and the
enormity of the grace you have
shown us in Jesus Christ.
To him be the glory.**

AMEN

PRAYERS WRITTEN BY THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY BEEN BAPTISED

A PRAYER FOR CHURCHES WANTING TO SEE MORE PEOPLE BAPTISED

by Emma

Heavenly Father,
we thank you for the gift of life,
we thank you for the access to
which you have granted us to be
in relationship with you.

Lord, we come before you today
in request to ask you to equip us
with what is necessary to further
expand your Kingdom.

Use us as vessels to shine your
light upon others and draw them
closer to you.

Bring to us, and lead us to, those
who desire to know you and
those who don't know you.

Guide us in helping others
navigate taking that next step of
baptism with you.

Thank you in advance for
entrusting us to help nurture
your children.

Let your will be done.
In the name of Jesus we pray,

AMEN

PRAYING FOR THOSE CHOOSING BAPTISM

By Claudia

Dear Lord
I pray for everyone who is
choosing baptism this year.

I pray that they will be able to
boldly declare their choice to
follow the Lord.

I pray that their testimony will
spread the love of God far and
wide.

That it will plant seeds of God's
love that will flower in the years
to come.

AMEN

*Nick Fawcett, Prayers for
All Seasons: Book 2 - is a
comprehensive resource for
public worship written in
contemporary language, and
published by Kevin Mayhew*

**Emma and Claudia belong to
Baptist churches**

**For more prayers on baptism,
see the baptism section
in *Gathering for Worship*
- published in 2005, and
available in hardback or
Ebook from Canterbury Press:
[canterburypress.hymnsam.
co.uk](http://canterburypress.hymnsam.co.uk)**

**Baptist minister and spoken
word poet Mike Sherburn
has created new pieces on
baptism to go alongside this
edition. Access them here:
baptist.org.uk/baptismword**

