



Prayers & Thanksgiving for May & June

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We give thanks to the living God with thankful hearts:

Gracious God, as we enter these months, we give you thanks for the gift of longer days, renewed energy, and the gentle invitation to care for our own wellbeing and (spiritual) lives; we are grateful for moments of rest, reflection, and reconnection with you amid the busyness of life. Help us to tend to ourselves with patience and intention, to make space for prayer, stillness, and thanksgiving, and to recognise our need for renewal through you. Thank you that you wish to pour your grace into our lives; teach us to receive with hearts opened wide.



Father God, we lift before you the peoples and nations of the Middle East, giving thanks for its deep history, rich cultures, and enduring faith that have shaped and sustained generations. We thank you that you are at work, desiring your kingdom to come and your light to shine through your people, even in the midst of conflict, hardship, and war. In all things, we hold fast to the truth that your promises are steadfast and eternal, and that your work of restoration continues, bringing hope where it is most needed.

Father God, we thank you for the gift of young people in our schools - their energy, curiosity, resilience, and potential - and for the teachers and staff who support and guide them. As many prepare for exams this term, we give thanks for all they have learned and for the opportunities before them. Grant them calm minds, steady focus, and confidence in their abilities; ease anxiety and remind them that their worth is far greater than any result. Bless their families with patience and encouragement, and may your peace guard their hearts and minds, so that they may know your presence with them, today.



Father God, we thank you for the beauty and abundance of the natural world - for the changing seasons, the freshness of the air, the life that teems in fields, forests, and rivers, and the quiet moments where creation speaks of your glory; we give thanks for the ways nature restores, inspires, and sustains us each day. Help us to cherish and care for all you have made, to tread lightly upon the earth, and to be faithful stewards of your creation; open our eyes to wonder, our hearts to gratitude, and our lives to the responsibility of protecting this gift, so that all may flourish and give thanks to you, now and for generations to come.

Father God, we give you thanks as visitors return to our local area, for the renewed life and opportunity this brings, and for the dedication and hard work of businesses and individuals who have prepared to offer a warm welcome; we are grateful for their care, creativity, and perseverance in encouraging others to come and share in this place. Bless all who travel and all who serve, that encounters may be marked by kindness and generosity, communities strengthened, and livelihoods supported; and in all these things, may there be a spirit of thanksgiving for your provision and for the gift of hospitality that reflects your love.



Father God, may we be people who seek first and foremost you and your kingdom in all we pray, do and are.