

Past, Present and Future



Monday

Prayer Leader:

Take a look at this tree: as Summer turns to Autumn, the leaves change colour and fall.

In our lives too, lots of things change.

Things like moving schools, getting a new brother or sister, losing a pet or a friend moving away.

What changes have happened in your life?

Sometimes they might feel like happy changes, sometimes sad changes.

But in the Gospel this week we learn about one thing that never ever changes: God's love for us.





Prayer Leader:

As we grow from a baby to a toddler,
from a toddler to a child,
from a child to a teenager,
from a teenager to an adult who gets older,
God's love never changes!



**Think for a moment about
how that makes you feel.**



Prayer Leader:

Each day this week, we're going to read God's word and learn about His love for us.

Let's listen to God's word now:

Reader:

**'Heaven and earth will pass away,
but my words will not pass away.'**
(Mark 13: 31)

Prayer Leader:

This verse teaches us that through any changes that might come, God's words are true, and He is always with us!

God loved us in the past, loves us in the present and will love us in the future.



Prayer Leader:

Let's pray together:

All:

Father God,

**We know we will face
changes in our lives.**

**Help us to remember that you
are always with us.**

**Thank you that we can trust in your love
no matter what!**

Amen



Tuesday

Prayer Leader:

This week in our prayers, we are thinking about how we can trust in God's love no matter what!

Today, we are focusing on how God loved us in the past.

What is your earliest memory?

God has known us since before we were born.

He knows our thoughts, our fears and the things that bring us happiness.

He knows the things we've done that we're really proud of... and also the things we're not so proud of.

In fact, God knows us even better than we know ourselves!



Prayer Leader:

Let's listen to God's word:

Reader:

'Oh Lord, you know everything about me.

You know when I sit down or stand up.

You know my thoughts.

You know everything I do.

**You know what I am going to say
even before I say it, Lord.'**

(Psalm 139)

Prayer Leader:

God knows everything about us – even the things
we've done that we're not proud of! –
and He still loves us.

Take a moment to thank God for knowing you so well.



Prayer Leader:

God is with us wherever we go.

Because He loves us, He will never leave us.

God wants us to welcome Him into our lives.

**Take a moment to welcome God
in your heart now.**

Let's pray together:

All:

**Father God,
You have known us since before
we were born.**

**Thank you that you know everything
about us and still you love us.**

Help us to trust in your love no matter what.

Amen



Wednesday

Prayer Leader:

This week in our prayers, we are thinking about how we can trust in God's love no matter what!

Today, we are focusing on how God loves us in the present, right now.

How are you feeling today?

God already knows how we're feeling right now, but He loves it when we tell Him about it!

God is here already: He is here because He loves us and we are very important to Him.



Prayer Leader:

Let's listen to God's word:

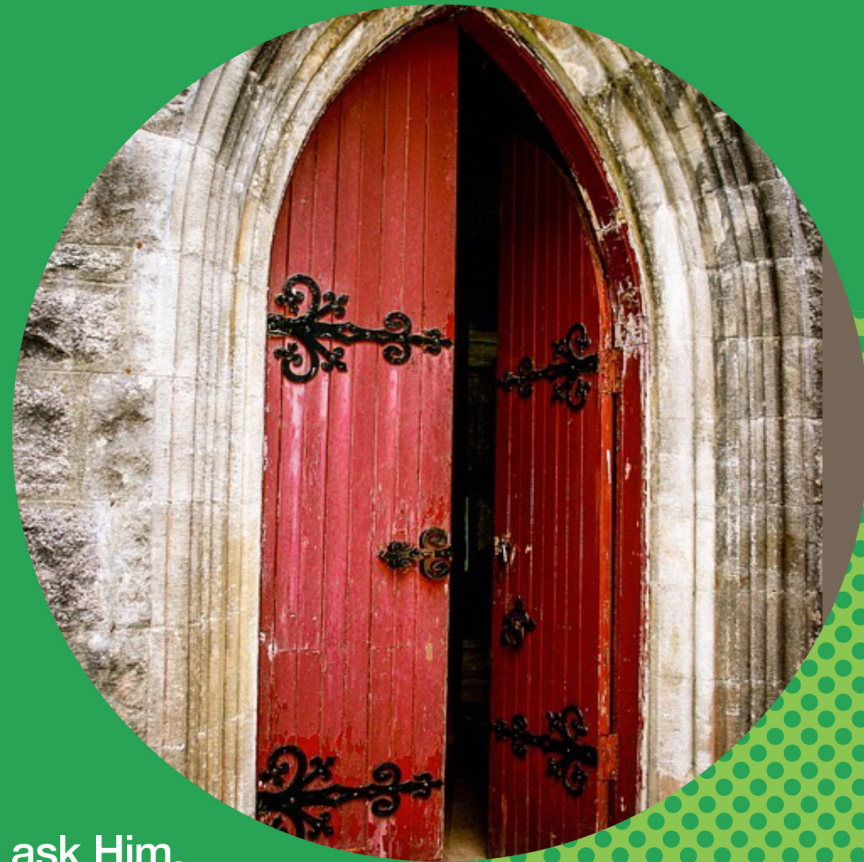
Reader:

**'Ask and it will be given to you;
seek and you will find;
knock and the door will be opened to you.
For everyone who asks receives;
the one who seeks finds;
and to the one who knocks,
the door will be opened.'** (Matthew 7: 7 - 8)

Prayer Leader:

God is with us every moment of every day. If we ask Him,
He will give us wisdom, courage, peace and much more.

What do you want to ask God for today?



Prayer Leader:

God is with us wherever we go.

Because He loves us, He will never leave us.

God wants us to welcome Him into our lives.

**Take a moment to welcome God
in your heart now.**

Let's pray together:

All:

Father God,

**We know you are with us every
moment of the day.**

Help us remember that we can ask you for help.

**Thank you that we can trust in your love
no matter what!**

Amen



Thursday

Prayer Leader:

This week in our prayers, we are thinking about how we can trust in God's love no matter what!

Today, we are focusing on how God will love us in the future: tomorrow, the next day, next year and all the days of our life.

What are you looking forward to at the moment?

God's love for us is everlasting.
That means it lasts *forever*.

There will never be a day that goes by where God doesn't love us.



Prayer Leader:

Let's listen to God's word:

Reader:

God says:

'I have good plans for you.

I plan to give you hope and a good future.'

(Jeremiah 29: 11)

Prayer Leader:

God has a plan for each one of us:
to love Him and love others.

But sometimes He calls us to something specific too!

When we follow God's plan for us, we find great joy
in being all that God has made us to be.

**Take a moment to talk to God in your heart
about His plans for you.**



Prayer Leader:

God is with us wherever we go.

Because He loves us, He will never leave us.

God wants us to welcome Him into our lives.

Take a moment to welcome God
in your heart now.

Let's pray together:

All:

Father God,

Thank you that you have a plan for us.

**Help us follow your plan so we can
live our lives being the best we can be.**

**Thank you that we can trust in your love
no matter what!**

Amen



Friday

Prayer Leader:

This week in our prayers, we have been thinking about how some things in our lives change, but God's love never changes.

We have learned that God loves us in the past, present and future.

But did you know that even death doesn't change God's love?

He is with us always.



Prayer Leader:

Last Sunday was Remembrance Sunday, when we remember those who have died in war.

But all through November, we take time to pray for those who have died. We call them the 'faithful departed'.

Close your eyes for a moment and think about who you would like to pray for this month.

Sometime – we don't know exactly when – Jesus is coming back.

The Bible tells us that when Jesus returns, He will welcome all the people, alive or dead, who believe in Him.

He will bring them safely to the Kingdom of Heaven.



Prayer Leader:

We can be ready for Jesus to come back by trusting in God's love throughout the changes that might come!

He will never leave us, because He loves us.

God wants us to welcome Him into our lives.

**Take a moment to welcome God
in your heart now.**

Let's pray together:

All:

Father God,

Thank you for our family and friends.

**We pray for those who are no longer with us
in person. Their memories are with us always.**

Thank you that we can trust in your love no matter what!

Amen



Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May the souls of the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Amen