

Suggested Prayers

Opening prayer

Loving God,
Thank you for bringing us all together this way to celebrate our extra special JMA commissioning day.
We come together to learn, pray and serve others, in the UK and across the earth, no matter where or who, we believe in every person's worth.
You, Lord, made the strong and the weak, the big and the small, and because you love them, we too will respect and love them all.
So, as we gather together, we ask that you may bless us and show us the way on how to best help others – may we continue to grow, learn and serve you – this we pray. In Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Offering prayer

Dear Father,
You gave us trees, the sea, the stars and the skies.
You made elephants, lions, dolphins – even ants, bees and flies!
We give you thanks for all your generosity that you show to my friends, family, church and me.
Help us to be kind, loving and giving, to share what we have with others and be forgiving.
And as the collection goes around, collecting our pennies and pounds, let us give what we can – there's no need to be embarrassed or boast – but we pray that this money will go to the people who need it most. **Amen.**

Prayer for KGV School and inclusivity in our church

(Complements the [PowerPoint](#) and the [video](#) This is Me sung by the KGV schoolchildren)

Loving God,
We thank you that no matter if our eyes are blue or brown, whether we're short or tall, we are made in your image and you love us all!
We ask you to bless the young people at KGV who are so brave and full of joy – 'Never Give Up' is what they live by.
We pray for every teacher and young person there, may they feel your loving presence all around them, everywhere. And let our church be a place of warm welcome, no matter what a person's ability.
May everyone who comes through our doors feel at home and be proud to say: 'This is Me!' **Amen.**

Sending out prayer

Jesus, during your time on earth, you showed love to everyone you did meet. Help us see others through your eyes, and serve them with our hearts, hands and feet. And as our commissioning day comes to an end and we go out the door, help us remember that church is wherever you are – and help us always do more to show love and kindness to all your wonderful creation wherever they may be, around the world and right across our nation. **Amen.**

