

Daily prayers



We invite you to join with the Mutley Baptist Church family by sharing in the same prayer each day. There's no set time at which you need to be praying the prayer – include it in your praying whenever that is best for you.

Our week's prayers begin with Jesus' call for us to love God and love people. Each subsequent day's prayer is based on one of our six values, and as we pray let us also ask God's Spirit's help for us to embody these values and humbly ask for forgiveness for the times when we fail to do so.

Sunday – love God, love people

Jesus, as a community of your followers we commit ourselves afresh to you. Today we humbly offer our voices, our thoughts, our ideas, our plans, our hopes and our expectations in worship. Take all that we are and all that we bring and bless it for your purposes. We eagerly come to you to sit at your feet to hear from you, meet with you and revel in your presence by your Spirit.

Give us your heart for all people and help us to love without limit as you have loved us. Prepare us to listen to your words of encouragement, inspiration, hope, correction and love. May our time dedicated to you today prepare us for the week ahead and the people we will meet whom you want to bless through us.

Monday - God-orientated

Ever-present God, help us to be mindful of you in all that we do this week. May we meet you in the conversations with others, discover you in our activities, and rest in you in the spaces in between our busyness.

We offer ourselves, our work and our leisure as an act of worship to you – Father, Son and Spirit – and pray that as we seek to honour you, we will be open to your prompting. Transform us by your Spirit to bear spiritual fruit and show your character to those around us.

Tuesday – Lovingly inclusive

Jesus, may we, like you, lovingly celebrate all whom we meet this week. Make us aware of our own prejudices and replace them with your all-embracing love. May we actively seek, welcome and include those who are on the margins of society and church.

Help us to recognise you in each other and celebrate our God-given differences as well as affirming our unity in you. May all our conversations, discernment and activity be so infused with your limitless love that we are able to value all people as you value them and help them to experience that love for themselves.

Wednesday – Ethically motivated

Our Father in heaven, as we pray that your Kingdom will come and your will be done on earth as it is in heaven, we recognise that this prayer changes us. Influence our choices, inspire our actions and enable us to live with our eyes open to the impact of our lives on others, seeking always to live in your love and justice.

Empower us in the cause of all who are downtrodden by systems and the abuse of power, even as we pray for those who wield the power that you have entrusted to them. May we take seriously your creation command to take care of the planet. Help us to tread so lightly each day in the way that we live and the decisions that we make that we leave no discernible footprints on others or your Creation.

Thursday – Generously big-hearted

Jesus, you invite us to participate in your Kingdom where the last are first and servants are considered great. Help us to reflect your humble generosity in the way that we serve and how we consider others.

We rely on you above all, and yet also on each other, to be able to do all that you are calling us to do as a church. Keep us always dependent on you and recognising that, as we are stewards of your resources, we need to make wise choices with those resources. Recognising our relative privilege and wealth in a world where many live in absolute

poverty, help us to be lavish in sharing our time, gifts, money, expertise and resources. As we do so, may we sense afresh that whatever we do 'for the least of these' we do for you.

Friday – People-focused

In a world where the population is measured in billions, help us to love people as Jesus did – one person at a time. Use our words and actions to change lives and transform communities in Mutley, Plymouth, this country and the wider world.

May we have sight beyond big issues to see the needs of individuals, listen beyond empty rhetoric to hear the cries of the vulnerable, and speak and embody your words of hope and life to all who need to meet you in us. Keep our eyes on Jesus. And as we follow him, we pray that everyone who is touched by the ministry of this church, whether on the premises or where we are, will be drawn closer to faith in Jesus because of what they see of him in us.

Saturday – Playfully creative

Creative God who imagined into existence all that we take for granted, we offer you our creativity and imagination and ask that you will inspire us to use the gifts you have given us to bless and enrich those around us. Give us the grace and creativity to see things differently from the ways we have always done things if that is what you want of us. May our community be known as people who laugh heartily, live joyfully and smile like Jesus.

You ordained that humans should live a pattern of life that includes sabbath – where the pressures and stresses of work are put to one side and we take care of ourselves. May we be re-created through our recreation; re-envisioned in your vision; restored in our stories and refilled with your Spirit that we may live life in all its fullness. Help us to discover you in the freedom of play as much as in earnest study and worship.