



## Anglican Communion JSL Prayer Cycle

July 2020

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all—this was attested at the right time. (1 Timothy 2:1-6)

## Living and Sharing Jesus-Shaped Life

This Prayer Cycle is designed to be used for daily prayer in conjunction with:

- ✦ The Anglican Communion Prayer Cycle  
(<http://www.anglicancommunion.org/resources/prayer.aspx>)

- ✦ It is based on the JSL introductory booklet: **Living and Sharing Jesus-Shaped Life**

The prayer pointers for each day are meant to be a springboard for your prayers – let God the Holy Spirit direct you as you pray and listen to Him.

You are invited to share specific prayer needs as well as answers to prayer or words and pictures from the Lord on the JSL Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/242310142458266/>

Prayer for Living and Sharing Jesus-Shaped Life:

Almighty God,  
You have called us to live and share  
Jesus-shaped life  
in a Jesus-shaped church  
for a Jesus-shaped world.  
Empower us with your Holy Spirit  
to live as disciples who make disciples  
of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour.  
Amen.

1. Pray that every province, diocese and parish in the Anglican Communion will adopt a clear focus on intentional discipleship and produce resources to equip and enable the whole church to be effective in making new disciples of Jesus Christ (*from Anglican Consultative Council 2016 Resolution 16.01*).
2. Pray that, as disciples of Jesus, we may increasingly be shaped by God rather than our prevailing culture. “Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may discern what God’s will is – what is good and acceptable and perfect. (*Romans 12:2*)
3. Ask God to lead us in the journey of learning and living the way of Jesus in community, for the sake of the world. May God empower us to become more Christ-like and dedicated to model Christ’s transforming love, personally, communally and in our wider societies.

4. **“Living”**: Pray that God will transform our whole lifestyle as disciples of Jesus, so that we and others are drawn into God’s abundant life.
5. **“And”**: Ask God to help us to live as disciples of Jesus every day and in every way, because this lifestyle is holistic. Ask God to help us to integrate the personal and the cultural aspects of our lives.
6. **“Sharing”**: Ask God to enable us to share ourselves and all that we have with others so that, as our lives are shaped by Jesus, we may proclaim the gospel and invite others into this abundance of life as His disciples.
7. **“Jesus-Shaped Life”**: Pray that God will help us to understand what it means to be “shaped” like Jesus, and shaped **by** him as he transform us and the church (*2 Corinthians 3:18*).
8. **“Who”**: Ask God to awaken a longing to grow as disciples of Jesus in all our people – and in the wider community. Pray that God will give us the courage to turn away from aspects of life that are not life-giving and do not reflect the values and call of God.
9. **“What”**: Pray that God will empower us to learn from Jesus – not merely in knowledge but to be transformed in understanding, habits and lifestyle alongside other disciples of Jesus. Today we pray especially for all who teach and preach God’s word (*Matthew 16:24*).
10. **“How”**: Ask God to form the character of Jesus in us and our people by the Holy Spirit – to give us courage and perseverance to follow God even when it includes personal sacrifice, suffering, ridicule and persecution (*John 15:8*).
11. **“Where and When”**: Pray that God will inspire us and our churches to continue the mission and ministry of Jesus wherever we are. Pray that disciples of today may exercise gifts of healing, show love to the unloved, cross social boundaries, and proclaim good news to the poor (*John 20:21*).
12. **“Why”**: Disciples of Jesus make other disciples – Ask God to raise up leaders in the church who make disciples who make disciples (*2 Timothy 2:2*). Help us to do the same! Pray specially for our theological colleges, seminaries and training programmes for clergy.
13. Pray that you will equip and empower the church at every level to live the **“five marks of Jesus-Shaped life”** (also known as the Five Marks of Mission), and raise up people to take the lead in each of these areas so that our discipleship can transform the world.
14. **“Disciples Tell”**: Ask for courage and love to proclaim the Good News of God’s Reign. Give thanks and pray for those who are gifted in evangelism. Ask God to equip each of us as disciples of Jesus to be effective witnesses by sharing our faith stories. Ask God to show you four or five people with whom you can share your faith.
15. **“Disciples Teach”**: Pray for God’s wisdom to teach, baptise and nurture new believers in today’s world. Ask God to raise up more mentors to encourage new believers. Pray for disciples of Jesus in our churches who make a personal commitment to read scripture daily, pray daily and gather regularly with others to worship, pray, share and learn.
16. **“Disciples Tend”**: Ask God to lead us as we respond to human need by loving service. Pray that God will not only enable us to tend to our own spiritual, emotional and physical wellbeing, but also to use our time and talents to serve others – especially the poor, marginalised and vulnerable.
17. **“Disciples Transform”**: Pray that God will empower us to play our part in transforming unjust structures of society, challenging violence of every kind and pursuing peace and reconciliation. Ask God to help us as disciples of Jesus to repent of any sin in this area,

asking and offering forgiveness; to pursue reconciliation of broken relationships in personal life, community and society; and to empower us as advocates for justice and peace.

18. **“Disciples Treasure”**: Thank God for the wonder of creation. Pray for a spirit of repentance for the way we have abused creation. Pray for guidance as we strive to safeguard the integrity of creation, and to sustain and renew the life of the earth. Ask God to give us wisdom to live responsibly without consuming too much; that we may live creatively and demonstrate care for creation.
19. **Discipleship Groups**: Pray that God will raise up many people to lead disciple-making small groups, and that God will fill them with love and wisdom as they identify participants and journey alongside them.
20. **Follow and imitate Jesus**: Give thanks for all the teaching available in the Bible, for those who develop resources based on scripture, and for those who train disciple-makers. Ask the Holy Spirit to illuminate the Bible and bring it to life for us and our people in every part of life (*2 Timothy 3:16-17*).
21. **Home and family life**: Pray that our homes may increasingly reflect the love of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Ask God to give wisdom to parents as they nurture and disciple their children.
22. **Response to human need**: In a world where there is so much need and suffering, pray that we will not be overwhelmed, but that God will show each church and disciple what we can do to respond with the love of Jesus (*Matthew 25:40*).
23. **Daily work**: Ask God to help each disciple of Jesus to find ways to serve Him and other people in their work. Pray for relationships in the workplace, that we may be able to reflect the love, acceptance and forgiveness of Jesus in the way we relate to our colleagues.
24. **All relationships**: There is so much gender based violence, racial abuse, exploitation of people in today’s world – pray for disciples of Jesus everywhere to model a different, loving, respectful way of relating to one another.
25. **Care of creation, our bodies and every living thing**: Pray for environmentalists, health workers, political leaders, industrialists and all whose decisions and actions impact on the health of creation. Pray for our own vital/personal contributions
26. **Justice and social equity**: Pray that God will use us, disciples of Jesus, to bring about social, political and economic justice, especially in our local communities and different countries.
27. **Enjoyment and use of time**: Give thanks for the gift of time, and pray that God may help each disciple of Jesus to find his or her particular calling. Pray also that we may experience the deep rest that is God’s gift to us.
28. **Use of gifts and talents**: Thank God for the unique gifts, talents and passions given to each disciple of Jesus. Ask God to show us how to use them together as the body of Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit.
29. **Income and wealth**: Pray for a spirit of generous giving and service among all disciples of Jesus, that we may honour God with the income and wealth that has been entrusted to us.
30. **Worship and prayer**: Pray that our people may grow in discipleship by developing habits of worship and prayer which open them to Jesus’ transforming grace.
31. Pray that we may each respond, individually and collectively to God’s call, and become part of the **disciple-making movement of God** world-wide. Pray that we become part of a learning community, apprentices formed by the Jesus whom we meet in scripture and who is active in our ordinary lives.

