



IDEAS Resources



Sea Sunday Prayers

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A prayer of praise

Almighty God, Creator;
All things, from the greatest to the smallest
Owe their origin to You.
As we look at the sea in all its moods,
And think of the life that it contains
We are reminded of how wonderful You are.

We consider the mighty waves,
And we remember Your power;
We think of the countless creatures
Who make their homes in or on or beneath the waves,
And we wonder at Your generosity;
We think of rock pools, filled with life,
And we marvel at Your attention to detail.

We think of the ocean depths,
And we realise that there is no end to
Your knowledge and understanding.
Yet even the sea, in all its variety and richness
Only gives us a glimpse of how marvellous You are
In every possible way.

Gracious God, for all that You are,
And for all that You will be,
We praise Your Holy Name.

Amen

A prayer for others

Lord God, creator of all that is,
Hear our prayer.

Gracious God, today, on Sea Sunday,
We offer our prayers for those whose lives
Are affected by the sea.

We pray for people whose work takes them to sea;
For those in the different branches of the navy;
For those who transport goods by ship;
For those who catch fish for their living.
Be with them as they work,
And keep them safe when the weather is bad
And seas are rough.
Lord God, creator of all that is,
Hear our prayer.

We pray for those who give help
When people get into difficulties at sea.
For the lifeboat service, and for air-sea rescue;
For coast guards, and for lifeguards.
We thank You for their courage,
And ask that You will guard and guide them
As they work for others in need.
Lord God, creator of all that is,
Hear our prayer.

Lord, the sea is a place full of beauty,
But it has also been damaged by our greed
And by our selfishness.
People are not always careful
About how they treat the sea;
Poisons are allowed to seep into it;
Rubbish endangers the plants and creatures that live in it.

Be with those whose special work it is
To make the sea clean,
And show us how we can share this wonderful resource.
Lord God, creator of all that is,
Hear our prayer.

We pray for those who are going on holiday to the seaside,
Especially those from our own congregation.
Keep them safe on the beaches and in the sea;

May they come back refreshed,
And ready for new work and activity.
Lord God, creator of all that is,
Hear our prayer.

We pray now for ourselves.
As we think of the sea,
We ask that You will help us
To value this wonderful resource,
And to play our part in caring for it,
So that those who come after us
May also have their lives enriched
By all that it can offer.

We offer these our prayers in the name of Jesus
Who called fishermen to be His friends,
And who preached from a boat
On the Sea of Galilee.
Amen

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