

Intercessions for Link Sunday

This form may be used either with the insertion of specific subjects between or within the paragraphs or as a continuous whole, with or without brief biddings addressed to the people before the prayer begins. It may be adapted for non Eucharistic worship.

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you promised
through your Son Jesus Christ to hear us when we pray in faith.

Strengthen our bishops Dominic and David and all your Church in the service of Christ ...
May those who confess your name be united in your truth, live together in your love,
and reveal your glory in the world.
Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Bless our growing relationships and the work of Irene Doull here in Monmouth and Daphne Allison in the
Highveld as they establish further parish to parish links. We thank you for the personal friendships that have
already been formed through visits.
Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Bless and guide Elizabeth our Queen and the President of South Africa; give wisdom to all in authority so that
they may rule with maturity.
Direct our two nations and every nation in the ways of justice and peace May we honour one another
and seek the common good and may the face of our enemies be turned towards peace.
Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind or spirit . Give them courage and hope in their troubles and
bring them the joy of your salvation.....May the sick be restored, the caregivers be strong, and
those who search for solutions be guided and open to all the possibilities that lie before them.
Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

We remember especially before you those who are disadvantaged within our societies and communities and are
the victims of hatred, injustice and prejudice..... We give you thanks for the work among those
who suffer from HIV and AIDS.
Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Give grace to us, our families and friends and to all our neighbours May we serve Christ in one another,
and love as he loves us learning how to live together and honouring all, so that we may not harm our bodies, our
relationships and our environment.
Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Hear us as we remember those who have died in the faith of Christ; according to your promises,
grant us with them a share in your eternal kingdom.
Rejoicing in the fellowship of [N and of] all your saints,
we commend ourselves and the whole creation to your unfailing love.
Merciful Father,

**Accept these prayers
For the sake of your Son,
Our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

(Adapted with material from the Church of South Africa)

The Collects (*one or other may be used*):

Almighty God,
You have called us,
The Diocese of the Highveld and the Diocese of Monmouth,
To journey together in Christ
On a common pilgrimage of faith and discipleship.
Strengthen and uphold us
That whatever challenges we may face
You may give us your grace
To live out our companionship
According to your will.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Loving Creator,
Whose Son Jesus Christ,
Has transformed us with the hope of new life,
Prosper the work of your Church in the Dioceses
of the Highveld and Monmouth.
Through the inspiration of your Holy Spirit
May we grow together in the love of Jesus.
Bless our Bishops, David and Dominic,
To be messengers of the Good News.
And through the lives of us all
May your Kingdom come.
Through Jesus Christ
Who with You and the Holy Spirit
Lives and reigns as Lord of all,
World without end. **Amen.**

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Additional Prayer (*for use at morning or evening prayer*)

O God our Father,
You have made us to live as responsible members of the human family –
Yet we so often treat one another unjustly, failing to care for each other
so that war and disease have touched every corner.
You have given us this beautifully created home, the earth, for us to tend and nurture –
But we have not always been good stewards thus allowing your delicate rhythms to be disturbed
and crops fail, the land shrinks and children die of starvation.
You have blessed us with so many resources –
Which we have squandered, hoarded and misused
so that some struggle to survive
while others have more than they need.
We have failed you and others
by choosing not to act when we should have or rushing in with our own agenda.
Forgive us and help us to do better;
For you are a loving and merciful God.
Restore us so that we may live to your praise and glory.
We ask this through Jesus Christ your Son our Saviour. **Amen.**
(*from the Church of South Africa*)

