



Something Different

This week we have three prayers taken from the book

Great Christian Prayers

Compiled and edited by Louise and RT Kendall.

Also a Word for Today by J John.

And some music.

Lord, I'm a bit of a struggler.

In fact, I struggle far more than I ever dreamt I would. I struggle with life and in my relationship with you, other people and even with myself.

Lord, I'm a bit of a doubter.

In fact, I doubt more than I ever dreamt I would. My motives are muddled, my vision confused – more than I like to acknowledge.

Lord, I'm more than a little frustrated.

In fact, I'm more frustrated than I ever dreamt I'd be. I'm frustrated with myself for not listening. Worse yet, though I hardly dare admit it, I'm sometimes frustrated with you.

Still I do love you and want to listen to your voice rather than mine. I want your will to be done.

So keep sorting me out. I know you love me and forgive my inconsistencies. That's why I'm here and trust you. And that's why I'm not going anywhere else.

Steve Chalke



This is a direct translation of a deaf person's prayer in British Sign Language and the structure is different from spoken English.

O Lord you great wonderful powerful God

I praise worship adore you always

I know you love always same for ever me everybody

No matter deaf hearing anything

I thank Jesus died my sins took all away make me free

I know you can't hear me but you can see my signing you

Because you God can hear and see all people pray you

I happy always because you can answer signing prayers

I know you can sign me Holy Spirit inside me

I really happy I can hear you Spirit in me

Lord draw more Deaf you Jesus loves them always

Thank you Lord God ever ever Jesus Name

Amen

David Buxton



O God, what a fool I am to live with a grudge when I can live with grace. If there are any grudges in my heart then I ask you to uproot them now. Cleanse me from every sin, I ask of you in Jesus' name.

I don't want to stumble in the darkness, making myself and those I live with miserable. Help me to remove every trace of bitterness and hatred from my heart this day and walk in the light – the light of love.

Search my heart to see if there is any wicked way in me. I want to rise, from this moment, to a life of wholeness and obedience. Help me, dear Lord.

Heavenly Father, help me make generosity the basis of all my dealings with everyone I meet today. And not just today but every day. Help me be the channel, not the stopping place, of your generosity. In Christ's name I ask it. Amen.

Selwyn Hughes



Perseverance

Trying times are not the time to stop trying

When doubts and fears are growing

it's hard to keep on going

from day to day not knowing

just what the end will be.

Take each day as you find it

If things are wrong don't mind it

For each day leaves behind it

The opportunity to **persevere** again.

Jesus said ... I know your deeds I know your hard works and I know your **perseverance**

... Revelation 2 v 2

J John

And some music to listen to.

The song from last week – The Blessing – has become very popular around the world.

Here are two of the many versions available to listen to. They are beautiful!

The Blessing Kids ... <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uiWZXLsdE9w>

The Blessing South Africa ... <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8EPcd0B5SNs>