

## Written prayers

### Creedal prayer – committing to pray without ceasing

*This creedal prayer is adapted from the words of Liz's Baddaley's song, "Ask and keep on asking". It is designed to be used by individuals or congregations to express united commitment to keep praying for specific or general transformation.*

*The song it was derived from (which will be available shortly at [www.thesanctuarycentre.org/whereworldandworshipmeet-songs](http://www.thesanctuarycentre.org/whereworldandworshipmeet-songs)) was inspired by a new understanding of the present continuous language being used in Matthew 7; the challenge of passages on persistent prayer such as Luke 11:1-13; and a desire to keep praying for the big situations and issues that we are so quick to give up hope for.*

*This prayer declares the truth that God is the hope and source of all positive transformation for every individual, nation and circumstance – using this as a prompt for further, continuous intercession for the things which are already on God's heart to do.*

*You are invited to replace general words such as "this" with specific names of countries, people or situations as desired. Additionally, the middle section (which is greyed out) is to be used in general situations, but replaced with more specific declarations relevant to more specific prayer.*

We will ask and keep on asking  
We will seek and keep on seeking  
We will knock until the door is opened wide -  
Until all heaven is open wide.

We will pray and keep on praying  
We will watch and keep on waiting  
We'll be on our knees every day of our lives –  
Even if it takes our whole lives.

Because you are the hope and we have seen it;  
You are the Way and we believe this.  
You are the Truth and the Life we have received  
You are the Truth and the Life we long to give.

You are the Father to the orphan  
You are the husband to the widow  
You are the arms wide open welcome  
To the stranger new in town.

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You are the healer for the wounded  
The comforter and restorer to the broken  
And to the poor you are the Defender  
And Provider today and always.

You are the one behind each miracle;  
Each sign and wonder;  
Each good gift.  
Every transformation is sourced in you.

You are the one behind each softened heart  
Moved to mercy and generosity.  
And you are the one who brings us to our knees  
To beg you – plead with you – to do what is already on your heart.

So we will ask and keep on asking for this  
We will seek and keep on seeking for you  
We will knock until the door is opened wide -  
Until all heaven is open wide.

We will pray and keep on praying to you  
Watch and keep on waiting for you  
On our knees every day of our lives –  
Even if it takes our whole lives.  
Amen.