

Saying Sorry

Remember that when we come to God with the things that we've done wrong, then God is always waiting there ready to forgive us

Lord, I've made a mess of things this time, I've got it badly wrong. All those horrible feelings of guilt and shame make me feel so bad about myself.

And yet I'm told that you still keep loving me, even when I'm like this. Help me to know your love.

Help me to know forgiveness in my life, and help me to forgive myself.

O Lord your tenderness
melting all my bitterness

O Lord, I receive your love

O Lord, your loveliness
changing all my ugliness

O Lord, I receive your love

Graham Kendrick

Praying for another

We can't know what the right answer is when somebody else is in difficulty or has a problem. They have their own journey to make, just as we have ours. But in prayer, we can surround them with our love and walk alongside them, placing them and ourselves in the circle of God's care

Circle (n), O God, keep peace within, keep turmoil out.

Circle (n), O God, keep safety within, keep danger out.

Circle (n), O God, keep trust within, keep despair out

Circle (n), O God, keep light within, keep darkness out

Prayer for those who have died

Lord, I miss (n) so much

I know that we all must die, but why them, why now?

Help me to entrust (n) into your loving care

Help me to know that life doesn't end with death

Support us, o Lord, all day long of this troublous life until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes, the busy world hushed, the fever of life is over, and our work is done.

Then Lord, in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at last; through Christ our Lord. Amen
(From the Funeral Service)

Prayer of thanksgiving

It's always right to trust God with our deepest needs as we pray ourselves and for others. Every life knows troubles-every life also knows many blessings. It's good to stop every so often and remember all we have to be thankful for.

For food in a world where many are starving
for friends in a world where many are lonely,
for faith in a world where many despair
We thank you, O God of love

Tell God about the things you are especially thankful for.

Lord, you have given me so much; I ask for one more thing—a grateful heart. (George Herbert)