

Prayers taken from Reset The Debt, a campaign by Baptists Together, the Church of Scotland, Church Action on Poverty, the Methodist Church and the United Reformed Church that calls for support for those pushed into debt by Covid-19.

Forgive us our debts

Forgive us our debts, we pray
As we forgive our debtors.

We all have debts, Lord
We owe so much to so many:
For love and nurture
Education and encouragement
Shelter and hospitality.

And from you,
The health that has sustained us
The bounty of the earth
The love that frees us.

As we acknowledge what we have
received,
Let us also be ready to give
And to forgive.

We pray for those who are burdened by
unavoidable debts
And pray that we who know our
indebtedness
May act so that all can experience
release and freedom.
For your promise is life in all its fullness.

We pray in the name of Jesus
Amen

Reset the Debt calls for help
for people swept into debt by
Covid-19, and enables churches
to support this call

For more on the
Reset the Debt campaign, visit
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Jesus said:
"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to
the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,
to proclaim the year of the Lord's
favour." (Luke 4:18-19)

So as God's people, in this year of
challenge,
let us reaffirm our hope and our task.

God's kingdom is coming
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For those swept into poverty
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For those weighed down by debt
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For those living in fear of eviction from
their homes
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For those enslaved by financial worries
or poor mental health
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For those who are blind to the situation
of their neighbours
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For those held captive by narrow vision
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For all who need to hear good news
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May our proclamations and our prayers
be accompanied by advocacy and
action,
and God's kingdom come.
Amen

Prayers for the World

God, thank you for the abundance and
generosity of your creation.
God of plenty,
hear us.

Thank you for all that makes us feel
safe and secure – having a place to call
home, enough income to meet our
needs, the love and support of friends,
family and wider networks.
God of kindness,
hear us.

We remember today the plight of those
known to us and those around the
world who struggle for survival today.
God of compassion,
hear us.

We pray for those who are trapped by
debt, fear and uncertainty.
God of rescue,
hear us.

We pray today that government,
communities and families will come
together to support those in need.
God of unity,
hear us.

Turn the ears and the hearts of the
powerful to the needs of the powerless.
God of justice,
hear us.

We recommit ourselves to supporting
and speaking up for the voiceless and
the vulnerable.
God of action,
hear us.

And if a country's greatness is measured
by how it treats its weakest members,
may our country be truly great.
We pray these things in resonance with
Jesus, who prays for us,
Amen.

A Blessing

God leads us from despair to hope,
from fear to trust,
from debt into freedom,
and from death into new life.

May we follow where God leads
and know God within us and among
us today and for evermore.
Amen