

I will hold the Christ light for you
In the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
Speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping,
When you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow
Till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven
We shall find such harmony,
Born of all we've known together
Of Christ's love and agony.

Sister, let me be your servant,
Let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace
To let you be my servant, too.

The Grace

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us all evermore. Amen.**

Giving thanks to God for 150 years



World Day of Prayer

27th September 2025

(GFS Sydney at home of Di Ormshaw)

Hear Our Prayer

Hear our prayer, God above
As we come to you and seek your patient love.
Hear our hearts, hear our minds,
Hear the echoes of the words we cannot find.
Be our hope, be our guide,
In our wanderings of weakness, break our
pride.
Not for ease shall we pray but for strength
That we may walk with you this day.

So, we pray in faith, "Your will be done"
As we long to see your kingdom come.
We ask with one voice,
We ask with one voice
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Hear our prayer, faithful one,
Shape our yearnings to the gospel of your Son.
Free our hearts, free our minds
From the war that sin will wage 'til you arrive.

So we pray in faith...

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come;
Your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin
against us.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from
evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are
yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

The Servant Song

Brother, let me be your servant,
Let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace
To let you be my servant, too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,
We are brothers on the road;
We are here to help each other
Walk the mile and bear the load.

Bear ye one another's burdens,
help some other on the road,
and you'll find your own heart lightened
and forget your own hard load,
for the heart can never be heavy
if it cheer one heavier still;
bear ye one another's burdens,
so the law of Christ fulfil.

A Brief History of GFS

Prayers for GFS –

GFS Worldwide Prayer:

**O God our Father, we thank you for your goodness,
love, and mercy to all who belong to the Girls'
Friendly Society worldwide. Help us to bear one
another's burdens as members of one family in
Christ Jesus.**

**We ask for your blessings on our members, that we
may grow in grace through your spirit. Help us to
know in our lives the joy of your everlasting love,
through Jesus Christ, your only Son, our Lord. Amen.**

Prayer for Member Countries

Visual of GFS Member Countries

Intercession for the needs of our World

Be our joy, be our stay,
Give us eyes to see you answer prayer this day.
Hear us praise all you've done,
We rejoice as we receive the victory won.

So, we pray in faith, "Your will be done"
As we long to see your kingdom come.
We ask with one voice,
We ask with one voice,
We ask with one voice
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Confession and Words of Assurance

Let us come before the Almighty God in humility
and contrition:

**Almighty and merciful God, we have sinned against
you in thought, word and deed. We have not loved
you with all our heart and we have not loved others
as Christ loves us. We are truly sorry. In your mercy,
forgive what we have been, help us to amend what
we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may
delight in your will and walk in your ways, To the
glory and praise of your name. Amen.**

God our Father, who by our Lord Jesus Christ has reconciled the world to himself and forgives the sins of all who truly repent, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, and grant us the grace and power of the Holy Spirit, Amen.

Isaiah 2:2-5

² In the last days the mountain of the Lord's temple will be established as the highest of the mountains;

it will be exalted above the hills,
and all nations will stream to it.

³ Many peoples will come and say,

"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the temple of the God of Jacob.

He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths."

The law will go out from Zion,
the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

⁴ He will judge between the nations

and will settle disputes for many peoples.

They will beat their swords into plowshares
and their spears into pruning hooks.

Nation will not take up sword against nation,
nor will they train for war anymore.

⁵ Come, descendants of Jacob,

let us walk in the light of the Lord.

Devotion

GFS Motto Hymn

Bear ye one another's burdens,
thus the Saviour's law fulfil,
Jesus trod this very pathway,
and you too must tread it still,
sharing other people's sorrows,
soothing other people's smart,
lifting loads from weaker shoulders,
healing wounded, broken hearts.

Bear ye one another's burdens,
self-forgetting every day,
thinking what to ease another
we can do or we can say,
cheering sometimes by our presence
those who seem a friend to need,
by some little self-denial,
we may prove a friend indeed.

"But I have so many worries,
burdens of my own to bear,
how can I another's carry,
how can I another's share?
All my time is fully taken,
bearing burdens of my own.
How can I then help a comrade?
Every man must stand alone!"