

Guidelines for Intercessional Prayers

Be yourself and let your heart speak. Don't be worried by formalities!

A good start is an expression of praise and thanksgiving. You can use the news and notices, and so the thanksgiving can relate to some of the things shared, or being done in and around the church community as well as the beauty of the world.etc. This is also a good place to ask for God's blessing on our congregation and on our minister and his family.

The Order of Service can provide food for thought and is worth reading through the hymns and lessons. Sometimes just a phrase can provide a link which reflects in the Message or some other part of the service.

Thanks giving too for the wider life experiences of those present, as far as we know or can imagine them... and prayers for others, especially those at home, or in hospital, .general life and community things..

There may be something written in the prayer request book and if so, that is normally brought forward at the start of the service and anything written would need to be brought into the prayer... and finally, without listing all that is going wrong or bad with the world it is good to start with what what concerns you, and may, therefore, also be of concern to others.

We remember at the end of the prayer that we ask these things in Jesus' name and don't forget to say "Amen"