

## PRAYERS, from Sue Hancock

As we come before your throne, O Lord, we are almost overwhelmed by the emotion and sadness of these past few days. We ask that you will hold us under the shadow of thy wing and give us solace.

An ancient prayer from the old prayer book  
Almighty and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope and charity; and that we may obtain that which thou dost promise, make us to love that which thou dost command;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord Amen

A prayer for the Royal Family  
Almighty God, we give you thanks for the long and memorable reign of Queen Elizabeth. The example of her faith in you has been an inspiration to so many of her people and we pray that the example of her life will continue to guide us.

Please bless King Charles, Camilla, the Queen Consort and all the Royal Family. We ask that you will continue to support them during these traumatic public days and that they may be granted time and space to contemplate and recover in the days to come.

'Through all the changing scenes of life, in trouble and in joy  
The praises of my God shall still my heart and tongue employ'.  
Dear Lord, there has been so much change particularly over the last two weeks that we cling to your unchanging nature who is the same yesterday, today and for ever.  
And in the midst of all this change, as well as praying for the King and the Royal Family, we remember the new Prime Minister and her government. Grant them wisdom and inspiration as they govern the country.

Heavenly Father, we pray for the troubled parts of the world -for the people who have lost homes and families - in fact everything. Please grant to those who are trying to help them, strength and inspiration and may those of us who can only watch from afar, be generous in our giving.

So dear Lord, be with us this week and in the coming days, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

