

## **Prayer for the Coming Week and Beyond**

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To you sisters and brothers  
This is my prayer  
This is my hope  
That you will be protected  
That you will know how to cope  
And know how to live  
In the coming week and far beyond

If your day turns upside down  
And your best friend not always there  
Remember where you came from  
Remember who you are  
Always trust in God  
Your best source of power

Talking to God is what  
You and I try to do  
But how do we answer when  
God talks to us too.  
How do we listen,  
How do we know,  
What to ask for,  
And should we stay or go?

Jonah prayed for deliverance from the belly of a large sea creature.  
Moses prayed for food, and got manna, not pizza.  
Elijah prayed for fire from heaven to come down and burn water.  
Solomon prayed for wisdom, not wealth or power.  
Jesus prayed for deliverance from the crucifixion horror.

Lord help us live our lives in hope and prayer  
Help us share our blessings with those in need  
Help us remember that you are always near  
Help us honor you in each word and deed.

Help us to pray as we can  
With the words that we know  
Help us see each woman and each man  
Each girl and each boy; the land,  
And all life, and the earth also  
As a gift from you and a sign of your love.

And when our pain is so deep  
That it smothers our voice  
We know your spirit prays for us

When we have lost that choice.  
We know now that the universe is so  
Large and infinite a space,  
Forever old and forever new,  
That anything less would be just too small  
To hold all your love, your grace, and forgiveness too.

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To each person of every age  
In the coming week and far beyond.  
May your body be safe  
May your mind be preserved  
May you sleep like a baby  
May you fly like a bird

May the story of your life be long  
And each page topped with a song  
May you always be snug, healthy, and strong.

May your friends be the best  
May your soul be secure  
May the sage that you are completely mature  
May you step like a crane past the snares of this world  
May you move through life with a faith that is sure.

May wisdom guide you in the days ahead  
And hope sustain you as you rise from your bed  
Each morning, as on the first day of creation,  
A chance to start over  
A chance to begin anew  
And bring hope to your neighborhood, city, and nation.

With your feet on the earth  
And your head in the air  
God will be with you everywhere.  
May your laughter be frequent  
May your tears be rare  
Remember where you came from  
Remember who you are  
Remember who loves you and  
Remember who cares

May your joy be complete  
May your dreams all come true  
To each one; as our love,  
And God, goes with you.

Amen