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We understand that it may not be possible to pray for all of the points below. However, we would encourage you to select at least one point from each section.

Gifts

- Give thanks for the gifts of everyone in the congregation
- Pray for those who do not feel that they have gifts; that the presence of God will allow gifts to be discerned, that everyone will know their calling and that the church will be receptive to God's will for everyone
- Pray for God's blessing on our individual ministries; that we may flourish in our roles and that God will help us to use our gifts to his glory

People With Sight Loss

- Give thanks to God for his goodness to people with sight loss; that they are able to enjoy equality with sighted people and play a valuable part in society
- Give thanks for the skills and compassion of medical professionals, social services, and the staff and trustees of charities and businesses responsible for specialist provision; pray that they will be able to continue in their work to improve the lives of people with sight loss
- Pray for scientists and others working to eliminate preventable blindness, especially in developing countries; give thanks for improvements to healthcare, transport, water supplies, power and other utilities which have

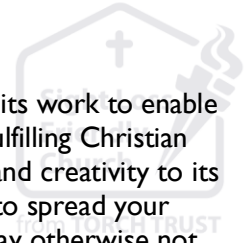
led to a reduction in sight loss throughout the world

- Pray for governments, councillors and politicians, that they may make wise decisions which do not adversely impact people with sight loss
- Pray for those struggling with their sight loss, that they may be strengthened by the power of God

Torch Trust

- Give thanks for the technology and expertise of the team that allows Torch to create Accessible Bibles in braille, large print and audio
- Give thanks for the Christian authors and publishers who grant access to their books and the volunteers who help create the audio recordings
- Pray for those who use the Torch library and resources; may God bless them as they read, giving them comfort, hope, encouragement and strength to fulfil their calling
- Pray for all those who have yet to hear about Torch, who are struggling without access to the word of God; pray for good relationships with churches, Christian bookshops and Sight Loss Agencies so that more people will hear about Torch and benefit from their services
- Give thanks for all those taking part in Sight Loss Sunday; pray that all churches in the UK would be places that welcome and meet the needs of all people, whatever their gifts and abilities





Intercessions

We thank you for the service of your church and its members with sight loss. Give us the strength to live out your calling day to day and encourage others to do likewise, especially those who are less advantaged than ourselves. Empower us to draw upon the strengths of others as well as ourselves, and guide us to worship you in all that we do.

Bless the work of [local sight loss agency] and other local, national and international organisations for people with sight loss. We pray that their services will give dignity to people with sight loss, that people with sight loss will benefit from them, and that their work will be sufficiently resourced.

Bless and guide Torch Trust in its work to enable people with sight loss to lead fulfilling Christian lives. Give strength, resilience and creativity to its staff and trustees as they seek to spread your word to a community which may otherwise not hear it.

Give wisdom to all in local, national and international authority. We pray especially for the members of [local council], Parliament and Government as they are faced with challenging economic and humanitarian decisions. May they have patience and understanding in their discussions, and may their decisions take account of the needs of all people, including those with sight loss.

Comfort and heal those who are sick in body, mind or spirit. On this Sight Loss Sunday, we pray especially for people who are struggling to come to terms with sight loss, and for people who find living with sight loss challenging. In our local community, we pray for [... list ...]

