

## Training Event Prayers

*These prayers are offered for local adaptation when programmes such as ChurchSafe or other Professional Standards training events are being offered.*

### *Opening Prayer*

Loving God,  
you sent Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd of your people,  
so that all of us,  
adults and children and teenagers,  
men and women,  
rich and poor,  
may live in peace and safety.  
Send us your Holy Spirit of truth and wisdom  
as we go into this training together.  
Through what we will see, hear, say and do,  
show us how to shape our church communities  
as places where vulnerable people are protected,  
healthy relationships flourish,  
and everyone has a voice to praise and thank you,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### *Closing Prayer*

We give you thanks and praise, faithful God, for all your gifts to us.

*silence...*

Thank you for your heart of love for poor and vulnerable people.

**Thank you for the special place of children in your Kingdom.**

Thank you for wise and careful leaders, shaping safe churches.

**Thank you for creative ministries and skilful helpers.**

Thank you for the policies and programmes that keep us accountable.

**Thank you for your Spirit guiding us, step by step.**

We pray to you, faithful God, for the future you are creating for your Church.

*silence...*

Lead us beyond our times of sin and failure.

**Lead us to forgiveness, healing and new life in Christ.**

Shape our church communities to be welcoming and safe for everyone.

**Shape all our church activities with your gentleness and grace.**

Use us to speak up for justice for anyone who is neglected, abused or silenced.

**Use us to build communities of faith where everyone has a voice.**

Faithful God, hear our prayers,

**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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