



# PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH

O Father, give us the humility which realizes its ignorance, admits its mistakes, recognizes its need, welcomes advice, accepts rebuke.

Help us always to praise rather than to criticize, to sympathize rather than to condemn, to encourage rather than to discourage, to build rather than destroy, and to think of people at their best rather than at their worst. This we ask for thy name's sake. **Amen**

Rev. Dr. William Barclay, a 20th century Scottish minister and theologian