**Night Prayer**

You may wish to light a candle and have some reflective music playing in the background.

May the love of the Lord Jesus draw us to himself; May the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen us in his service; May the Joy of the Lord Jesus fill our souls. **Amen**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,  
to you be glory and praise for ever.  
Raised to your right hand on high  
the ascended Christ shows the prints of love  
and bestows on us the gifts of grace.  
As your Spirit renews the face of the earth,  
may we bring forth the fruit of the Spirit  
and reveal your glory in all the world.  
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end. **Amen.**

Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

*Pause and reflect on the day that is past.*

Save us, O Lord, while waking, and guard us while sleeping, that awake we may watch with Christ and asleep may rest in peace.

**Bible Reading for Thursday 22, 29 October, 5, 12 November**

**John 13.31-end, John 16.1-15, Matthew ch 3, Matthew 5.38-end.**

**Prayer in the midst of pandemic**

Most gracious and loving God bless our land during this pandemic. Send your healing spirit on all in the North West as we support one another. In these uncertain and challenging times, pour you blessing upon the poor, that there may be kindness and compassion and a just sharing of our common gifts, for the good of all you children. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**Psalm 116**

**1**I love the Lord, for he heard my voice;  
    he heard my cry for mercy.  
**2**Because he turned his ear to me,  
    I will call on him as long as I live.

**3**The cords of death entangled me,  
    the anguish of the grave came over me;  
    I was overcome by distress and sorrow.  
**4**Then I called on the name of the Lord:  
    “Lord, save me!”

**5**The Lord is gracious and righteous;  
    our God is full of compassion.  
**6**The Lord protects the unwary;  
    when I was brought low, he saved me.

**7**Return to your rest, my soul,  
    for the Lord has been good to you.

**8**For you, Lord, have delivered me from death,  
    my eyes from tears,  
    my feet from stumbling,  
**9**that I may walk before the Lord  
    in the land of the living.

**10**I trusted in the Lord when I said,  
    “I am greatly afflicted”;  
**11**in my alarm I said,  
    “Everyone is a liar.”

**12**What shall I return to the Lord  
    for all his goodness to me?

**13**I will lift up the cup of salvation  
    and call on the name of the Lord.  
**14**I will fulfill my vows to the Lord  
    in the presence of all his people.

**15**Precious in the sight of the Lord  
    is the death of his faithful servants.  
**16**Truly I am your servant, Lord;  
    I serve you just as my mother did;  
    you have freed me from my chains.

**17**I will sacrifice a thank offering to you  
    and call on the name of the Lord.  
**18**I will fulfill my vows to the Lord  
    in the presence of all his people,  
**19**in the courts of the house of the Lord—  
    in your midst, Jerusalem.

Jesus said, ‘I have said this to you, so that in me you may have peace. In the world you face persecution. But take courage; I have conquered the world!’

John 16.33

**Prayers**

Keep us, good Lord,  
under the shadow of your mercy  
in this time of uncertainty and distress.  
Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,  
and lift up all who are brought low;  
that we may rejoice in your comfort  
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love  
in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

*In a moment of quiet we particularly remember our friends across the deanery, those who are bereaved, sick, or troubled at this time. We give thanks for all those, whatever their role, who are working to keep us safe, those supporting and caring for others. We also give thanks to those who are working to keep our churches open for worship and enabling us to worship together online.*

Loving God, thank You for Your love from which nothing can separate us, and which does not depend on our efforts. Please reveal this love and the peace it brings, in the lives of those we are praying for. **Amen**

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son came not to be served but to serve: bless all who, following in his steps, give themselves to the service of others; that with wisdom, patience and courage, they may minister in his name to the suffering and the needy; for the love of him who laid down his life for us, your Son our saviour Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through the silent hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this fleeting world, may rest upon your eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Visit this place, O Lord, we pray, and drive far from it the snares of the enemy; may your holy angels dwell with us in peace, and may your blessing be always upon us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**The Conclusion**

In peace we will lie down and sleep; for you alone, Lord, make us dwell in safety. The Lord bless us and watch over us; The Lord make his face to shine upon us and be gracious to us; The Lord look kindly upon us and give us peace. Amen.

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