

All Saints Church Renhold



Pets' Service 'One of the Family'

***A Service of the blessing of pets is a wonderful opportunity to thank God for the gift of animals, and for us to ask God's blessing on all that he has
A blessing involves praise of God; the wish that spiritual good fortune will go with what is blessed and dedicates someone or something for a sacred purpose.***

A blessing also reminds us that all good gifts are gifts from God.

Our service begins

Introduction

The congregation is welcomed

May God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who is wonderful in all his works, be with you all.

And also with you

Hymn

***All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful:
The Lord God made them all.***

**1. Each little flower that opens,
Each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colours,
He made their tiny wings.**

Refrain

**2. The purple-headed mountain,
The river running by,
The sunset and the morning
That brightens up the sky.**

Refrain

**3. The cold wind in the winter,
The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden,
He made them every one.**

Refrain

**4. He gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty,
Who has made all things well**

Prayer for our saying sorry to God

God called us in the beginning to be stewards of His creation, caring for and nurturing the world He made.

As we come to ask for God's blessing on our pets we first ask for forgiveness for the times we have not made the best use of His blessings and gifts.

When we have forgotten you
Lord Have Mercy
Lord Have Mercy

When we take for granted the gifts you give
Christ have mercy
Christ Have Mercy

When our love is selfish
Lord Have Mercy
Lord Have Mercy

May the God of Earth and Heaven cleanse you of all sin and draw you
to His wonderful light. **Amen**

Prayer for this day

O God, you have made us and all living things to form your family on earth.
You are even more wonderful than what you have made.
We thank you for giving us these pets who bring us joy.
As you take care of us, we also ask that we might take care of those who trust us to look
after them.
By doing this, we share in your own love for all creation.
We ask this in the name of Jesus our Lord.
Amen.

Readings

Genesis 1: 24-31

Then God commanded, “Let the earth produce all kinds of animal life: domestic and wild, large and small”—and it was done. So, God made them all, and he was pleased with what he saw.

Then God said, “And now we will make human beings; they will be like us and resemble us. They will have power over the fish, the birds, and all animals, domestic and wild, large and small.” So God created human beings, making them to be like himself. He created them male and female, blessed them, and said, “Have many children, so that your descendants will live all over the earth and bring it under their control. I am putting you in charge of the fish, the birds, and all the wild animals. I have provided all kinds of grain and all kinds of fruit for you to eat; but for all the wild animals and for all the birds I have provided grass and leafy plants for food”—and it was done. God looked at everything he had made, and he was very pleased. Evening passed and morning came—that was the sixth day.

Matthew 6: 26-33

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith?

Talk and meet and greet our pets!!

Prayers of thanksgiving

Let us give thanks to God for the gifts so freely bestowed upon us.
For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea;
We thank you, Lord.

For the richness of the mountains, plains and rivers;
We thank you, Lord.

For all that is gracious in the lives of your children;
We thank you, Lord.

For all creatures that breathe, and move, and have life;
We thank you, Lord.

For the songs of birds and the loveliness of flowers and trees;
We thank you, Lord.

For the trust you have shown in giving our pets into our care;
We thank you, Lord.

That each pet here may be treasured with care;
We pray to you, Lord.

That we may love and honour all your works, O God;
We pray to you, Lord.

May we continue to grow in our grateful enjoyment of your abundant creation. **Amen.**

Prayer of St Francis - God our Heavenly Father, you created the world to serve humanity's needs and to lead them to you. By our own fault we have lost the beautiful relationship which we once had with all your creation. Help us to see that by restoring our relationship with you we will also restore it with all your creation. Give us the grace

to see all animals as gifts from you and to treat them with respect for they are your creation. We pray for all animals who are suffering as a result of our neglect. May the order you originally established be once again restored to the whole world through the merits and mediation of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you now and forever. **Amen.**

A Moment of Remembrance

O Lord, we pause and give thanks for the memories of those pets we have lost. We remember with thanksgiving the ways in which they enriched our lives. We pray for the owners who continue to mourn their loss. **Amen.**

Blessing of our pets

Creator God all things belong to you.

We praise you for giving us the animals, birds and fish which fill your world.

We thank you for our families and the happiness which our pets give us.

We ask you, Lord, that we may always be good to them, so that they may be happy also.

We pray that all your children may come into your even greater world of the kingdom of heaven where we shall see even more wonderful things and where we shall live and love for ever. This we ask to your eternal praise, and to our blessing. **Amen.**

Short time of prayer

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Hymn

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r thru-out the universe displayed!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

When thru the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze,
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee;.....

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in –
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee;.....

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee;

Final Blessing

and Refreshments

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