

United Parish

@Home Sunday Services



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**The United Parish of Chinnor, Sydenham,
Aston Rowant and Crowell**

The ministry team offer you these services, particularly if you find you are unable to attend church.

Our prayer is that these services will help you still feel connected to, and loved by, your church family.

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18th Sunday of Trinity

Opening prayer

Loving God, we set this time aside to worship you. Help us to pray to you in faith, to sing your praise with gratitude, and to listen to your word with eagerness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Psalm 19 vs 7-14

The law of the Lord is perfect,
reviving the soul.

The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy,
making wise the simple.

The precepts of the Lord are right,
giving joy to the heart.

The commands of the Lord are radiant,
giving light to the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is pure,
enduring for ever.

The ordinances of the Lord are sure,
and altogether righteous.

They are more precious than gold,
than much pure gold;
they are sweeter than honey,
than honey from the comb.

By them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.

Who can discern his errors?

Forgive my hidden faults.

Keep your servant also from wilful sins;
may they not rule over me.

Then will I be blameless,
innocent of great transgression.

May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be pleasing in your sight,

O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

Prayer of confession

Father God, we have not loved you with our whole heart, we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and humbly repent for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us; that we might delight in your will and walk your ways to the glory of your name. Amen

Collect - The 18th Sunday of Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God,
increase in us your gift of faith
that, forsaking that lies behind
and reaching out to which is before,
we may run the way of your commandments
and win the crown of everlasting joy;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen

Bible Reading - Matthew 21 vs 33 to the end *(the parable of the wicked tenants)*

“Listen to another parable: There was a landowner who planted a vineyard. He put a wall around it, dug a winepress in it and built a watchtower. Then he rented the vineyard to some farmers and went away on a journey. When the harvest time approached, he sent his servants to the tenants to collect the fruit. The tenants seized his servants; they beat one, they killed another and stoned a third. Then he sent other servants to them, more than the first time, and the tenants treated them in the same way. Last of all, he sent his son to them. ‘They will respect my son,’ he said.

But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, ‘This is the heir. Come let’s kill him and take his inheritance.’ So, they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him.

” Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?”

“He will bring those wretches to a wretched end,” they replied, “and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at the harvest time.”

Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures:

*“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the capstone;
the Lord has done this
and it is marvellous in our eyes.*

“Therefore, I tell you that the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to people who will produce fruit. He who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, but he on whom it falls will be crushed.”

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard Jesus’ parable they knew he was talking about them. They looked for a way to arrest him, but they were afraid of the crowd because the people held that he was a prophet.

Reflection (by Margaret)

Have you ever spent a long time or a lot of effort choosing or making a gift for someone you love, only to have them take little notice of it, possibly taking it back to the shop to change it, or putting it to the back of a cupboard never to see the light of day again.

You may have wondered why you bothered spending so much time and care over your gift, and it may have even left you feeling angry or sad; and possibly think twice before you give that person a gift in the future.

In Jesus’ parable of the wicked tenants, we hear of a landowner who took time and care to build a model vineyard, only for the tenants who he had entrusted to care for it, spend time arguing about the profits, trying to defraud the owner and eventually killing his son in their greed to inherit.

They had forgotten that their task was to care for the vineyard and produce a rich harvest. Their fate was that they were replaced by more reliable and faithful tenants.

Jesus warns the religious leaders who were listening that the privilege that they believe they have as God’s chosen people is very unstable.

Unless they produce good fruit their days in the kingdom of God are numbered. Jesus is also prefiguring his death in this parable. A trailer of what is to come through himself being rejected and killed.

It being only through his resurrection that new growth will come and the vineyard will be opened and tended by those who are faithful.

We all have so much to gain in following Jesus, who died for each and everyone of us so that we might live. God does not accept us because of certain qualities like, wealth, status or achievements. We are accepted solely through God's love and grace shown supremely in Jesus Christ.

As Christians we were all baptised and filled with the Holy Spirit who empowers us to seek after God and follow God's ways. In doing this we produce good fruit, the best fruit, righteousness and justice, rather than violence and tears.

You may have been baptized many years ago. And if you were a baby or very young you would have no recollection of it. Have you recognized and accepted Christ working through your life and his extraordinary gift of love and grace? If you have, how are you responding to that gift? What have you done with it? Is it fully unwrapped and being used, or has it been thrown away?

Let's make Christ our priority. Let's produce the good fruits of the kingdom, the rich harvest that God longs for, and remembering to always give thanks. Amen

Prayer

Praise the Lord for he is good

Sing to God with thanksgiving.

Lord of the vineyard, rooted and grafted in you, your church bears fruit to your glory.

Nourish and strengthen it for the task you purpose...

Tend the vine you have planted.

Lord of the vineyard, you expect nations to produce the wine of justice.

Raise up leaders who will promote conditions in which all may flourish...

Defend the poor and weak, the vulnerable and those easily overlooked.

Lord of the vineyard, you give all your people the ability to choose between right and wrong.

Guide us in all our moral dilemma and the new challenges we face...

Keep us from evil intent and sliding into destructive ways.

Lord of the vineyard you prepare wholesome fruit to refresh and revive us.
Quench our thirst with wholeness and healing...
Restore us in your mercy and bring us to declare your glory.

Lord of the vineyard, you hold before us the cup of salvation.
Raise up all who have died...
Bring us to share in the new wine of your kingdom. Amen

A time for personal 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 today 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

Now thank we all our God
Now thank we all our God
with heart and hand and voices,
who wondrous things hath done;
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mother's arms
have blessed us on our way,
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God
through all our lives be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son, and him who reigns
with them in highest heaven,
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

Final Prayer and Blessing

May God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is the source of all goodness and growth,
pour his blessing upon all things created,
and upon us his children,
that we may use his gifts to his glory and the welfare of all people.

Rejoicing that the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are with us wherever we are.
Amen

SUNDAY 11th October 2026

TRINITY 19

The Greeting

Through Christ let us offer our sacrifice of praise to God.

Let our lips proclaim his praise.

Collect

Faithful Lord,
whose steadfast love never ceases
and whose mercies never come to an end:
grant us the grace to trust you
and to receive the gifts of your love,
new every morning,
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

A Psalm set for this Sunday Psalm 139

- 1 O Lord, you have searched me out and known me; you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 2 You mark out my journeys and my resting place and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 For there is not a word on my tongue, but you, O Lord, know it altogether.
- 4 You encompass me behind and before and lay your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, so high that I cannot attain it.
- 6 Where can I go then from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?
- 7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there; if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.
- 8 If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
- 9 Even there your hand shall lead me, your right hand hold me fast.
- 10 If I say, 'Surely the darkness will cover me and the light around me turn to night,'
- 11 Even darkness is no darkness with you; the night is as clear as the day; darkness and light to you are both alike.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Confession

Almighty God, long-suffering and of great goodness:
We confess to you, we confess with our whole hearts
our neglect and forgetfulness of your commandments,
our wrong doing, thinking, and speaking;
the hurts we have done to others, and the good we have left undone.
O God, forgive us, for we have sinned against you; and raise us to newness of
life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Absolution

May almighty God, who sent his Son into the world to save sinners,
bring us his pardon and peace, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Gospel Reading - Matthew 22 vs 1-14 The Parable of the Wedding Banquet

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ²‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other slaves, saying, “Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.” ⁵But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his slaves, “The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.” ¹⁰Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ ‘But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹²and he said to him, “Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?” And he was speechless.

¹³Then the king said to the attendants, “Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **All** Praise to you, O Christ.

Reflection (By Tony)

As you can imagine I have been to quite a few weddings in my time and have also received several invitations to receptions too. There was one very posh wedding reception with a uniformed Master of Ceremonies, who kept making announcements with the introduction, 'My Lords, Ladies, and Gentlemen, and the Reverend Whitaker.' Every time he did it, Monica, my wife, and I got the giggles. It was very odd to be singled out.

Our gospel reading today reminds us that we have all been singled out, invited to a unique son's wedding feast. *"Everything is ready"* says the Father, *"Come"*. We may look back over our lives and remember specific moments when we have heard that invitation *"Come"*.

Our Psalm today, reminds us that our personal invitation has come from one who has *"searched me out and known me"*, the one who knows *"my sitting down and my rising up"* and who can *"discern my thoughts from afar."*

That can be challenging to know that, when maybe we have taken the invitation lightly, and been slow to respond to what part of us knows is the most wonderful personal invitation to the feast of all feasts, paid for by the Son making the ultimate sacrifice in order for us to be invited.

There is a warning that we cannot deceive the Father, pretending to be a guest but not properly dressed – as the Psalmist says in our reading today: *"For there is not a word on my tongue, but you, O Lord, know it altogether. You encompass me behind and before and lay your hand upon me."*

Our invitation is the most wonderful affirmation by our Heavenly Father that we are wanted by him, to celebrate with him, the victory over death and sin, at the wedding of Jesus Christ to his bride, the Church.

The Church which the parable reminds us, is inclusive of all, both the good and the bad who have accepted the invitation and are wearing a wedding robe, that traditionally would have been provided by the Father at a wedding for all the guests. The robe that God the Father provides is a sign of a life changed.

The psalmist reflects :*"You encompass me behind and before and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, so high that I cannot attain it."*

How wonderful that we have all been singled out for an invitation for the wedding of all weddings.

Tony

Intercessions

Lord, you have prepared a great banquet and extended your invitation to all people. Forgive us when we are distracted by our own work, possessions, or comforts, and ignore your call.

Lord of the feast, soften our hearts and draw us near.

Give your Church the courage and persistence of your servants. Help us to go out into the highways and byways of our world, sharing your good news with joy, urgency, and inclusive love.

Lord of the feast, soften our hearts and draw us near.

We pray for a world fractured by rejection, violence, and pride. Where nations and leaders turn away from peace and pursue conflict, bring wisdom, justice, and healing.

Lord of the feast, soften our hearts and draw us near.

In the parable, the banquet was filled with both good and bad, the everyday people found along the roads. We pray for those who feel overlooked, unwanted, or marginalized by society.

Lord of the feast, soften our hearts and draw us near.

Merciful Father,

accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen

Lord's Prayer

As we pray this familiar prayer, let us bring before God those known to us who are unwell in body, mind or spirit, or those grieving for someone who has died.

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:

New every morning is the love
our waking and uprising prove;
through sleep and darkness safely brought,
restored to life and power and thought.

New mercies, each returning day,
hover around us while we pray;
new perils past, new sins forgiven,
new thoughts of God, new hopes of heaven.

The trivial round, the common task,
will furnish all we ought to ask:
room to deny ourselves, a road
to bring us daily nearer God.

Only, O Lord, in Thy dear love
fit us for perfect rest above;
and help us, this and every day,
to live more nearly as we pray.

Closing Prayer and Blessing

Gracious God, we rest in the profound truth that you have searched us and you know us completely. You know when we sit and when we rise, and you are familiar with all our ways.

Thank you that we can never go where your Spirit is not, and that even in the darkest moments, your hand guides us and your right hand holds us fast. We praise you because we are fearfully and wonderfully made, and all our days were ordained by you before a single one began. **Amen**

To the One who encompasses us behind and before and lays His hand upon us,
Be glory for ever and ever.

And the Blessing of God Almighty,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

Be upon you and those you love, this day and evermore. **Amen**

Sunday 18th October 2026

20th Sunday after Trinity

Opening Prayers

O Lord, open our lips and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

The glory of the Lord has risen upon us. Let us rejoice and sing God's praise for ever. Amen.

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day, so may the light of your presence, O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you; now and for ever. Amen.

Gospel Reading 1 John 4: 7- 17

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹ God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

¹³ By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. ¹⁵ God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶ So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them.

Reflection If I had to put several years of preaching into a few words, I think I would say this: God loves you, God is with you, and God isn't finished yet. I know I've said the first bit rather a lot. But I don't think we can hear it too often. God's love isn't a reward for getting religion right. Jesus spends his time with people whose lives are complicated, who have questions, who have made mistakes, or who have been pushed to the edges. He meets them where they are. That is the picture of God I want to keep in front of us.

It changes the way I read the Bible. I sometimes say that the New Testament is an “upgrade”. What I mean is that Jesus gives us the clearest picture of God. The older scriptures matter, and Jesus knew them deeply. But when a passage leaves us puzzled, I want to read it with him beside me. I also want to ask what kind of writing it is. Genesis 1, for instance, can tell us something wonderful about creation and our place in it without being a science lesson. What is this passage asking me to notice or do? That is often the question worth taking home.

God is with us, too. Psalm 23 doesn't say we will never walk through a dark valley. It says, “you are with me.” Sometimes faith is less about finding an answer and more about discovering that we are accompanied. We can do that for one another as well. A visit, a cup of tea, or simply listening can be a very holy thing.

And when we get things wrong, there is a way back. That doesn't mean what we did doesn't matter. We may need to apologise, put something right, or change how we behave. But our worst moment needn't be the whole story. We can begin again. Surely that is reason for a little joy.

Actually, I think worship could do with joy more often. There is room for quiet and beauty, and there is room for laughter and a song we sing with gusto. Nor does worship have to wait until we are inside a church. We can pray on a walk, meet God around a table, and live out what we have received in the way we treat our neighbours. After Communion, the Body of Christ walks out of the door. Like Elvis, the liturgy has left the building.

So make a plan, but leave room for the Holy Spirit to interrupt it. The person you hadn't thought to invite may have a gift you need. The small, unexpected thing may turn out to matter. We can listen, have a go and see what grows. God loves you. God is with you. Love one another, and keep your eyes open. God is not finished yet.

Amen.

The Benedictus (*The Song of Zechariah*)

1 Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel,
who has come to his people and set them free.

2 He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,
born of the house of his servant David.

3 Through his holy prophets God promised of old
to save us from our enemies, from the hands of all that hate us,

4 To show mercy to our ancestors,
and to remember his holy covenant.
5 This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
6 Free to worship him without fear, holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.
7 And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
8 To give his people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of all their sins.
9 In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
10 To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Luke 1.68-79

Prayers

Take some time to offer to God your own prayers.

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The Collect for 20th Sunday after Trinity

God, our light and our salvation: illuminate our lives,
that we may see your goodness in the land of the living,
and looking on your beauty may be changed into the likeness of Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen

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.

The Conclusion

God, who through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ
has given us the victory, give us joy and peace in your faith. Amen.

Hymn

Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in endless praise,
let them flow in endless praise.

Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee,
swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing
always, only, for my King.
Take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee,
filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use
every power as thou shalt choose,
every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.

Sunday 25th October 2026
Last Sunday after Trinity

Introduction

In the liturgical calendar, today is the last Sunday after Trinity. It marks the conclusion of the long liturgical period after Trinity Sunday, (31st May last), which celebrates the doctrine of the Holy Trinity. It emphasizes reflection on human sinfulness, God's righteousness, and the hope of salvation.

Opening Prayer

Father of creation, open our eyes to this new day and your presence within it. Lord, I offer you this day. I offer you the fears that sometimes haunt my heart. May my fears become an opportunity to trust you more. Open my eyes to the ways in which you turn a challenge into a new chance and failure into faithfulness. Help me to live this day in the logic of your love. Amen

Collect for the Last Sunday after Trinity

Holy God, faithful and unchanging, enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love, that we may truly worship you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen

Psalm - Psalm 1

Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, ² but whose delight is in the law of the LORD, and who meditates on his law day and night. ³ That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither, whatever they do prospers. ⁴ Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away. ⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous. ⁶ For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.

Reading - Matthew 22 vs 34-40. 'Which is the greatest commandment?'

³⁴ Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together. ³⁵ One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question: ³⁶ "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?"

³⁷ Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.'" ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'
⁴⁰ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

Reflection [by Brian]

Our gospel reading today is set in a public place, perhaps the temple courtyard or a busy street in Jerusalem. It is a crowd scene. Jesus is being vigorously questioned. One can imagine the scene with various classes of people (Pharisees, Sadducees, Scribes and common folk) jostling to hear what is being said.

The Pharisees, (who were known for their strict adherence to religious laws), had heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees in a previous debate, now sought to test him with their questions. They asked him what is the greatest commandment? Jesus, aware of their motives, responds with a quote from the Old Testament about loving God and ones neighbour. Jesus then adds a striking caveat - that love is to be with ones' whole life and being, ie with all ones' heart, soul and mind. This verse encapsulates the core teachings of Christianity - to love God wholeheartedly and to love others wholeheartedly with the same love we have for ourselves. This love should be evident in the way we conduct ourselves, showing kindness, compassion, and forgiveness to others, just as we would want for ourselves.

One of the commentators on this passage has provided some appropriate questions to ask oneself, based on this passage. The commentator says: '*Let this verse be a guiding principle in your life, shaping your attitudes and actions towards both God and your neighbour in a profound and meaningful way.*'

https://godsblessing.com/commentary/matthew/matthew_22_34-40/

Personal prayer

Why not start this prayer- time by focussing on this 'love God and your neighbour' passage. So ... why not make yourself comfortable, sit back and be quiet as you meditate on this passage and pray, allowing God to help you think of what this all means to you?

Then why not then pray for what's on your mind at the moment and for where you want love, peace, hope and justice to prevail. Why not pray:

- for Church leaders, elders, pastors, councils and congregations who seek to minister in the multitude of churches, chapels and fellowships across the world.
- for Jacky, our Rector, as she settles in her new Parish,
- for our Chinnor United Parish, the ministry team and the PCC.
- for your family and friends, your street, for neighbours, for local, national and international leaders and governments.
- for shopkeepers, carers and wardens; for hospitals, doctors and nurses and others in the front line, the NHS.
- for what you have seen on the news lately; the trouble spots of the world and those places and peoples in need.
- for peace and justice to reign in those parts of the world where evil exists in terms of war, oppression and hate.
- for those you know who would love you to pray for them at this time, for the lonely, the ill, the stressed, the bereaved.
- finally, pray for yourself and your situations.
- Why not close your prayers by saying the Lords prayer.

Hymn Sing or say the hymn:

1. O Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end;
be Thou forever near me, my Master and my Friend;
I shall not fear the battle if Thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway if Thou wilt be my Guide.

2. O let me feel Thee near me, the world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear;
my foes are ever near me, around me and within;
but, Jesus, draw Thou nearer, and shield my soul from sin.

3. O let me hear Thee speaking in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control!
O speak, and make me listen, Thou Guardian of my soul!

4. O Jesus, Thou hast promised to all who follow Thee
that where Thou art in glory there shall Thy servant be;
and, Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend!

Closing Prayer & Blessing

Ever present God, help me maintain a constant awareness of your presence and companionship in my daily life, as I seek to love you and my neighbour. May I recognise your guiding hand and feel your comforting presence in moments of joy and challenge. Let the awareness of Your nearness be a source of comfort, strength, and peace. In Jesus' name. Amen

The Grace

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all evermore. Amen