



Wednesday Evening Prayer

Welcome to evening prayer. A time to stop in the midst of the current coronavirus pandemic. A time to lift our eyes and voices to God. A time to listen to the Bible. A time to pray for our loved ones, our nation and the world.

Please say the words in bold.

○ God, make speed to save us.

○ Lord, make haste to help us.

Hear our voice, ○ Lord, according to your faithful love,

according to your judgement give us life.

A prayer of thanksgiving

Blessed are you, Lord God of our salvation,
to you be glory and praise for ever.
In the darkness of our sin you have shone in our hearts
to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God
in the face of Jesus Christ.

Open our eyes to acknowledge your presence,
that freed from the misery of sin and shame
we may grow into your likeness from glory to glory.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God for ever.

That this evening may be holy, good and peaceful,
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As our evening prayer rises before you, ○ God,
so may your mercy come down upon us
to cleanse our hearts
and set us free to sing your praise
now and for ever.

Amen.

Psalm 23 - we read this together

1

The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

2

He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,

3

he refreshes my soul.
He guides me along the right paths
for his name's sake.

4

Even though I walk
through the darkest valley,[a]
I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.

5

You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

6

Surely your goodness and love will follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord
forever.

**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.**

A Reading from the Bible

A Time to Reflect

A Time to Pray

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer

Prayer for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Trusting in the compassion of God,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**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**

In peace we will lie down and sleep;

For you alone, Lord, make us dwell in safety.

Abide with us, Lord Jesus,

For the night is at hand and the day is now past.

As the night watch looks for the morning,

So do we look for you, O Christ.

The Lord bless us and watch over us;

The Lord make his face shine upon us and be gracious to us;

The Lord look kindly on us and give us peace.

Amen.

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