



Prayers

Bring your prayers to God. These may include the following concerns:

- ¶ Those unwell, sick in body, mind and spirit
- ¶ All who are sick or hungry or in any kind of need
- ¶ The people of God, that they may proclaim the risen Lord
- ¶ God's creation, that the peoples of the earth may meet their responsibility to care
- ¶ Those in despair and darkness, that they may find the hope and light of Christ
- ¶ Those in fear of death, that they may find faith through the resurrection
- ¶ Prisoners and captives, those in jails, those trapped, those isolated

Conclude your prayers with the Collect (Special prayer)

**Christ yesterday and today, the beginning and the end,
Alpha and Omega, all time belongs to you,
and all ages;
to you be glory and power
through every age and for ever. Amen**

The Lord's Prayer is said

**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

While you may be the only one saying these words where you are, remember that we are all saying this together

May God bless us and show us compassion and mercy. Amen.

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

Worship: St Luke's@Home

At 9am on Sundays, or at any time on other days, in your home, find a place to sit, alone or together. Perhaps in your front room, or at a table.

Take a moment to be still and quiet. Maybe have 30 seconds of silence.

Then begin with the Opening Prayers. Why not speak out loud throughout?

Preparation

Opening Prayer

**Lord, direct our thoughts, and teach us to pray.
Lift up our hearts to worship you in spirit and in truth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Psalm 119:14-24

**14 The Lord is my strength and my song, ♦
and he has become my salvation.**

**15 Joyful shouts of salvation ♦
sound from the tents of the righteous:**

**16 'The right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds;
the right hand of the Lord raises up; ♦
the right hand of the Lord does mighty deeds.'**

**17 I shall not die, but live ♦
and declare the works of the Lord.**

**18 The Lord has punished me sorely, ♦
but he has not given me over to death.**

**19 Open to me the gates of righteousness, ♦
that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord.**

**20 This is the gate of the Lord; ♦
the righteous shall enter through it.**

**21 I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me ♦
and have become my salvation.**

**22 The stone which the builders rejected ♦
has become the chief cornerstone.**

**23 This is the Lord's doing, ♦
and it is marvellous in our eyes.**

**24 This is the day that the Lord has made; ♦
we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

Confession

**Lord God,
we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us
and restore us to the joy of your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Absolution

Pause for silence, then say

**May the Father of all mercies
cleanse us from our sins,
and restore us in his image
to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

The Word of God

Below are short selections for each day of the week. Read the passage.

After reading the Bible, pause.

Then read the passage again.

After the second reading, you may want to ask yourself the following questions:

- *What does this passage tell me about God and/or Jesus?*
- *How does this passage make me feel?*
- *What change (if any) might I need to make in light of this?*

(The change could be to your way of thinking, or a change in attitude, or a practical response)

Short readings

Sunday Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. (1 Peter 1.3-5)

Monday Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgements against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. (Zephaniah 3.14-18)

Tuesday So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonour, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and, as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven. (1 Corinthians 15.42-44a,47-49)

Wednesday If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. (Col 3.1-4)

Thursday As the two disciples came near the village to which they were going, Jesus walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' (Luke 24.28-32)

Friday Job said, 'O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book! O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock for ever! For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth; and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another.' (Job 19.23-27a)

Saturday I turned to see whose voice it was that spoke to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, and in the midst of the lampstands I saw one like the Son of Man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash across his chest. When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he placed his right hand on me, saying, 'Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last, and the living one. I was dead, and see, I am alive for ever and ever; and I have the keys of Death and of Hades.' (Revelation 1.12,13,17,18)