

**All
Saints**
Kings Langley



**Daily Prayer
for use at Home**

Introduction

Spending a considerable amount of time on our own can seem daunting – each day running into the next. This booklet is designed to guide and frame a daily time of prayer. You could use it on your own, with other members of your household or with a prayer partner over the 'phone. With the exception of the psalms, it contains all the readings and prayers you need – although you may wish to experiment with other prayers and spiritual material. The Psalms can be found in the Bible as the 19th book of the Old Testament or in the Book of Common Prayer. If you don't have access to either, they can be omitted. Prayers for each day of the week are included as well as for Eastertide and Ascensiontide. If you have any queries about using this booklet, please contact Fr. James on 01923 903531.

Our Lord is our strength and shield, our true help in times of trouble. Time spent in prayer is never wasted; spent well, self-isolation may prove to one of spiritual discovery and learning.

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.**

Sundays

Preparation

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

My heart tells of your word, 'Seek my face.'

Your face, Lord, will I seek.

Psalm 27.10

Praise

We praise you, O God,
we acclaim you as the Lord;
all creation worships you,
the Father everlasting.

To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,
the cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

from Te Deum Laudamus

The Word of God

Psalmody

On any Sunday Psalm 19

(or)

Week 1 Psalm 20

Week 3 Psalm 115.1-13

Week 2 Psalm 34

Week 4 Psalm 116

Each psalm or group of psalms may end with
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.

Week One

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Genesis 1.1-5

Week Two

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself.

2 Corinthians 5.17-19a

Week Three

The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well. Therefore the Jews started persecuting Jesus, because he was doing such things on the sabbath. But Jesus answered them, 'My Father is still working, and I also am working.' For this reason the Jews were seeking all the more to kill him, because he was not only breaking the sabbath, but was also calling God his own Father, thereby making himself equal to God.

John 5.15-18

Week Four

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of

heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.'

Revelation 21.1-4

Or, on any Sunday

Wisdom says, 'I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.'

Proverbs 8.30,31

Response

Silence, study, song, or words from Scripture, such as

Jesus said, I am the living bread that came down from heaven.

Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever.

John 6.51a

Prayers

Prayers may include these concerns:

- ¶ *The universal Church*
- ¶ *Bishops, synods and all who lead the Church*
- ¶ *The leaders of the nations*
- ¶ *The natural world and the resources of the earth*
- ¶ *All who are in any kind of need*

The following prayer may be said

Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me.
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

Amen.

from St Patrick's Breastplate

The Lord's Prayer is said.

The Conclusion

May God who made both heaven and earth bless us.

Amen.

Mondays

Preparation

○ God, make speed to save us.
○ **Lord, make haste to help us.**

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
**be acceptable in your sight, ○ Lord,
my strength and my redeemer.**

Psalm 119.14

Praise

I bind unto myself today
the strong name of the Trinity,
by invocation of the same,
the Three in One, and One in Three.
Of whom all nature hath creation;
eternal Father, Spirit, Word:
Praise to the Lord of my salvation,
salvation is of Christ the Lord.

from St Patrick's Breastplate

The Word of God

Psalmody

On any Monday Psalm 126 (or)

Week 1 Psalm 49

Week 3 Psalm 104.26-end

Week 2 Psalm 65

Week 4 Psalm 50.1-15

Each psalm or group of psalms may end with
**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.**

Week One

The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.' But I said, 'I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God.'

Isaiah 49.1b-4

Week Two

Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord, and turn away from evil. It will be a healing for your flesh and a refreshment for your body. Honour the Lord with your substance and with the first fruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine. My child, do not despise the Lord's discipline or be weary of his reproof, for the Lord reproves the one he loves, as a father the son in whom he delights.

Proverbs 3.7-12

Week Three

Jesus said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.'

Mark 4.26-29

Week Four

After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master,

you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’

Matthew 25.19-21

Or, on any Monday

Jesus said, ‘Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.’

Matthew 11.28

Response

Silence, study, song, or words from Scripture, such as

Jesus said, I am the true vine.

My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit.

John 15.1a,8

Prayers

Prayers may include these concerns:

- ¶ *The media and the arts*
- ¶ *Farming and fishing*
- ¶ *Commerce and industry*
- ¶ *Those whose work is unfulfilling, stressful or fraught with danger*
- ¶ *All who are unemployed*

The following prayer may be said

Eternal light, shine into our hearts,
eternal goodness, deliver us from evil,
eternal power, be our support,
eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance,
eternal pity, have mercy upon us;
that with all our heart and mind and soul and strength
we may seek your face and be brought by your infinite mercy to
your holy presence;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Alcuin of York (804)

The Lord's Prayer is said.

The Conclusion

May God bless the work of our hands.
Amen.

Tuesdays

Preparation

O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
O my God, in you I trust.

Psalm 25.1a

Praise

I am giving you worship with all my life,
I am giving you obedience with all my power,
I am giving you praise with all my strength,
I am giving you honour with all my speech.

I am giving you love with all my heart,
I am giving you affection with all my sense,
I am giving you my being with all my mind,
I am giving you my soul, O most high and holy God.

Praise to the Father,
Praise to the Son,
Praise to the Spirit,
The Three in One.

*adapted from Alexander Carmichael,
Carmina Gadelica (1900)*

The Word of God

Psalmody

On any Tuesday Psalm 17.1-8 (or)

Week 1 Psalm 16

Week 2 Psalm 25

Week 3 Psalm 36

Week 4 Psalm 39

Each psalm or group of psalms may end with
**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.**

Short readings

Week One

If you will only obey the Lord your God, by diligently observing all his commandments that I am commanding you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth; all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, if you obey the Lord your God: Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the field. Blessed shall be the fruit of your womb, the fruit of your ground, and the fruit of your livestock, both the increase of your cattle and the issue of your flock. Blessed shall be your basket and your kneading-bowl. Blessed shall you be when you come in, and blessed shall you be when you go out.

Deuteronomy 28.1-6

Week Two

They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert.

Isaiah 35.2c-6

Week Three

As Jesus walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, 'Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?' Jesus answered, 'Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.'

John 9.1-5

Week Four

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

Revelation 22.1,2

Or, on any Tuesday

Great crowds came to Jesus, bringing with them the lame, the maimed, the blind, the mute, and many others. They put them at his feet, and he cured them.

Matthew 15.30

Response

Silence, study, song, or words from Scripture, such as
Jesus said, I am the light of the world.

Whoever follows me will have the light of life.

John 8.12

Prayers

Prayers may include these concerns:

- ¶ *All who are sick in body, mind or spirit*
- ¶ *Those in the midst of famine or disaster*
- ¶ *Victims of abuse and violence, intolerance and prejudice*
- ¶ *Those who are bereaved*
- ¶ *All who work in the medical and healing professions*

The following prayer may be said

Eternal God,
the light of the minds that know you,
the joy of the hearts that love you,
and the strength of the wills that serve you:
grant us so to know you
that we may truly love you,
so to love you that we may truly serve you,
whose service is perfect freedom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

after Augustine of Hippo (430)

The Lord's Prayer is said.

The Conclusion

May Christ our redeemer bring us healing and wholeness.
Amen.

Wednesdays

Preparation

○ God, make speed to save us.
○ **Lord, make haste to help us.**

Make me to know your ways, ○ Lord,
and teach me your paths.

Psalm 25.3

Praise

You, Christ, are the King of glory,
the eternal Son of the Father.
When you took our flesh to set us free
you humbly chose the Virgin's womb.
You overcame the sting of death
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
You are seated at God's right hand in glory.

from Te Deum Laudamus

The Word of God

Psalmody

On any Wednesday Psalm 48 (or)

Week 1 Psalm 2
Week 2 Psalm 44

Week 3 Psalm 45
Week 4 Psalm 72.1-8

Each psalm or group of psalms may end with

**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.**

Week One

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion – to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.

Isaiah 61.1-3a

Week Two

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised up above the hills. Peoples shall stream to it, and many nations shall come and say: 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between many peoples, and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more; but they shall all sit under their own vines and under their own fig trees, and no one shall make them afraid.

Micah 4.1-4a

Week Three

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few;

therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.'

Matthew 9.35-end

Week Four

Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus answered, 'My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here.' Pilate asked him, 'So you are a king?' Jesus answered, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.' Pilate asked him, 'What is truth?'

John 18.33,36-38

Or, on any Wednesday

The earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.

Habakkuk 2.14

Response

Silence, study, song, or words from Scripture, such as

Jesus said, I am the way, and the truth, and the life.

No one comes to the Father except through me.

John 14.6

Prayers

Prayers may include these concerns:

- ¶ *The social services*
- ¶ *All who work in the criminal justice system*
- ¶ *Victims and perpetrators of crime*
- ¶ *The work of aid agencies throughout the world*
- ¶ *Those living in poverty or under oppression*

The following prayer may be said.

O Lord our God,
grant us grace to desire you with our whole heart;
that so desiring, we may seek and find you;
and so finding, may love you;
and so loving, may hate those sins
from which you have delivered us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Anselm (1109)

The Lord's Prayer is said.

The Conclusion

May God grant to the world justice, truth and peace.
Amen.

Thursdays

Preparation

O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Teach me to do what pleases you, for you are my God;
let your kindly spirit lead me on a level path.

Psalm 143.10

Praise

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:
Such a Way, as gives us breath:
Such a Truth, as ends all strife:
And such a Life, as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:
Such a Light, as shows a Feast:
Such a Feast, as mends in length:
Such a Strength, as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:
Such a Joy, as none can move:
Such a Love, as none can part:
Such a Heart, as joys in Love.

George Herbert (1633)

The Word of God *Psalmody*

On any Thursday Psalm 133 (or)

Week 1 Psalm 81
Week 2 Psalm 90

Week 3 Psalm 101
Week 4 Psalm 107.1-16

Each psalm or group of psalms may end with
**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.**

Short readings

Week One

If there is among you anyone in need, a member of your community in any of your towns within the land that the Lord your God is giving you, do not be hard-hearted or tight-fisted towards your needy neighbour. You should rather open your hand, willingly lending enough to meet the need, whatever it may be. Give liberally and be ungrudging when you do so, for on this account the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake. Since there will never cease to be some in need on the earth, I therefore command you, 'Open your hand to the poor and needy neighbour in your land.'

Deuteronomy 15.7,8,10,11

Week Two

Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, 'Give them up', and to the south, 'Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth – everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.'

Isaiah 43.5-7

Week Three

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Once

you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

1 Peter 2.9,10

Week Four

As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth. I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

John 17.18-23

Or, on any Thursday

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.

1 Corinthians 12.12,13a

Response

Silence, study, song, or words from Scripture, such as

Jesus said, I am the gate for the sheep.

I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

John 10.7,10b

Prayers

Prayers may include these concerns:

- ¶ *Local government, community leaders*
- ¶ *All who provide local services*
- ¶ *Those who work with young or elderly people*
- ¶ *Schools, colleges and universities*
- ¶ *Emergency and rescue organizations*

The following prayer may be said

O gracious and holy Father,
give us wisdom to perceive you,
diligence to seek you,
patience to wait for you,
eyes to behold you,
a heart to meditate upon you,
and a life to proclaim you,
through the power of the Spirit
of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Benedict of Nursia (c.550)

The Lord's Prayer is said.

The Conclusion

May God kindle in us the fire of love.

Amen.

Fridays

Preparation

○ God, make speed to save us.
○ **Lord, make haste to help us.**

Make me a clean heart, ○ God,
and renew a right spirit within me.

Psalm 51.11

Praise

Jesus, Saviour of the world,
 come to us in your mercy:
we look to you to save and help us.

By your cross and your life laid down,
 you set your people free:
we look to you to save and help us.

When they were ready to perish, you saved your disciples:
 we look to you to come to our help.
In the greatness of your mercy, loose us from our chains,
forgive the sins of all your people.

 Make yourself known as our Saviour and mighty deliverer;
save us and help us that we may praise you.

Come now and dwell with us, Lord Christ Jesus:
 hear our prayer and be with us always.

And when you come in your glory:
make us to be one with you
 and to share the life of your kingdom.

The Word of God

Psalmody

On any Friday Psalm 23 *(or)*

Week 1 Psalm 112

Week 3 Psalm 123

Week 2 Psalm 120

Week 4 Psalm 124

Each psalm or group of psalms may end with
**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.**

Short readings

Week One

When I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or command the locust to devour the land, or send pestilence among my people, if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, pray, seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

2 Chronicles 7.13,14

Week Two

Thus says the high and lofty one who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with those who are contrite and humble in spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite. For I will not continually accuse, nor will I always be angry; for then the spirits would grow faint before me, even the souls that I have made. Because of their wicked covetousness I was angry; I struck them, I hid and was angry; but they kept turning back to their own ways. I have seen their ways, but I will heal them; I will lead them and repay them with comfort, creating for their mourners the fruit of

the lips. Peace, peace, to the far and the near, says the Lord; and I will heal them.

Isaiah 57.15-19

Week Three

Now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, so that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father.

Ephesians 2.13-18

Week Four

Jesus said to the disciples, 'The Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.' Then he said to them all, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will save it. What does it profit them if they gain the whole world, but lose or forfeit themselves?'

Luke 9.22-25

Or, on any Friday

Jesus said, 'Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.'

Luke 6.27b,28

Response

Silence, study, song, or words from Scripture, such as
Jesus said, I am the good shepherd.

The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

John 10.11

Prayers

Prayers may include these concerns:

- ¶ *The Queen, members of parliament and the armed forces*
- ¶ *Peace and justice in the world*
- ¶ *Those who work for reconciliation*
- ¶ *All whose lives are devastated by war and civil strife*
- ¶ *Prisoners, refugees and homeless people*

The following prayer may be said

Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you
for all the benefits that you have won for us,
for all the pains and insults that you have borne for us.
Most merciful redeemer,
friend and brother,
may we know you more clearly,
love you more dearly,
and follow you more nearly,
day by day. **Amen.**

after Richard of Chichester (1253)

The Lord's Prayer is said.

The Conclusion

May Christ our Saviour give us peace.
Amen.

Saturdays

Preparation

○ God, make speed to save us.

○ **Lord, make haste to help us.**

Your love, ○ Lord, reaches to the heavens
and your faithfulness to the clouds.

Psalm 36.5

Praise

What shall I give you, Lord, in return for all your kindness?

Glory to you for your love.

Glory to you for your patience.

Glory to you for forgiving us all our sins.

Glory to you for coming to save our souls.

Glory to you for your incarnation in the virgin's womb.

Glory to you for your bonds.

Glory to you for receiving the cut of the lash.

Glory to you for accepting mockery.

Glory to you for your crucifixion.

Glory to you for your burial.

Glory to you for your resurrection.

Glory to you that you were preached to all.

Glory to you in whom they believed.

Ephrem the Syrian (373)

The Word of God

Psalmody

On any Saturday Psalm 63.1–8 (or)

Week 1 Psalm 130

Week 3 Psalm 138

Week 2 Psalm 131

Week 4 Psalm 139

Each psalm or group of psalms may end with
**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.**

Short readings

Week One

The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea.

Isaiah 11.6–9

Week Two

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Ephesians 3.14–19

Week Three

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary

to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.'

John 11.17–26a

Week Four

When the Lamb had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. They sing a new song: 'You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God saints from every tribe and language and people and nation; you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God, and they will reign on earth.'

Revelation 5.8–10

Or, on any Saturday

We look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

2 Corinthians 4.18

Response

Silence, study, song, or words from Scripture, such as

Jesus said, I am the resurrection and the life.

Those who believe in me will never die.

cf John 11.25,26

Prayers

Prayers may include these concerns:

- ¶ *Our homes, families, friends and all whom we love*
- ¶ *Those whose time is spent caring for others*
- ¶ *Those who are close to death*
- ¶ *Those who have lost hope*
- ¶ *The worship of the Church*

Forms of prayer can be found here.

The following prayer may be said

God be in my head, and in my understanding;

God be in my eyes, and in my looking;

God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;

God be in my heart, and in my thinking;

God be at mine end, and at my departing.

Amen.

Sarum Primer

The Lord's Prayer is said.

The Conclusion

May Christ dwell in our hearts by faith.

Amen.

Easter Season

Preparation

○ God, make speed to save us.

○ **Lord, make haste to help us.**

If I climb up to heaven, you are there;

if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

Psalm 139.7

Praise

Yesterday I was crucified with Christ;
today I am glorified with him.

Yesterday I was dead with Christ;
today I am sharing in his resurrection.

Yesterday I was buried with him;
today I am waking with him from the sleep of death.

Gregory of Nazianzus (389)

The Word of God

Psalmody

On Easter Day and any day Psalm 118.14-24 (or)

Sunday Psalm 114

Thursday Psalm 111

Monday Psalm 30

Friday Psalm 145.1-8

Tuesday Psalm 66.1-11

Saturday Psalm 146

Wednesday Psalm 106.1-12

Each psalm or group of psalms may end with

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.

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.

Colossians 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

Or, on any day in Easter

Jesus said, 'This is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day.'

John 6.39

Response

Silence, study, song, or words from Scripture, such as

Blessed are the peacemakers,

for they will be called children of God.

Matthew 5.9

Prayers

Prayers may include these concerns:

¶ *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*

The following prayer may be said

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

from the Easter Vigil

The Lord's Prayer is said.

May the risen Christ give us his peace.
Alleluia. Amen.

The Conclusion

Ascension Day until the Day of Pentecost

Preparation

O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Gladden the soul of your servant,
for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

Psalm 86.4

Praise

Blessed are you, the God of our ancestors,
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

Blessed is your holy and glorious name,
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

Blessed are you, in your holy and glorious temple,
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

Blessed are you who look into the depths,
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

Blessed are you, enthroned on the cherubim,
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

Blessed are you on the throne of your kingdom,
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

Blessed are you in the heights of heaven,
worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.

The Song of the Three 29-34

The Word of God
Psalmody

On Ascension Day and on any day Psalm 47 (or)

Sunday Psalm 104.26-32

Thursday Psalm 84

Monday Psalm 21.1-7

Friday Psalm 93

Tuesday Psalm 29

Saturday Psalm 98

Wednesday Psalm 46

Each psalm or group of psalms may end with
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.

Short readings

Ascension Day or on any day after Ascension

Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf.

Hebrews 9.24

Friday after Ascension

As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to human beings, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honour because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings.

Hebrews 2.8b-10

Saturday after Ascension

I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height,

nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8.38,39

Sunday after Ascension

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, 'Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, "Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive.

John 7.37-39a

Monday

Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Isaiah 40.28-end

Tuesday

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

I Corinthians 12.4-7

Wednesday

I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female slaves, in those days, I will pour out my spirit.

Joel 2.28,29

Thursday

Jesus said, 'Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

Luke 11.9-13

Friday

In Christ every one of God's promises is a 'Yes'. For this reason it is through him that we say the 'Amen', to the glory of God. But it is God who establishes us with you in Christ and has anointed us, by putting his seal on us and giving us his Spirit in our hearts as a first instalment.

2 Corinthians 1.20-22

Saturday

The Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

2 Corinthians 3.17,18

The Day of Pentecost

Jesus said, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit.'

John 20.21,22

Response

Silence, study, song, or words from Scripture, such as
Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

Matthew 5.4

Prayers

Prayers may include these concerns:

- ¶ *God's royal priesthood, that it may be empowered by the Spirit*
- ¶ *Those who wait on God, that they may find renewal*
- ¶ *All people, that they may acknowledge the kingdom of the ascended Christ*
- ¶ *The earth, for productivity and for fruitful harvests*
- ¶ *All who are struggling with broken relationships*

The following prayer may be said

O King enthroned on high,
Comforter and Spirit of truth,
you that are in all places and fill all things,
the treasury of blessings and the giver of life,
come and dwell with us,
cleanse us from every stain
and save our souls, O gracious one. **Amen.**

an Orthodox prayer

The Lord's Prayer is said.

The Conclusion

May the grace of the Holy Spirit enlighten our hearts and minds.
All Alleluia. Amen.