

PRAYER IN THE HOME

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY: 8 NOVEMBER 2020

GATHERING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us light a candle to remember that God is with us.

Jesus, speak to us:

That we may hear your voice.

Holy Spirit, come to us:

That we may know your love.

Father, receive our prayers:

That we may deepen our trust in you.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COLLECT for Remembrance Sunday

God, our refuge and strength,
bring near the day when wars shall cease
and poverty and pain shall end,
that earth may know the peace of heaven
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

PSALM 3

- 1 O Lord, how many are my foes!
Many are rising against me;
 - 2 many are saying to me,
'There is no help for you in God.'
 - 3 But you, O Lord, are a shield around me,
my glory, and the one who lifts up my head.
 - 4 I cry aloud to the Lord,
and he answers me from his holy hill.
 - 5 I lie down and sleep;
I wake again, for the Lord sustains me.
 - 6 I am not afraid of tens of thousands of people
who have set themselves against me all around.
 - 7 Rise up, O Lord!
Deliver me, O my God!
- For you strike all my enemies on the cheek;
you break the teeth of the wicked.
- 8 Deliverance belongs to the Lord;
may your blessing be on your people!

BIBLE READING John 15:9-17

9 As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. 10 If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. 11 I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

12 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. 13 No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. 14 You are my friends if you do what I command you. 15 I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father.

16 You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. 17 I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- *What words in that reading do I particularly remember and why?*
- *Who or where in the world does this reading remind me of?*
- *Was the reading intended to have an effect on what I think, what I do or what I believe?*

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INTERCESSIONS & CLOSING PRAYER

In peace let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for the leaders of the nations,
that you will guide them in the ways of freedom, justice and truth.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our enemies, and those who wish us harm,
that you will turn the hearts of all to kindness and friendship.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the wounded and the captive,
the grieving and the homeless,
that in all their trials they may know your love and support.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Most holy God and Father,
hear our prayers for all who strive for peace
and all who fight for justice.

Help us, who today remember the cost of war,
to work for a better tomorrow;
and, as we commend to you lives lost in terror and conflict,
bring us all, in the end, to the peace of your presence;
through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Merciful Father:
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

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.**

May the God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
comfort and assure you of his love
in this world and the next.
Amen.