

Lift your hearts to heaven
and receive the eternal gift of peace
Keep your feet on the ground
and walk with those who need God's love

You are loved by God
You are held by God
You are blessed by God

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Raise your voices in response to God's goodness.

We praise you, O Lord, for all the blessings you have given us.

Lift your hearts in sweet surrender to God's mercy.

We thank you, O Lord, for hearing the prayers of our hearts.

God is good; Praise be to God!

The love and mercy of God never fails. AMEN.

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Opening Prayers

The glory is yours, God, Creator,
life breather,
giver of such a good creation,
full of beauty, sustaining our life.

We give thanks to you,
for our life, our relationships, our loves and our hope,
for your image obscured but still visible in humankind.

The glory is yours, God, Renewer,
making all things new.

We give thanks to you for the living promise of New Jerusalem,
for new heaven and new earth,
for relationships recreated, for the broken mended and tears wiped away.

The glory is yours, God, in Jesus Christ,
crucified and raised.

We give thanks to you for new life already begun,
for the promise alive and your image made clear,
for all that is, now being changed by love's victory.

Forgive us, for the wasted moment spent selfishly or just filling time;
for the hurtful moments caused
by our words or actions;
for the thoughtless moments lacking in love;
for the destructive moments when we let our anger rip;
for the missed moments frozen by hesitation and doubt.
Help us now and every moment to try to live as Jesus lived, fully
present, fully human, full of love.

God, we praise you for your love
For the assurance of your forgiveness, And the promise of
wholeness.
Amen

Prayers by Peter Trow, Terry Oakley & Jan Berry from URC Worship Book

Lord's Prayer

Hymn: Love divine, all loves excelling

Reading: Matthew 9: 35 – 10: 8 read by Moira Bamfield

Meditation:

Great Compassion – based on Matthew 9: 36

Reading: Romans 5: 1 – 8 read by Moray Henderson

A time to reflect

Prayers of intercession & concern

Lord, we bring to you today some of the ordinary, unspectacular things which have been happening around us this week, but which have affected people deeply.

We bring to you today all those who have been victims of crime this week, and feel angry or afraid.

Lord, in you we trust **we look to you for help**

We bring to you all those who have had major arguments this week and don't know how to get back to safety.

Lord, in you we trust **we look to you for help**

We bring to you today all those who have had bad news this week and don't know how they will cope.

Lord, in you we trust **we look to you for help**

We bring to you today all those who have tried very hard to do something this week but have not been able to achieve it.

Lord, in you we trust **we look to you for help**

We bring to you today our family and our friends, and ask for your blessing on them, wherever they are, and whatever they need.

Lord, in you we trust **we look to you for help**

We bring to you today our own concerns, our hopes and fears, our plans and problems, and in a silent moment we tell you what they are and why they matter to us.....

Lord, in you we trust **we look to you for help Amen**