

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.

CONCLUDING PRAYERS

God of the wilderness,
we thank you for meeting us
as we offer our prayers and praises to you.
Sustain us and go with us
as we continue our journey
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

And may the blessing of God,
life-giver, pain-bearer, love-maker,
be with us, and with all for whom we pray,
through this Lent, and always.
Amen.

We pray for peace,
we look for peace,
we speak of peace,
we act in peace,
we know God's peace.
Amen.

St Peter's, Maney



A service of the Word in Lent

What you'll need

As well as this booklet, you might want to gather together:

- A candle, and something to light it with
- A jug of water and a bowl
- A bible
- A cross, or a picture that helps remind you of God's presence

With thanks to Hodge Hill Church for sharing their liturgy for Lent.

GATHERING

Introduction

You might want to light a candle as you begin your time of prayer and worship.

The desert is a dangerous place. There is no food. There is no water. People die without food and water.

Nothing grows there, so when the wind blows, the shape of the desert changes. People lose their way.

The desert is a dangerous place. People do not go there unless they have to. It takes courage to go into the desert.

The Spirit drove Jesus into the desert.
This is the journey God invites us on this Lent.
God give us courage to follow Jesus.

Prayers of confession

In a world weighed down by suffering
we so often remain indifferent

Lord we confess

Our life is dry

In a world crying out for community
we so often encourage division

Lord we confess

Our life is dry

In a world thirsty for hope
we so often fall into despair

Lord we confess

Our life is dry

You might like to pour some water gently from a jug into a bowl, as you read

Here is the water of life – for everyone, everywhere.

May this water surprise us and nourish us;

may it clean our body

and clean our conscience,

put out the fires of hatred,

and cleanse us from our sin.

May our wrong-doings be washed away,

and your goodness flow through us;

may waves of hope wash over us,

calm our storms and bring us peace. **Amen.**

(written by Hodge Hill Junior Church)

WORD

Read through the Passion story, written in Mark chapters 14 and 15, a few verses at a time. If you finish reading this during Lent, you might like to read the passion narratives in all the gospels and compare.

Affirming our faith

In his words and his life, Jesus shows us God's way.

Let us affirm again our commitment to that way:

Blessed are the poor in spirit,

for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn,

for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,

for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after
righteousness,

for they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful,

for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,

for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,

for they shall be called children of God.

Blessed are those who suffer persecution

for righteousness' sake,

for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

(from Matthew ch.5)

In Jesus, the love of God comes close.

We will walk his way.

PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name.