

## Evening Prayer - The Cross

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honour and glory and blessing!

*(Silence)*

Lord, by your cross and passion, free us from evil

**and deliver us.**

Destroy the powers of darkness

**and deliver us.**

Free your creation from corruption

**and deliver us.**

Bring us to the liberty of the children of God

**and deliver us.**

### **PSALM 91**

**My God, in whom I put my trust.**

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, abides under the shadow of the Almighty.

He shall say to the Lord:

'You are my refuge and my stronghold, my God in whom I put my trust.'

He shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter and from the deadly pestilence.

He shall cover you with his pinions,

and you shall find refuge under his wings; his faithfulness shall be a shield and buckler.

You shall not be afraid of any terror by night, nor of the arrow that flies by day;

Of the plague that stalks in the darkness, nor of the sickness that lays waste at midday.

A thousand shall fall at your side and ten thousand at your right hand

But it shall not come near you.

Your eyes have only to behold to see the reward of the wicked.

Because you have made the Lord your refuge, and the Most High your habitation,

There shall no evil happen to you,

neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.

For he shall give his angels charge over you, to keep you in all your ways.

They shall bear you in their hands, lest you dash your foot against a stone.

You shall tread upon the lion and adder;

you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.

Because he is bound to me in love, therefore will I deliver him;

I will protect him, because he knows my name.

He shall call upon me and I will answer him; I am with him in trouble,  
I will rescue him and bring him to honour.

With long life will I satisfy him, and show him my salvation.

**My God, in whom I put my trust.**

## **2 CORINTHIANS 5.14-15**

The love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died.  
And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and  
was raised for them.

## **BLESSED BE GOD FOREVER - *EPHESIANS 1.3-7***

**Blessed be God forever.**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual  
blessing in the heavenly places;

**Blessed be God forever.**

just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world  
to be holy and blameless before him in love.

**Blessed be God forever.**

He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ,  
according to the good pleasure of his will,

**Blessed be God forever.**

to the praise of his glorious grace  
that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

**Blessed be God forever.**

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses,  
according to the richness of his grace that he lavished on us.

**Blessed be God forever.**

**Lord, have mercy**

Christ, have mercy

**Lord, have mercy**

**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.**

By the nails through your hands and feet, Give comfort to the suffering.

**Hear us, Lord Christ.**

By the crown of thorns upon your head, Give hope to the despairing.

**Hear us, Lord Christ.**

By the spear that pierced your side, Give courage to the heart-broken.

**Hear us, Lord Christ.**

By your being scorned and rejected of men, give love to the lonely.

**Hear us, Lord Christ.**

By your time of desolation, lift up all who are down.

**Hear us, Lord Christ.**

By your death on the cross, give us life which is eternal.

**Hear us, Lord Christ.**

*Time for quiet prayer –*

*for the world, the church, our neighbours, family and friends, ourselves.*

**O Lord and Master, Jesus Christ,  
Word of the everlasting Father,  
you have borne our grief  
and carried the burden of our human frailty;  
By the power of the Holy Spirit  
renew in your church gifts of healing,  
and send out your disciples again  
to preach the gospel of your kingdom,  
to heal the sick,  
and to relieve the sufferings of your children  
to the praise and glory of your holy name. Amen**

By your passion protect us,

By your wounds heal us,

By your death raise us up.

And bring us to life eternal. **Amen**