



Prayer Locker

April 2020



In April 2020 we started Prayer Locker – every day a prayer, chosen and read by a member of the Parish Church team, was recorded and made available via the church Facebook page. This initiative is continuing.

Here are the prayers used during April.

St Patrick's breastplate

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

A prayer of St Francis of Assisi

Lord, Make me an instrument of your peace,
Where there is hatred let me sow love,
Where there is injury, pardon,
Where there is doubt, faith,
Where there is despair, hope,
Where there is darkness let me give light,
Where there is sadness, joy.
O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much
seek to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
It is in forgiving that we are forgiven,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

A Pilgrim Prayer written by Bishop

NUgel McCulloch

Eternal God,
You call us to be a pilgrim people,
Grant that we may run the race that is
set before us,
With stronger faith, firmer hope, and
greater love,
That, persevering to the end,
We, in our generation, may bear the
baton of the gospel,
With our eyes fixed on Jesus,
Amen

The Methodist Covenant Prayer

We are no longer our own, but yours.
Put us to what you will, rank us with whom you
will:
Put us to doing, put us to suffering
Let us be employed for you or laid aside for you,
Exalted for you or brought low for you;
Let us be full, let us be empty;
Let us have all things, let us have nothing.
We freely and wholeheartedly yield all things to
your pleasure and disposal.
And now, glorious and blessed God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
you are ours, and we are yours.
So be it.
And the covenant which we made on earth,
Let it be ratified in heaven.
Amen

Lord

What we know not, teach us,
What we have not, give us,
What we see not, show us,
What we are not, make us.
For the sake of your Son,
Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen

A prayer from Morning Prayer.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
so may the light of your presence, O God,
set our heart on fire with love for you,
Now and forever,
Amen

Jacob Astley's prayer before the battle of Edge Hill

O Lord, thou knowest how busy I
must be this day,
If I forget thee, do not thou forget
me,
Amen

A prayer contributed by Barrie Gaskell

Lord our God, the Genesis of light
and life, the sustaining spirit of all
that is true, all that is beautiful. We
come before You in adoration and
acknowledgement that you are our
Creator and sustainer, you indeed are
in control of all Your Creation. For
You are light, truth and love, the
supreme illimitable power of the
universe.

Lord, in these anxious days we pray
that You will guide us in all our ways.
Gracious Spirit, take our will and
make it thine; beautify our vision
according to Your truth. Inspire our
minds with Your Goodness, and make
our hearts subject unto only You.
And still, may we pass through life's
journey in safety into Your Glorious
Presence, perfected through Jesus
Christ, Your Son, our Lord.
So may it be. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

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

A prayer that was used at the end of the day in Primary Schools

Lord, Keep us safe this night,
Secure from all our fears,
May angels guard us while we sleep,
'Til morning light appears,
Amen

Eric Milner White (Dean of York), 'The Body'

O my God,
I offer to thee my body
Which Thou indeed did'st fashion
Lift it us, as my heart to Thyself,
The good desires of my mind, let it translate into
deed,
The bad, refuse to obey,
Let my lips be opened, and as often kept shut, for
thine honour,
My hands work for thee, my feet go about thy
business,
Let my knees bend in prayer, And my head bow,
Let me laugh with them that laugh, and weep with
them that weep,
In the spirit of love
Let mine eyes, open to see and praise thee
everywhere, in thy visible creation,
In the sons and daughters thou lovest,
And close to worship the king, immortal ,invisible,
only wise,
Grant me lordship, full and whole, over my body,
that I may offer it day by day to thee in a loyal
service, as a sacrifice pure and undefiled,
'Til it become a true temple of thy Spirit, ringing with
the music of heaven, reflecting the likeness of Jesus,
now and always,
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A Prayer for Families by Frank Colquhoun

O God our heavenly Father,
From whom every family in heaven and earth is
named;
we trust to your loving care, the members of our
families,
both near and far.
Supply their needs, guide their footsteps,
keep them in safety of body and soul,
and may your peace rest upon our homes,
and upon our dear ones, everywhere.
For Jesus Christ, our Saviours sake.

Amen.

A Prayer by the poet John Donne

Bring us O God, at our last awakening
Into the house and gate of heaven
To enter into that gate, and dwell in
that house
Where there shall be no darkness or
dazzling
But one equal light
No noise no silence,
But one equal music
No fears, nor hopes, but one equal
possession
No ends nor beginnings, but one equal
eternity
In the habitation of thy glory and
dominion
World without end,
Amen

A prayer by John Henry Newman

O Lord, support us all the days of this
troublesome life,
until the shades lengthen and the
evening comes,
the busy world is hushed,
and the fever of life is over,
and our work is done.
Then Lord, in thy mercy, grant us safe
lodging,
A holy rest, and peace at the last,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A Blessing

Christ crucified draw you to himself, to
find in him
a sure ground for faith,
a firm support for hope
and the assurance of sins forgiven.
And the blessing of God almighty,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit
Be with you now and always. Amen

A comfort for bereaved people

When we are weary and in need of strength,
when we are lost and sick at heart,
we remember them.
When we have a joy we long to share
when we have decisions that are hard to make
we remember them.
At the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter
at the opening of the buds and in the rebirth of
spring,
we remember them.
At the blueness of the skies and in the warmth of
summer
at the rustling of the leaves and in the beauty of
autumn,
we remember them.
At the rising of the sun and at its setting,
we remember them.

The Lord's Prayer in its traditional form

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 them that trespass against us.
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

A simple prayer of St Teresa of Avila

Let nothing disturb you,
Let nothing frighten you
All things are passing away:
God never changes.
Patience obtains all things.
Whoever has God lacks nothing;
God alone suffices
Amen