

Night Prayer at Home

All Saints' Cottenham with Rampton

31 January 2021



Preparation

My sisters and brothers,
As the shades lengthen
and the busy world is hushed,
let us rest in the presence of God.
Into the keeping of God
we put all doings of today.
What has been done has been done,
what has not been done has not been done,
let it be.

Silence

The angels of God guard us
through the night
and quieten the powers of darkness.

The Spirit of God be our guide
to lead us to peace and glory.

Confession

Gracious God, you know us
better than we know ourselves
and love us with an everlasting love.
Search us and know our wayward hearts
test us and know our troubled thoughts
forgive us all our wrongs of this day
cleanse and change us in your spirit
renew us in love and service
in the name of Christ.

Amen.

Silence

Hear then the word of grace
Our sins have been forgiven.

Psalm 119: 1-7

Blessed are those who are honest in their ways, who walk in the paths of God's law.

Blessed are those who treasure God's wisdom, who seek God with all their heart.

Those who do no evil deeds

are those who tread the way of justice.

Dear God, you have given command that we diligently hold to your word.

May my ways be kept steadfast on the narrow road of your love.

So shall I not be confounded while I respect the whole of your counsel.

I shall thank you with with unfeigned heart as I learn to be guided by your Spirit.

I shall hold fast to your truths: do not utterly abandon me.

Glory to God, Source of all being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now and shall be for ever.

Amen.

Women of the Old Testament

**Zelophehad's five daughters
act together and
set legal precedent**



Numbers 27:6-8

And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying:

The daughters of Zelophehad are right in what they are saying; you shall indeed let them possess an inheritance among their father's brothers and pass the inheritance of their father on to them.

You shall also say to the Israelites, 'If a man dies, and has no son, then you shall pass his inheritance on to his daughter'.

Get the full 'legal case notes' in:

Numbers 26-27 Numbers 36: 5-6

Joshua 17:3 1 Chronicles 7:15



The 'legal judgement':

**History, Statement of Needs, Decision,
Revised judgement on appeal**

Let us pray together a version of the Lord's Prayer
from the New Zealand Prayer Book for Night Prayer.

**Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:**

**The hallowing of your name
echo through the universe!
The way of your justice
be followed by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.**

**With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.**

**For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and for ever.
Amen.**

Intercessions and reflective prayers



Response

O God, who knows the secrets
of our hearts and our deepest desires
**hear us and help us,
for we put our trust in you.**

Closing prayer

In peace will we lie down and sleep
for you alone, Lord, make us dwell in safety.

Abide with us, Lord Jesus
for the night is at hand and the day is now past.

As the night watch looks for the morning
so do we look for you, O Christ

The Lord bless us and watch over us,
the Lord make his face shine upon us
and be gracious to us, the Lord look kindly on us
and give us peace. **Amen.**