

The mercy promised to our fathers, to Abraham and his sons for ever.
Give praise to the Father Almighty, to His Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
To the Spirit who dwells in our hearts, both now and forever, Amen.

Magnificat ant. Let my soul proclaim your greatness for ever, O my God.

INTERCESSIONS

We express before God our longing for unity and our desire to work together with our fellow Christians to hasten the day of unity. In faith we pray:

R. Lord in your mercy hear our prayer.

1. We acknowledge that our sins and failings have created new obstacles between our fellow Christians and ourselves and left many older barriers untouched, and so we pray: **R.**
2. Father, free us from our sins of prejudice and intolerance, forgive us our lack of courage; give us a new heart, put a new spirit in us, so that we may truly recognise you as our God, and live in harmony with one another as your people. **R.**
3. We pray for all those whose ministry gives them a special share in Christ's work of teaching, sanctifying and guiding his flock. **R.**
4. Father, keep all pastors in integrity of life and tenderness of heart, so that, walking humbly before you, they may draw all who believe in you into one flock, with Christ as its chief shepherd. **R.**
5. Remembering the many non-Christian communities who acknowledge God's sovereignty and seek his wisdom, we pray: **R.**
6. Father, you have revealed yourself to mankind throughout the ages; give to the Jewish people, whom you first called to be your own, and to Muslims, Hindus and people of other living faiths, the fullness of revelation that comes from knowing you and your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. **R.**
7. Grant to our beloved dead the gift of eternal life. **R.**

Let us pray for the coming of God's Kingdom as Jesus Himself taught us to pray:

OUR FATHER

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Lord,
Pour out upon us the fullness of your mercy
And by the power of your Spirit
Remove divisions among Christians.
Let your Church rise more clearly as a sign for all the nations
That the world may be filled with the light of your Spirit,
And believe in Jesus Christ whom you have sent,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.
R. Amen.

BLESSING

The Lord bless us, and keep us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life. **R. Amen.**

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY EVENING PRAYER - Monday

V. O God, come to our aid

R. O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Alleluia.

HYMN: THE SERVANT SONG

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| 1. Will you let me be your servant,
Let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too. | 4. I will weep when you are weeping;
When you laugh I'll laugh with you,
I will share your joy and sorrow
'Til we've seen this journey through. |
| 2. We are pilgrims on a journey,
We are trav'lers on the road;
We are here to help each other
Walk the mile and bear the load. | 5. When we sing to God in heaven
We shall find such harmony,
Born of all we've known together
Of Christ's love and agony. |
| 3. I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear. | 6. Will you let me be your servant,
Let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too. |

PSALMODY

Ant. 1: Our eyes are turned to the Lord; we look for his mercy.

The Lord is the hope of his people

The two blind men cried out, 'Lord, have pity on us, Son of David' (Mt 20:30)

To you have I lifted up my eyes,*
you who dwell in the heavens:
my eyes, like the eyes of slaves*
on the hand of their lords.

Like the eyes of a servant*
on the hand of her mistress,
so our eyes are on the Lord our God*
till he show us his mercy.

Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.*
We are filled with contempt.
Indeed all too full is our soul
with the scorn of the rich,*
with the proud man's disdain.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the
Spirit, as it was in the
beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Ant: Our eyes are turned to the Lord; we look for his mercy.

Ant. 2: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.



Holy

Our help is in the name of the Lord **Psalms 123 (124)**
The Lord said to Paul, 'Do not fear; for I am with you' (Acts 18:9-10)

'If the Lórd had not béen on our síde',*
this is Ísrael's sóng.
'If the Lórd had not béen on our síde*
when mén rose agáinst us,
thén would they have swállowed us álíve*
when their ánger was kíndled.

Thén would the wáters have engúlfed us,*
the tórrént gone óver us;
óver our héad would have swépt
the ráging wáters.'

Bléssed be the Lórd who did not gíve us*
a préy to their téeth!
Our lífe, like a bírd, has escáped*
from the snáre of the fówler.

Índéed the snáre has been bróken*
and wé have escáped.
Our hélp is in the náme of the Lórd,*
who made héaven and éarth.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Ant: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.
Ant. 3: God has chosen us to be his adopted children through his Son

God, the Saviour **Canticle: Eph 1:3-10**

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.

He chose us in him*
Before the foundation of the world,
That we should be holy*
And blameless before him.

He destined us in love*
To be his sons through Jesus Christ,
According to the purpose of his will,
To the praise of his glorious grace*
Which he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

In him we have redemption through his blood,*
The forgiveness of our trespasses,
According to the riches of his grace*
Which he lavished upon us.

He has made known to us
In all wisdom and insight*
The mystery of his will,
According to his purpose*
Which he set forth in Christ.

His purpose he set forth in Christ,*
As a plan for the fullness of time,
To unite all things in him,*
Things in heaven and things on earth.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy
was in the
beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
Ant. God has chosen us to be his adopted children through his Son

SCRIPTURE READING

1 John 4:9-15

God's love for us was revealed
When God sent into the world his only Son
So that we could have life through him;
This is the love I mean: not our love for God,
But God's love for us when he sent his Son
To be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.
My dear people, since God has loved us so much,
We too should love one another.
No one has ever seen God;
But as long as we love one another
God will live in us
And his love will be complete in us.
We can know that we are living in him
And he is living in us
Because he lets us share his Spirit.
We ourselves saw and we testify
That the Father sent his Son
As saviour of the world.
If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God,
God lives in him, and he in God.

SHORT RESPONSORY

R. Let my prayer come before you, O Lord. **Repeat R.**
V. Let it rise in your presence like incense. **R.** Glory be. **R.**

Magnificat ant. Let my soul proclaim your greatness for ever, O my God.

My soul glorifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.
He looks on his servant in her lowliness; henceforth all ages will call me blessed.
The Almighty works marvels for me. Holy his name!
His mercy is from age to age, on those who fear him.
He puts forth his arm in strength and scatters the proud-hearted.
He casts the mighty from their thrones and raises the lowly.
He fills the starving with good things, sends the rich away empty.
He protects Israel, his servant, remembering his mercy,



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