

Midweek Prayer for St Andrew's For when we're praying remotely

The Lord is good, a strong refuge when trouble comes. God is close to those who trust in him.
Nahum 1.7

Opening Sentences

O Lord, open our lips
and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Hear our voice, O Lord, according to your faithful love,
according to your judgement give us life.

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence for reflection as you offer the week to God.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day, so may the light of your presence, O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you; now and for ever. **Amen.**

Bible Reading Psalm 91

1 Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High
and abides under the shadow of the Almighty,

2 Shall say to the Lord, 'My refuge and my stronghold,
my God, in whom I put my trust.'

3 For he shall deliver you from the snare of the fowler
and from the deadly pestilence.

4 He shall cover you with his wings and you shall be safe under his feathers;
his faithfulness shall be your shield and buckler.

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

6 Of the pestilence that stalks in darkness,
nor of the sickness that destroys at noonday.

7 Though a thousand fall at your side and ten thousand at your right hand,
yet it shall not come near you.

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

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

10 There shall no evil happen to you,
neither shall any plague come near your tent.

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

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

13 You shall tread upon the lion and adder;
the young lion and the serpent you shall trample underfoot.

14 Because they have set their love upon me, therefore will I deliver them;
I will lift them up, because they know my name.

15 They will call upon me and I will answer them;
I am with them in trouble, I will deliver them and bring them to honour.

16 With long life will I satisfy them
and show them my salvation.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning
is now and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Readings from Old and New Testaments

Prayers

After each bidding there will be a pause for silent prayer or short prayers spoken out loud

Let us pray to God,
who alone makes us dwell in safety:

For those who live in this house and our family

Lord, hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us

For those who live in this street

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us

For those who live in this neighbourhood, who I see passing by the window

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us

For those who have contracted coronavirus

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us

For those who are caring for them and preparing to care for many more

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us

For those who are self-isolating

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us

For those who are guiding our nation

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us

For those who are anxious and fearful

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us

For those who are on our hearts today

We commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray,
to the mercy and protection of God.

Merciful Father,

accept these prayers

for the sake of your Son,

our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy.
Sustain and support the anxious,
be with those who care for the sick,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may find comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Amen.

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.

May God our Redeemer show us compassion and love.

Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.