

## Together We Pray with Worshippers

Pray Now is a collection of prayers, meditations and blessings produced by The Church of Scotland every year. Here, as part of the 2018 Together We Pray initiative we offer you a special sneak preview of Pray Now's soon-to-be published volume, also called *Together We Pray*.

Together We Pray is a national initiative calling the Church of Scotland to join together in prayer. The following excerpt can be used to join in Together We Pray whether you are praying individually, with family or in a small group, with a friend, in a pastoral care situation, a meeting or worship gathering.

This excerpt is specifically taken from the section *Together we pray with Worshippers*.

### Bread of heaven

*'Sir, give us this bread always.'*

John 6:34

### Meditation

'It sounds good, this bread from heaven –  
a way to stop the everyday craving,  
a way to fill up the persisting emptiness,  
a way to meet my appetite like nothing on earth ever has.  
Let me have it!'

They want the promise.  
But do they want the person it is wrapped in?  
Bread of Life, Son of God.  
Take or leave; eat or pass.

Longing to be gratified,  
but not to be justified.  
Longing to be satisfied,  
but not to be sanctified.

The Bread of Life is more than you asked for,  
harder to swallow,

sweeter to taste,  
more filling by far,  
heavenly satiation,  
far surpassing constant earthly grazing.

## **Morning Prayer**

I wake up hungry, Lord Jesus,  
hungry for Your presence and the fullness that it brings;  
thirsty for Your righteousness reviving parched people.  
I come to You this morning for manna,  
daily bread to nourish me  
for all that You have for me today.

Jesus, as I come to You,  
I am filled with peace  
about the places I'll go and the people I'll be among;  
with confidence about Your presence in each hour;  
with hope for the day to play out as You will;  
with Your Spirit, enabling me that I might lack nothing.

Fill me up in all the ways You can, Lord Jesus,  
that others might taste and see that the Lord is good.

AMEN

## **Evening Prayer**

I go to bed full, Lord Jesus,  
full from all that You have provided for me:  
material blessings that have sufficed and more;  
spiritual blessings when I received what Your hand offered.

In deliberate moments and unexpected ones,  
You surprised me afresh  
to find how I am fuller  
the nearer I am to You.

At the day's eve, let me perceive  
more of Your unfathomable love,  
that I might be filled to the brim  
with the fullness You give;  
that tomorrow I might be  
all the more discovering and sharing;  
that life in Christ is infinitely fuller.

AMEN

## Scripture Readings

John 6:25-36	Jesus fills infinitely
Ephesians 3:16:19	The fullness of God's love

## Blessing

May you know Jesus more fully today than ever before.  
May you grow in grasping Jesus' love more and more.  
May you show an empty world what God has in store.

AMEN