

Together We Pray with Jesus

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 Jesus*.

The Lord's Prayer

'Pray then in this way ...' Matthew 6:9

Meditation

Humility.

Hopefulness.

Gratitude.

Repentance.

Forgiveness.

Trust.

The essence of prayer.

The way to the truth
in all of life.

Not always in that order.

Not always in equal amounts.

Not loud or showy.

Not wordy or wise.

Not always short and sweet.

But always heard

and always held.

Morning Prayer

Father in heaven,
Your kingdom calls me today
to make this little bit of earth
on which I stand its home.
May I be open to Your prompting,
nourished in my faith,
forgiving in my dealings with others
and equipped to face every challenge
knowing You are with me.
In Jesus' name and in the spirit
of His words I ask this.

AMEN

Evening Prayer

Father in heaven,
thank You for the 'kingdom come' moments
of today;
for stomachs and souls replenished,
for hurts healed,
for obstacles overcome,
for hopes rekindled.
And if in some way
I have played my part
in the hallowing of Your work,
then receive this prayer
as my blessing to You.
In Jesus' name.

AMEN

Scripture Readings

Matthew 6:9–13

The Lord's Prayer

Ephesians 3:14–17

Rooted and grounded in love

Blessing

May God's kingdom come
and God's will be done
and may we, through grace,
with or without words,
know the way,
show the way,
be the way.

AMEN