

Together We Pray with the Apostles

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 the Apostles*.

What is best

That Your love may overflow more and more. Philippians 1:9

Meditation

Good. Better. Best.
I can guess what stage I'm at.
Overflowing with love –
a little too demanding.
Pure and blameless –
in my dreams.
Knowledge and insight –
I wish.
But there is time.
For love never runs out,
even if it doesn't always flow out of me.
There is wisdom in the face of ignorance.
There is vision despite blindness.
There is perfection regardless of flaw.
There is a promise
of the best yet to come.

Morning Prayer

If this prayer
could make me perfect, Lord,
or equip me with the answer
to every question I may face today
then my harvest might be plentiful.
But all You ask is that I love, and love,
and love even more.
Help me then to be loving today,
of You and others
that I might come a little closer
to what You seek of me.
In Jesus' name.

AMEN

Evening Prayer

Father Thank You, Lord
for the harvest of today.
For the kind words,
the generous gestures,
the goodness in among
the not so good.
And thank You
for the gentle reminders
that You know me best of all.
This is my prayer.

AMEN

Scripture Readings

Philippians 1:9-11	What is best
Psalms 37:5	Trust in God

Blessing

In our asking,
in our serving,
in our seeking,
may we be grounded,
may we be guided,
may we be graced,
with love.

AMEN