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PRAYER AT HOME

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT 2020

Sisters and brothers, this Sunday we gather in family groups, in small groups with housemates, and alone in our homes. In all instances God is with us and the Church is at prayer. This prayer resource is for you this Sunday.

This prayer form uses a Psalm, the Sunday Gospel, a Seder Table Blessing the Benedictus and Prayers of Intercession followed by the Our Father and the final prayer and blessing.

The Seder Table Blessing takes us back to the origin of the Eucharist and the Last Supper. This ancient rite of blessing is associated with table fellowship, the Passover, the Liberation of Israel, the celebration of Holy Thursday and Easter. For this you will need a small piece of bread for each person and a small glass of wine for each.

This is written to be adapted. The **text in red** are instructions not to be read out loud.



Opening:

In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Ki te ingoa o te Matua, o te Tamaiti, o te Wairua Tapu, Amene

O come, let us sing to the Lord,
We proclaim your glory to the nations,
Your praise to the ends of the earth.

Tēnā kia waiata tātou ki a Ihowā,
Pānuitia tōna korōria ki ngā iwi.
Tōna whakanui ki ngā tōpito o to ao.

Leader: The Lord be with you. Kia noho te Ariki ki a koutou
All: And with your spirit. Ki tōu wairua anō hoki

Opening Prayer

By your help loving God we ask that we may live lives of love.
We gather in your presence, united in prayer with the Church throughout the world.
May the love with which Jesus walked the earth be ours today;
May we love you and our neighbour with all our hearts.
We ask this in Jesus' name
Amen



E te Ariki to mātou Atua, ka tonono nei mātou ki ākoe,
mā tōu āwhina mai e kaikā ai to mātou hīkoi haere me taua ngākau aroha i tuku rā tāu Tamaiti i ā ia anōki te mate, i runga i tōna aroha ki te ao.
Mā to mātou Ariki mā Hēhu Karaiti, tāu Tamaiti, e ora nei, e rangatira tahi nei kōrua i te kotahitanga o te Wairua Tapu, Atua kotahi, mō āke āke.
Āmene.

A Morning Psalm. Ps 129

The psalm can be read together or with people taking a verse each.

All: With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord;
Lord, hear my voice!
Let your ears be attentive
to my voice in supplication.

All: With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

If you, O Lord, mark iniquities,
Lord, who can stand?
But with you is forgiveness,
that you may be revered.

All: With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

I trust in the Lord;
my soul trusts in God's word.
More than sentinels wait for the dawn,
let Israel wait for the Lord.

All: With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

For with the Lord is kindness
and with God is plenteous redemption;
God will redeem Israel
from all their iniquities.

All: With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Gospel John, 11:3-7. 17. 20-27. 33-45

Read the following text at a usual rate and listen for the word or phrase that speaks to you.

The Raising of Lazarus.

Now a man was ill, Lazarus from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. Mary was the one who had anointed the Lord with perfumed oil and dried his feet with her hair; it was her brother Lazarus who was ill. So, the sisters sent word to him, saying, "Master, the one you love is ill." When Jesus heard this he said, "This illness is not to end in death, but is for the glory of God, that the Son of God may be glorified through it."

Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So, when he heard that he was ill, he remained for two days in the place where he was. Then after this he said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea." The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just trying to stone you, and you want to go back there?" Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in a day? If one walks during the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. But if one walks at night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him." He said this, and then told them, "Our friend Lazarus is asleep, but I am going to awaken him." The disciples said to him, "Master, if he is asleep, he will be saved." But Jesus was talking about his death, while they thought that he meant ordinary



sleep. So then Jesus said to them clearly, "Lazarus has died. And I am glad for you that I was not there, that you may believe. Let us go to him." So, Thomas, called Didymus, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go to die with him."

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, only about two miles away. And many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him; but Mary sat at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. [But] even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise." Martha said to him, "I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day." Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world."

Time for reflection

Did a word or phrase strike you? Why did it?

Reflect on that word or phrase in silence.

Read the text again, slowly

Listen for a word or phrase and offer this to God in prayer.

When you are ready continue.

Seder Table Blessing

If you wish, follow the ancient Jewish tradition of the Table Seder.
Place the bread and cups of wine on the table.

Blessing is said together:

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the Universe.
You have sanctified us by your commandments,
You have given us an inheritance of life,
You have given us an abundance of mercy.

We thank you for your gift Christ to the world.
We see your presence in all of creation and give you thanks.
We give you thanks for human life.
We thank you for the sanctification of human death.
We thank you for the salvation given us in Christ your Son

Blessed and holy God we remember all that Jesus did to save us:
his words of life,
his life of faith,
his death of love.

We give you thanks Eternal God that you have raised Jesus to life again as the eternal Christ.

Blessed and eternal God,
may this bread of the earth and wine of the vine that we share,
remind us of the Eucharist we cannot celebrate today.
Let this ordinary bread and wine be a sign today of the bread and cup for which we long.

Amen

Share the bread and cup



Benedictus

The Benedictus can be prayed together or with people taking a verse each.

The Song of Zechariah – Luke 1:68-79

Praise the Lord, the God of Israel,
Who shepherds the people and sets them free.

God raises from David's house
a child with power to save.
Through holy prophets God promised in ages past
to save us from enemy hands,
from the grip of all who hate us.

The Lord favoured our ancestors
recalling the sacred covenant;
the pledge to our ancestor Abraham,
to free us from our enemies,
so we might worship without fear
and be holy and just all our days.

And you, child, will be called
Prophet of the Most High,
for you will come to prepare
a pathway for the Lord,
by teaching the people salvation,
through forgiveness of their sin.

Out of God's deepest mercy
a dawn will come from on high,
light for those shadowed by death,
a guide for our feet on the way to peace.

Glory 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.

Te Waiata a Hakaraia – Ruka 1:68-79

Kia whakapaingia te Ariki, te Atua o Īharaira: kua titiro mai
hoki ia, kua hoko i tāna iwi,
Ā kua whakaarahia ake e ia he haona whakaora mō tātou:
i roto i te whare o Rāwiri, o tāna pononga;
Ko tāna hoki ia, i kōrerotia e te māngai o āna poropiti tapu:
nō te tīmatanga iho anō o te ao:
Hei whakaora i a tātou i ō tātou hoa-whawhai: i te ringaringa
anō hoki o te hunga katoa e kino ana ki a tātou;
Hei whakaputa mō te mahi tohu ki ō tātou tūpuna:
hei whakamahara ki tāna kawenata tapu;
Ki te oati i oati ai ia ki a Āperahama: ki tō tātou tūpuna.
Kia tukua mai e ia ki a tātou he oranga i te ringaringa ō tatou
hoa-whawhai: ā, kia mahi wehi kore atu ki a ia,
I runga i te tapu, i te tika, ki tōna aroaro: i ngā rā katoa e ora ai tātou.

Ā ko koe, e tama, ka kīia ko te poropiti a te Runga rawa:
e haere hoki koe i te aroaro o te Ariki, hei whakapai i ōna ara:
Hei whakamātau i tāna iwi ki te whakaoranga: i ō rātou hara e murua ana;



He mea hoki nā te aroha, nā te mahi tohu a tō tātou Atua:
nā reira hoki i puta mai ai te pūaotanga o runga ki a tātou,
Hei whakamārama i te hunga e noho ana i te pōuri, i te ātārangi
hoki o te mate: hei whakatika i ō tātou waewae ki te huarahi o te rangimārie.

Kia whakakorāriatia te Matua, te Tama: me te Wairua Tapu;
Ko te ritenga ia i te tīmatanga, ā, tēnei anō ināianei: ā, ka mau
tonu iho, ā, ake ake ake. Āmine.

Prayers of Intercession

We pray for all those infected by the Coronavirus around the world, for those who care for them, for health specialists and authorities who are combatting the spread of infection, and for all who at this time are feeling anxious, especially for those with friends and family in the infected countries and here in New Zealand.

E te Ariki...(Lord hear us)

We pray for those who are fearful, alone or struggling with isolation. We remember them and pray for their peace of mind.

E te Ariki...(Lord hear us)

We pray for families everywhere. May they be communities of faith, patience, kindness and hope.

E te Ariki...(Lord hear us)

Help us to work with others for the building up of the Kingdom of God and of the earthly city. May our countries honour and care for all the needy, the old and the young, the sick and healthy.

E te Ariki...(Lord hear us)

We pray for those who have died that they may rest in the loving presence of the Lord.

E te Ariki...(Lord hear us)

Please add your own prayers

The Lord's Prayer

Everyone prays this together

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.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

Kua akona nei tātou e tō tātou Ariki,
ka inoi tatou
E tō mātou Matua i te rangi
Kia tapu tōu Ingoa.
Kia tae mai tōu rangatiratanga.



Kia meatia tāu e pai ai
ki runga ki te whenua,
kia rite anō ki tō te rangi.
Hōmai ki a mātou āiane
he taro mā mātou mō tēnei rā.
Murua ō mātou hara,
Me mātou hoki e muru nei
i ō te hunga e hara ana ki a mātou.
Āua hoki mātou e kawea kia whakawaia;
Engari whakaorangia mātou i te kino:
Nōu hoki te rangatiratanga, te kaha,
me te korōria,
Āke ake ake. Āmine.

Final Prayer

Together:

Your word is a lamp for our feet.
In darkness and in light, in trouble and in joy,
help us, heavenly Father, to trust your love,
to serve your purpose, and to praise your name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

He rama tāu kupu ki ōku wae.
I ngā wā o te pōuri, o te mārama,
o te raru, o te hari,
āwhinatia mai mātou, e te Matua i te rangi,
kia manako ki tōu aroha,
kia mahi i āu mahi,
kia whakapai i tōu ingoa,
i roto i a Īhu Karaiti, te Ariki. Āmine.

The Blessing

As you say the blessing below make the sign of the Cross over yourself.

Parents may wish to say this blessing over their children and sign them on the forehead with the Sign of the Cross.

Leader: Let us bless the Lord

All: God is our help, now and for all time, Amen

Leader: Haere i runga i te rangimārie i runga i te aroha me te ngākau hihiko ki te mahi ki te Ariki.
Āmine. Ka haere mātou i runga i te ingoa o te Karaiti.

