

## **Evening Prayer Worship at Home**

*You may wish to light a candle and have some reflective music playing in the background.*

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.

Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

As our evening prayer rises before you, O God,  
So may your mercy come down upon us  
To cleanse our hearts and set us free  
To sing your praise for ever and ever. Amen.

*Pause and reflect on the day that is past.*

### **Bible Readings**

#### **Psalm 23**

1 The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

3 He shall refresh my soul and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; you have anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full.

6 Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

### **Isaiah 43.1-3a**

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.

*Re-read the passages. In quiet reflection allow God's Word to speak to you.*

### **Prayers**

*Please say the following prayers, or pray prayers of your own lifting to God ourselves, the church and the world.*

When evil darkens our world, give us light. When despair numbs our souls, give us hope. When we

stumble and fall, lift us up. When doubts assail us, give us faith. When nothing seems sure, give us trust. When ideals fade, give us vision. When we lose our way, be our guide! Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus Christ, you taught us to love our neighbour and to care for those in need as if we were caring for you.

In this time of anxiety, give us strength to comfort the fearful, to tend the sick, and to assure the isolated of our love, and your love, for your name's sake.

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer

Merciful God, we entrust to your unfailing and tender care this night those who are ill or in pain, knowing that whenever danger threatens your everlasting arms are there to hold us safe. Comfort and heal them, and restore them to health and strength; Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

## **The Conclusion**

Save us, O Lord, while waking, and guard us while sleeping, that awake we may watch with Christ and asleep may rest in peace.

The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil, and keep us in eternal life. Amen.

Let us bless the Lord. Thanks be to God.

## **A Prayer of Commitment**

We are not people of fear:  
we are people of courage.

We are not people who protect our own safety:  
we are people who protect our neighbours' safety.

We are not people of greed:  
we are people of generosity.

We are your people God,  
giving and loving,

wherever we are,  
whatever it costs

For as long as it takes  
wherever you call us.

**May this worship give you comfort and strength and  
remind you that we are all bound together as God's  
children in his Church wherever we may be.**