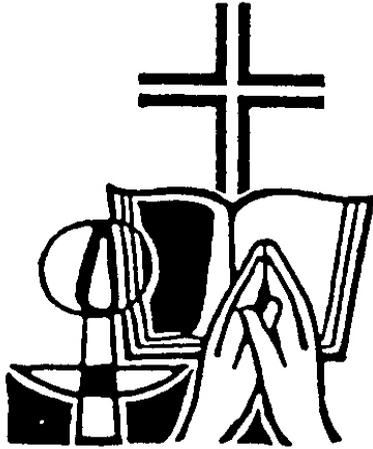


# maranatha



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Weeks 1 to 4

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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.**

How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity (Ps 133)

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*Silence*

### **Prayer for Unity:**

Lord Jesus Christ,  
We praise you for your gospel of reconciliation.  
Thank you for the work of the Holy Spirit drawing us,  
your flock, together into a deeper unity.  
Help us to be your instruments of peace and hope to a divided world.  
We ask this in your precious name. **Amen.**

### **Psalm (Ps 1-3):**

The Lord watches over the way of the righteous

**Blessed are all who take refuge in him**

Today I have become your Father

**You are a shield around me, O Lord**

Listen to my cry for help, my King and my God

For to you I pray

**Turn O Lord and deliver me;**

**save me because of your unfailing love**

The Lord has heard my cry for mercy;

The Lord accepts my prayer.

**My shield is God most high.**

**Scripture Reading:** 1Chronicles 29:11-13

**Canticle:**

**Remain, O Christ in the hearts you have redeemed.**

You who are perfect love, pour into our words sincere repentance.

**Remain, O Christ in the hearts you have redeemed.**

We raise our prayer to you, O Jesus, with faith; pardon the sin we have committed

**Remain, O Christ in the hearts you have redeemed.**

By the holy sign of the cross, by your tortured body, defend us constantly as your people.

**Remain, O Christ in the hearts you have redeemed.**

*(Ven. Bede)*

*Open Prayer*

**Responsive Prayer:**

Father God, open our eyes to see your Glory,

**Lord have mercy**

Maranatha - Come Lord Jesus - fill us with your love,

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Holy Spirit come, open our lives to your guidance

**Lord have mercy**

**Collect :**

Almighty God, you have opened the way to eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit. Shed this gift abroad throughout the world by the preaching of the gospel of Jesus Christ, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

**Commitment Prayer:**

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***We commit ourselves***

to Jesus Christ the Saviour of the world -  
our Lord, whose name is above every name

***We commit ourselves***

to be living and active members of the Body of Christ

***We commit ourselves***

to be caring members of the family whose Father is God

***We commit ourselves***

to one another in love as little brothers and sisters of Jesus

***Amen***

**May the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
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And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.  
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The Lord's compassions never fail, they are new every morning. (Lam 3:22-23)

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### **Prayer for Renewal:**

Help us, O Lord, to find here today:

Wisdom to know what is right,  
And strength to do what is right.

Enlighten our minds with your truth;

Warm our hearts with your love;

Fill our lives with your power,

That we may go out to live for you:

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

*(from 'A Barclay Prayer Book')*

### **Psalm (Ps 8-11):**

O Lord our God how majestic is your name, in all the earth.

**I will praise you, O Lord, with all my heart.**

**For, you, Lord, have never forsaken those who seek you.**

Arise Lord! Lift up your hand, O God. Do not forget the helpless.

**You hear, O Lord, the desire of the afflicted;**

**You encourage them and listen to their cry.**

The Lord is in his Holy Temple;

the Lord is on his heavenly throne.

**He observes the sons of men; his eyes examine them.**

The Lord is righteous, he loves justice;

**Upright men will see his face.**

**Scripture Reading:** Romans 6:3-11

**Canticle:**

**O Almighty God, hear the prayer of your people,**

that justice radiating from heaven may cloak the whole earth with justice.

We pray to you that our souls, anxiously awaiting, may, at the coming of your Son, the redeemer of the world, be filled to overflowing with every blessing.

**O Almighty God, hear the prayer of your people.**

*(The Ravenna Scroll)*

*Open Prayer*

**Responsive Prayer:**

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**Collect :**

O God, rich in mercy, you so loved the world that when we were dead in our sins you sent your only son for our deliverance. Lifted up from the earth he is light and life; exalted upon the cross he is truth and salvation. Raise us up with Christ that we may walk as children of light. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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***Amen***

**Glory be 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.**

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Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed. (Jer 17:14)

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### **Prayer for Healing:**

Lord Jesus, You have said

'Come unto me all you who are weary and heavy laden and I will give you rest.'

We bring to you now all of us who are weary - mentally or physically;  
all who are wound-up, locked up tight with stress and tension.

Lord, let your healing love flow into us and through us, relaxing our bodies,  
calming our minds and leading us gently into your healing rest. **Amen.**

### **Psalm (Ps 13-16):**

I trust in your unfailing love; my heart rejoices in your salvation.

**I will sing to the Lord for he has been good to me.**

Lord, who may dwell in your sanctuary?

**Who may live on your holy hill?**

He whose walk is blameless and does what is righteous,  
who speaks the truth from his heart and has no slander on his tongue,  
who does his neighbour no wrong and casts no slur on his fellow-man.

**Keep me safe, O God for in you I take refuge.**

The sorrows of those will increase who run after other gods.

**I said to the Lord, you are my lord; apart from you I have no good thing.**

**Scripture Reading:** Mark 1:29-34

**Canticle:**

Blessed are you, O God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

**We give you praise and honour for ever.**

For you have loved us from all eternity:

**And remembered us when we were in trouble.**

Blessed are you, Lord Jesus Christ:

**Who for our salvation came down from heaven.**

By the power of the Holy Spirit:

**You became incarnate of the Virgin Mary.**

You loosed us from our sins by your own blood:

**And on the third day rose from the dead.**

You ascended up on high.

**And opened for us the everlasting doors.**

You are seated at the right hand of the Father:

**And ever live to intercede for us.**

Blessed are you, O God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Spirit of life:

**We give you praise and honour for ever.**

*(Celebrating Common Prayer)*

*Open Prayer*

**Responsive Prayer:**

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**Collect :**

Lord God, your blessed Son, our Saviour, gave his back to the smiters and did not hide from shame and ridicule; give us grace to endure the sufferings of this present time with sure confidence in the glory that shall be revealed; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Commitment Prayer:**

In this Community we are pilgrims,  
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**We commit ourselves**

to seek, receive, speak and live the truth in love

**We commit ourselves**

to give and receive forgiveness in the name of Jesus

to give and receive love in the name of Jesus

**We commit ourselves**

to stand for peace and justice

to stand with the poor, persecuted and marginalised

**We commit ourselves**

to speak out against the evil

and corruption which damages our society

**Amen**

**May the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all, evermore. Amen.**

## Maranatha Midday Prayers - Thursday (Week 1)

As we gather at Midday we join with Christian brothers and sisters across the UK to pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;  
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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 glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all flesh shall see it together. (Is 40:5)

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### **Prayer for the glory of God:**

Blessed are you, O Lord our God  
in the light that shines in the darkness which has never been extinguished.  
Blessed are you, O Lord our God, in the light that shines in the face of our Lord and  
Saviour Jesus Christ, which reveals your glory.  
Blessed are you, O Lord our God,  
in the light of the Holy Spirit which inflames our hearts and inspires our worship.  
Blessed are you, O Lord our God - Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
We praise and glorify you now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Norman Wallwork (modified)*

### **Psalm (Ps 16-18):**

I will praise the Lord who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me.  
I have set the Lord always before me.  
Because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.  
**Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure.**  
I call on you O God for you will answer me; give ear to me and hear my prayer.  
**Show the wonder of your great love, you who save by your right hand those who  
take refuge in you from their foes.**  
I love you, O Lord, my strength  
**The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer;  
My God is my rock, in whom I take refuge.**

He is my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

**I call to the Lord who is worthy of praise, and I am saved from my enemies.**

**Scripture Reading:** Deuteronomy 6:4-7

**Canticle:**

**Ascribe majesty to the name of the most high,**

**Let all creation give thanks with praise.**

Listen to me, my faithful children:

and blossom like a rose growing by a stream of water.

**Send out fragrance like incense and sing a hymn of praise:**

**bles our God for all creation.**

All your works are good, O God:

and whatever you command will be done.

**Ascribe majesty to the name of the most high,**

**Give thanks with praise, with songs on your lips and with harps.**

*(Celebrating Common Praise (modified))*

*Open Prayer*

**Responsive Prayer:**

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**Collect :**

Eternal God, your Son Jesus Christ, the Lord of all, has passed beyond our sight into the glory of heaven. May we follow his example in patient work and suffering, that we may share his glory; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever **Amen**.

**Commitment Prayer:**

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***We commit ourselves***

to grow in faith, encouraging one another  
endeavouring to live and proclaim the simple Gospel

***We commit ourselves***

to listen to God and to be obedient to Him

***We commit ourselves***

to seek personal holiness and social righteousness

***We commit ourselves***

through His Spirit to walk ever more closely with the Lord

***Amen***

**Glory be 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.**

## Maranatha Midday Prayers - Friday (Week 1)

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**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;  
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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.**

Woe to those who call evil good and good evil,  
They have rejected the Law of the Lord. (Is 5:20,24)

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### **Prayer at this time of crisis:**

Lord God, you have called us to raise the alarm;  
To make the leaders of our government and of our churches  
aware of the parlous state of our nation.  
Lord, we thank you for choosing us to carry this message  
and we pray that those who hear it will respond.  
We ask this in the precious name of Jesus. Amen.

### **Psalm (Ps 18-26):**

We trust in the name of the Lord our God.  
**He reached down from on high and took hold of me;  
He drew me out of deep waters.**  
You, O Lord, keep my lamp burning;  
My God turns my darkness into light  
**With your help I can advance against a troop;  
With my God, I can scale a wall.**  
But you, O Lord, be not far off; O my Strength, come quickly to help me  
**He has not despised or disdained the suffering of the afflicted one;  
He has not hidden His face from him but has listened to his cry for help.**  
The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.  
**Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil, for You are with me.**  
Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in his ways.

He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way.  
I love the house where You live, O Lord, the place where Your glory dwells

**Scripture Reading:** John 3:14-17

**Canticle:**

**Christ was believed in throughout the world: and taken up in glory.**

Christ Jesus was revealed in the flesh and vindicated in the spirit.

**He was seen by angels and proclaimed among the nations.**

Believed in throughout the world, He was taken up in glory.

**This will be made manifest at the proper time,  
by the blessed and only Sovereign**

Who alone has immortality, and dwells in unapproachable light.

**To the King of kings and Lord of lords**

**Be honour and eternal dominion. Amen.**

*Open Prayer*

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**Collect :**

Heavenly Father, your blessed Son was revealed that He might destroy the works of the devil and make us heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves, even as He is pure; that when He shall appear in power and glory we may be like Him in His eternal glorious Kingdom; where He is alive and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. **Amen.**

**Commitment Prayer:**

**I am no longer my own, but thine.**

**Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt:**

**Put me to doing; put me to suffering;**

**Let me be employed for thee, or laid aside for thee:**

**Let me be full, let me be empty:**

**Let me have all things; let me have nothing:**

**I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal.**

**And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,**

**Thou art mine and I am thine. So be it.**

**And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven.**

*(Methodist Covenant Service)*

**May the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with us all, evermore. Amen.**

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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.**

Our Lord Jesus Christ prayed

“May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me”. (John 17)

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### **Prayer for Unity:**

O Lord God, the one and only God, make your people one. Whatever our differences, however important they may seem, let us always realise that we are one in Christ Jesus. May the blessed bond of union between believers be ever strengthened that we might stand firm and strong against the wiles of Satan, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our strength and our redeemer. **Amen.**

*Benjamin Jenks*

### **Psalm (Ps 27-29):**

The Lord is my light and my salvation - whom shall I fear?

**The Lord is the stronghold of my life – of whom shall I be afraid?**

In the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling:

**he will hide me in the shelter of his tabernacle and set me high upon a rock.**

Praise be to the Lord who has heard my cry for mercy.

The Lord is my strength and shield;

**my heart trusts in him, and I am helped.**

The Lord is the strength of his people, a fortress of salvation for his anointed one.

**Save your people and bless your inheritance;**

**be their shepherd and carry them for ever.**

The Lord gives strength to his people;

**The Lord blesses his people with peace.**

**Scripture Reading:** John 15:1-8

**Canticle:**

O Christ, our Redeemer,  
begotten of the Father, the Father's only Son,  
the only ineffable birth since before time began:

**You are the light, the splendour of the Father;**

**you are the everlasting hope of all,**

**Hear the prayer that rises to you from your faithful people  
in every corner of the earth.**

The heavens and the earth, the sea and all that is in them,  
glorify you this day with a canticle of joy.

**We who have been redeemed raise up our canticle of praise.**

*(St. Ambrose (modified))*

*Open Prayer*

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**Collect :**

Almighty Father, by your Holy Spirit you make all things new.

Daily renew our love and our faith that Christ may ever be visible  
in all our words, deeds and attitudes.

We ask this for the glory of your name. **Amen.**

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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.**

New things I declare; before they spring into being I announce them to you. (Is 42:9)

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### **Prayer for Renewal:**

We come to you, Lord God,  
To thank you for your past gifts to us;  
To receive strength for what we need to do today  
and to find courage to face whatever the future might bring.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. **Amen**

*from 'A Barclay Prayer Book'*

### **Psalm (Ps 30-33):**

I will exalt you, O Lord, for you lifted me out of the depths  
and did not let my enemies gloat over me.  
**O Lord my God I called to you for help and you healed me.**  
You turned my wailing into dancing;  
**you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy.**  
Turn your ear to me, come quickly to my rescue;  
Be my rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me.  
**Since you are my rock and my fortress,  
for the sake of your name, lead and guide me.**  
Into your hands I commit my spirit;  
**Redeem me, O Lord, the God of truth.**  
You are my hiding place; you will protect me from troubles  
and surround me with songs of deliverance.

**I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;  
I will counsel you and watch over you.**

The Lord looks down from heaven and sees all mankind;  
**from his dwelling place he watches all who live on earth.**

The eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him,  
on those who hope in his unfailing love,  
to deliver them from death and keep them alive in famine.  
**We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.**

**Scripture Reading:** Ezekiel 36:24-28

**Canticle:**

Blessed are you, the God of our forbears: worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.  
**Blessed is your holy and glorious name: worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.**  
Blessed are you glorious in your holy temple: worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.  
**Blessed are you who behold the depths: worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.**  
Blessed are you enthroned on the cherubim: worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.  
**Blessed are you on the throne of your kingdom: worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.**  
Blessed are you in the height of heaven: worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.  
**Bless the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit: worthy to be praised and exalted for ever.**

*Open Prayer*

**Responsive Prayer:**

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Maranatha - Come Lord Jesus - fill us with your love,  
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**Collect :**

Blessed Father, You are the refuge of all who seek You. Be with us in our searching and fulfil us as we find You afresh each day, and give You praise.  
For Jesus Christ's sake. **Amen.**

**Commitment Prayer:**

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**We commit ourselves to pray and work for the extension of Christ's healing ministry**  
**Amen**

**Glory be 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.**

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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 Lord says "I will restore your health and heal your wounds". (Jeremiah 30:17)

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### **Prayer for Healing:**

Lord Jesus,

We come to you from a world that has rejected you, where we have all gone our own way. Lord, in our pain, we know that only your love can heal the broken relationships that we have with one another and with You, and in so-doing restore us to true wholeness. We come to You now in humility, begging your forgiveness for our sins, and we cry 'Maranatha' 'Come Lord Jesus'. Come, that we might be healed. **Amen.**

### **Psalm (Ps 34-37):**

I sought the Lord and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears.

**Those who look to him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame.**

The righteous cry out and the Lord hears them; he delivers them from all their troubles.

**The Lord is close to the broken-hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.**

Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies.

**Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your justice like the great deep.**

Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.

**Delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart.**

Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him and he will do this:

**He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn,  
the justice of your cause like the noonday sun.**

**Scripture Reading:** Luke 4:14-21

**Canticle:**

Set me as a seal upon your heart; as a seal upon your arm.

**For love is stronger than death, passion fierce as the grave:  
its flashes are flashes of fire, a raging flame.**

Many waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it.

**For if all the wealth of our house were offered for love,  
it would be utterly scorned. Amen.**

*(Celebrating Common Prayer)*

*Open Prayer*

**Responsive Prayer:**

Father God, open our eyes to see your Glory,

**Lord have mercy**

Maranatha - Come Lord Jesus - fill us with your love,

**Christ have mercy**

Holy Spirit come, open our lives to your guidance

**Lord have mercy**

**Collect :**

Heavenly Father, we bless You for the forgiveness of our sins through Jesus Christ, and for times of refreshment by your Holy Spirit.

Enable us, by your grace in all our doing and being, to make your love visible and your name glorified. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Commitment Prayer:**

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to seek, receive, speak and live the truth in love

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to give and receive forgiveness in the name of Jesus

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which damages our society.

***Amen***

**May the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with us all, evermore.  
Amen.**

## Maranatha Midday Prayers - Thursday (Week 2)

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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.**

May the glory of the Lord be praised in his dwelling place. (Ezekiel 3:12)

**I come as myself  
Just as I am  
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My joys, my sadnesses.  
You see me as I really am  
You know me  
Through and through.  
You see all,  
All that I am  
Or ever have been**

*Silence*

### **Prayer for the glory of God:**

**Glory to God, glory!  
O praise him, Alleluia!  
Glory to God, glory!  
O praise the Name of the Lord. Amen, Alleluia!**

*Tony Jasper (modified)*

### **Psalm (Ps 37-40):**

Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him.  
**The salvation of the righteous comes from the Lord;  
He is their stronghold in time of trouble.**  
All my longings lie open before you, O Lord: my sighing is not hidden from you.  
**Come quickly to help me, O Lord, my Saviour.**  
My hope is in you. Save me from all my transgressions.  
**Hear my prayer, O Lord, listen to my cry for help;**  
I waited patiently for the Lord; he turned to me and heard my cry.  
He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire.  
**He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God..**

**Scripture Reading:** Ephesians 3:16-19

**Canticle:**

The souls of the righteous are in the hands of God: and no torment will ever touch them.

**In the eyes of the foolish they seem to have died: but they are at peace.**

For though, in the eyes of others, they seem to have perished: their hope is of immortality.

**Having been disciplined a little they will receive great good:**

**because God tested them and found them worthy.**

Like gold in the furnace, God tested them: and, like a sacrificial offering accepted them.

**In the time of their visitation they will shine forth:**

**and will run like sparks through the stubble.**

They will govern nations and rule over people, and God will reign over them for ever.

**God has found the righteous worthy; and their hope is of immortality.**

*Celebrating Common Prayer (modified)*

*Open Prayer*

**Responsive Prayer:**

Father God, open our eyes to see your Glory,

**Lord have mercy**

Maranatha - Come Lord Jesus - fill us with your love,

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Holy Spirit come, open our lives to your guidance

**Lord have mercy**

**Collect :**

Lord Christ, you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant, and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation; give us the mind to follow You and to proclaim You as Lord and King; to the glory of your name. **Amen.**

**Commitment Prayer:**

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through His Spirit to walk ever more closely with the Lord

***Amen***

**Glory be 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.**

## Maranatha Midday Prayers - Friday (Week 2)

As we gather at Midday we join with Christian brothers and sisters across the UK to pray:

**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.**

How bitter it is for you when you forsake the Lord your God  
and have no awe of me (Jeremiah 2:19)

**I come as myself  
Just as I am  
This moment.  
My feelings, my fears  
My joys, my sadnesses.  
You see me as I really am  
You know me  
Through and through.  
You see all,  
All that I am  
Or ever have been**

*Silence*

### **Prayer at this time of crisis:**

O Lord, In this un-godly age we are called to proclaim the Gospel,  
to reveal your face and unmask the 'spirit of the age'.  
We ask for your grace that, by the power of the Holy Spirit, peoples' lives will be changed  
and our society transformed. **Amen**

### **Psalm (Ps 42-49):**

As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God.

**My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.**

Why are you so downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me?

**Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise Him, my Saviour and my God.**

We are brought down to the dust; our bodies cling to the ground.

Rise up and help us; redeem us because of your unfailing love

**Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever;**

**a sceptre of justice will be the sceptre of your kingdom.**

God is our refuge and strength, an ever present help in trouble.

**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall  
into the heart of the sea,**

**though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.**

Be still and know that I am God;

**I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.**

How awesome is the Lord Most High, the great King over all the earth!

**For this God is our God for ever and ever; he will be our guide even to the end.**

**Scripture Reading:** Romans 5:6-11

**Canticle:**

Behold, I am coming soon, says the Lord, and bringing my reward with me:  
to give to everyone according to their deeds.

**I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last: the beginning and the end.**

Blessed are those who do God's commandments, that they may have the right  
to the tree of life, and may enter into the city through the gates.

**I, Jesus have sent my angel to you: with this testimony for all the churches.**

I am the root and the offspring of David, I am the bright morning star.

**Come! says the Spirit and the Bride. Come! let each hearer reply.**

Come forward, you who are thirsty:

let those who desire take the water of life as a gift.

**Surely, I am coming soon. Amen! Come Lord Jesus.**

*(Common Worship)*

*Open Prayer*

**Responsive Prayer:**

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**Lord have mercy**

Maranatha - Come Lord Jesus - fill us with your love,

**Christ have mercy**

Holy Spirit come, open our lives to your guidance

**Lord have mercy**

**Collect :**

Loving Father, your Son Jesus Christ, our great High Priest, has entered once and for all  
into the holy place: by His intercession fulfil your gracious purpose and gather together  
into one all things, in Him who is head over all the Church, which is His blessed body,  
through the same Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**Commitment Prayer:**

**I am no longer my own, but thine.**

**Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt:**

**Put me to doing; put me to suffering;**

**Let me be employed for thee, or laid aside for thee:**

**Let me be full, let me be empty:**

**Let me have all things; let me have nothing:**

**I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal.**

**And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,**

**Thou art mine and I am thine. So be it.**

**And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven.**

*(Methodist Covenant Service)*

**May the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all, evermore.  
Amen.**

## Maranatha Midday Prayers - Monday (Week 3)

As we gather at Midday we join with Christian brothers and sisters across the UK to pray:

**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.**

In the early church 'All the believers were one in heart and mind'. (Acts 4:32)

**I come as myself  
Just as I am  
This moment.  
My feelings, my fears  
My joys, my sadnesses.  
You see me as I really am  
You know me  
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*Silence*

### **Prayer for Unity:**

O God, it is your will that all your children should be one in Christ. We pray for the unity of your Church. Pardon our pride, our lack of faith, of understanding and of charity, which so often are the cause of our divisions. Deliver us, we pray, from our narrow-mindedness, from our bitterness and from our prejudices and teach us to recognise the gifts of your grace amongst all who call upon you and confess Jesus as Lord. **Amen.**

*from Liturgy of French Reformed Church*

### **Psalm (Ps51-56):**

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love.  
According to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.

**Wash away my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.**

Create in me a pure heart, O God.

**And renew a steadfast spirit within me.**

O Lord open my lips,

**And my mouth will declare your praise.**

I will trust in God's unfailing love for ever and ever,

I will praise you for ever for what you have done.

**In your name I will hope, for your name is good.**

Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you;

**He will never let the righteous fall.**

When I am afraid I will trust in you.

**In God whose word I praise, in God I trust, I will not be afraid.**

**Scripture Reading:** Ephesians 2:11-22

**Canticle:**

Go up to a high mountain, herald of good tidings:

Lift up your voice with strength, herald of good tidings to Jerusalem.

**Lift up your voice, fear not; Say unto the cities of Judah: 'Behold your God'.**

See the Lord God coming with power: Coming to rule with his mighty arm.

**He brings his reward for the people of God:**

**the recompense for those who are saved.**

God will lead his flock like a shepherd, and gather lambs in his arms:

**He will hold them to his breast:**

**and gently lead those that are with young. Amen.**

*Open Prayer*

**Responsive Prayer:**

Father God, open our eyes to see your Glory,

**Lord have mercy**

Maranatha - Come Lord Jesus - fill us with your love,

**Christ have mercy**

Holy Spirit come, open our lives to your guidance

**Lord have mercy**

**Collect :**

Lord God, the source of all truth and love; keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship; united in prayer and the breaking of bread; one in joy and simplicity of heart; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Commitment Prayer:**

In this Community we are pilgrims,  
together we pray 'Maranatha' - Come Lord Jesus

***We commit ourselves***

to Jesus Christ the Saviour of the world -  
our Lord, whose name is above every name

***We commit ourselves***

to be living and active members of the Body of Christ

***We commit ourselves***

to be caring members of the family whose Father is God

***We commit ourselves***

to one another in love as little brothers and sisters of Jesus.

***Amen***

**May the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all, evermore.  
Amen.**

## Maranatha Midday Prayers - Tuesday (Week 3)

As we gather at Midday we join with Christian brothers and sisters across the UK to pray:

**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.**

Be made new in the attitude of your minds, put on the new self created to be like God in holiness and righteousness. (Ephesians 4:23-24)

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You see me as I really am  
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*Silence*

### Prayer for Renewal:

**Give us, O Lord:**

**Ears open to hear your word;  
Minds ready to accept your truth;  
Wills ready to obey your commands;  
and, above all, hearts ready to answer to your love;**

**through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

*from 'A Barclay Prayer Book'*

### Psalm (Ps 57-64):

God sends his love and his faithfulness.

**Great is your love, reaching to the heavens;  
your faithfulness reaches to the skies.**

Men will say: 'Surely the righteous still are rewarded'.

**Surely there is a God who judges the earth.**

You are my fortress, my refuge in times of trouble.

**With God, we shall gain the victory!**

One thing God has spoken, two things have I heard:

That you, O God are strong and that you, O Lord, are loving.

**Let the righteous rejoice in the Lord, and take refuge in him.**

**Scripture Reading:** 2 Corinthians 5:14-21

**Canticle:**

The Lord says "I will take you from the nations; and gather you from all the countries.

**I will sprinkle clean water upon you: and purify you from all defilement.**

A new heart I will give you: and put a new spirit within you.

**I will remove your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.**

Then you will be my people, and I will be your God."

**Amen.**

*(Celebrating Common Prayer)*

*Open Prayer*

**Responsive Prayer:**

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**Collect :**

Bring us, Lord, by your Holy Spirit, into the way that leads to all virtues, beauties, adorations and graces; to all praises, triumphs and thanksgivings; to holiness and communion with you; and to blessedness here and hereafter.

Through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**Commitment Prayer:**

In this Community we are pilgrims,  
together we pray 'Maranatha' - Come Lord Jesus

***We commit ourselves***

to pray for each other every day

***We commit ourselves***

to pray and work for unity among all Christians

***We commit ourselves***

to pray and work for the renewal of Christian faith in our land

***We commit ourselves***

to pray and work for the extension of Christ's healing ministry

***Amen***

**Glory be 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.**

## Maranatha Midday Prayers - Wednesday (Week 3)

As we gather at Midday we join with Christian brothers and sisters across the UK to pray:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come; thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
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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.**

St. Luke records that “the power of the Lord was present to heal them”. (Luke 5:17)

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*Silence*

### **Prayer for Healing:**

Father God,  
We ask You to comfort those who are sick in mind and body.  
May your Holy Spirit give them:  
Strength to bear their pain,  
Grace to seek you in their troubles,  
Courage to give themselves to you in love,  
A willingness to share in the sufferings of Christ,  
True healing in this life  
and the hope of glorious happiness to come  
when You restore all things to their first perfection,  
and the results of evil are cast away. Amen.

### **Psalm (Ps 63-68):**

O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you; my body longs for you as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.  
**O you who hear prayer, to you all men will come.  
You answer us with awesome deeds of righteousness,  
O God our Saviour, the hope of all the ends of the earth.**  
God has surely listened and heard my voice in prayer.  
**Praise be to God who has not rejected my prayer or withheld his love from me.**  
May God be gracious to us, bless us and make His face shine upon us.

**A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows, is God in his holy dwelling.**

God sets the lonely in families; he leads forth the prisoner with singing.

**Summon your power, O God;**

**Show us your strength, O God, as you have done before.**

**Scripture Reading:** Isaiah 53:3-6

**Canticle:**

Listen to me, my faithful children, and blossom like a rose growing by a stream of water.

**Send out fragrance like incense, and sing a hymn of praise:**

**Bless our God for all creation.**

Ascribe majesty to the name of the most high:

give thanks with praise, with songs on your lips and with harps.

**All your works are good, O God:**

**And whatever you command will be done. Amen**

*Open Prayer*

**Responsive Prayer:**

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**Collect :**

O Heavenly King, Comforter, Spirit of Trust, you are everywhere present filling all things;  
treasury of blessings and giver of life, come and abide in us.

Cleanse us from all impurity and save our souls, O Blessed One. **Amen.**

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and corruption which damages our society

***Amen***

**May the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all, evermore. Amen.**

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Jesus Christ, He is the radiance of the Father's glory. (Heb 1:3)

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### **Collect :**

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining, and whose power we cannot comprehend: show us your glory, as far as we can grasp it, and shield us from knowing more than we can bear, until we can look upon you without fear; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Prayer for the glory of God:**

**Almighty God, you are the King of Glory, you rule the world in your Majesty.  
Humbly we yield you our homage and allegiance.  
Gladly we offer you our worship and adoration.  
You are worthy of endless praise,  
for yours is the kingdom  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

*Frank Colquhoun*

### **Psalm (Ps 69-72):**

I pray to you, O Lord, in the time of your favour.  
**In your great love, O God, answer me with your sure salvation.**  
Rescue me from the mire, do not let me sink.  
**Deliver me from those who hate me, from those who hate me,  
from the deep waters.**  
Answer me, O Lord, out of the goodness of your love; in your great mercy turn to me.

**Do not hide your face from your servant; answer me quickly for I am in trouble.**

I am poor and needy; come quickly to me, O God.

**You are my help and deliverer; O Lord do not delay.**

Be my rock of refuge to which I can always go.

**Give the command to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.**

I am always with you; you hold me by my right hand.

**You guide me with your counsel, and afterwards will take me to glory.**

**Scripture Reading:** 1 Peter 1:3-5

**Canticle:**

Our hope is not in vain: for God's love has flooded our inmost hearts.

**Now that we have been justified by faith:**

**we are at peace with God through Jesus Christ.**

And so we exult in our hope of the splendour of God:

and we can exult in the sufferings we endure.

**Our hope is not in vain:**

**For God's love has flooded our inmost hearts,  
through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.**

When we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly:

He died for us while we were still sinners, and so God's love for us is revealed.

**We are more than conquerors through Christ who loved us;**

**For nothing can separate us from the love of God,  
which is ours through Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*(Celebrating Common Prayer (modified))*

*Open Prayer*

**Responsive Prayer:**

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**We commit ourselves through His Spirit to walk ever more closely with the Lord**

**Amen**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;**

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,**

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**Amen.**

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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.**

You have let go of the commands of God,  
and are holding on to the traditions of men. (Mark 7:8)

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Just as I am  
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My feelings, my fears  
My joys, my sadnesses.  
You see me as I really am  
You know me  
Through and through.  
You see all,  
All that I am  
Or ever have been**

*Silence*

### **Prayer at this time of crisis:**

Heavenly Father, What are we doing to our children?  
As a nation we have turned from you and no longer teach them your truth and your love.  
Help us, by the power of your Spirit, to turn our nation back to you, that our children may  
once again have their childhood, and family life may again be restored. **Amen.**

### **Psalm (Ps 74-80):**

How long will the enemy mock you, O God?  
Will the foe revile your name for ever?  
**Rise up, O God and defend your cause.  
Remember how fools mock you all day long.**  
We give thanks to you, O God; we give thanks for your Name is near.  
**Men tell of your wonderful deeds. You alone are to be feared.**  
Your ways, O God, are holy. What God is as great as our God?  
**You are the God who performs miracles;  
you display your power among the peoples.**  
They would flatter him with their mouths; their hearts were not loyal to him;  
They were not faithful to his covenant.  
**Yet he was merciful; he forgave their iniquities and did not destroy them.**  
He brought his people out like a flock; he led them like sheep through the desert.  
**He guided them safely, so they were unafraid; but the sea engulfed their enemies.**

May your mercy come quickly to meet us, for we are in desperate need.

**Restore us, O Lord God Almighty;  
make your face shine upon us, that we might be saved.**

**Scripture Reading:** John 19:17-19,28-30

**Canticle:**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord, Jesus Christ:  
who in his great mercy gave us new birth as his children.

**He has raised Jesus Christ from the dead: so that we have a sure hope in him.**

We have the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt:  
because it is kept for us in heaven.

**The ransom that was paid for us: was not paid in silver or gold.**

But in the precious blood of Christ: the lamb without spot or stain.

**God raised him from the dead and gave him glory:  
so that we might have faith and hope in God.**

*(Celebrating Common Prayer)*

*Open Prayer*

**Responsive Prayer:**

Father God, open our eyes to see your Glory,

**Lord have mercy**

Maranatha - Come Lord Jesus - fill us with your love,

**Christ have mercy**

Holy Spirit come, open our lives to your guidance

**Lord have mercy**

**Collect :**

O Lord, remember what you have wrought in us and not what we deserve;  
and as you have called us to your service make us worthy of our calling.

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

**Commitment Prayer:**

**I am no longer my own, but thine.**

**Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt:**

**Put me to doing; put me to suffering;**

**Let me be employed for thee, or laid aside for thee:**

**Let me be full, let me be empty:**

**Let me have all things; let me have nothing:**

**I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal.**

**And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,**

**Thou art mine and I am thine. So be it.**

**And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven.**

*(Methodist Covenant Service)*

**May the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all, evermore.  
Amen.**

## Maranatha Midday Prayers - Monday (Week 4)

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**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.**

Dear friends let us love one another, for love comes from God. (1 John 4:7)

**I come as myself  
Just as I am  
This moment.  
My feelings, my fears  
My joys, my sadnesses.  
You see me as I really am  
You know me  
Through and through.  
You see all,  
All that I am  
Or ever have been**

*Silence*

### **Prayer for Unity:**

Heavenly Father,

Look mercifully upon the broken body of your Church. Draw its members to You and to one another by the bands of your love, that in its restored unity the nations might be healed and all mankind will come to glorify your holy name. **Amen.**

*from New Every Morning*

### **Psalm (Ps82-89):**

Rise up, O God, judge the earth, for all the nations are your inheritance.

**O God, do not keep silent; be not quiet, O God, be not still.**

Let them know that you, whose name is the Lord –  
that you alone are the most high over all the earth.

**My heart and flesh cry out for the living God**

**Restore us again, O God our Saviour.**

I will listen to what God the Lord will say; he promises peace to his people.

**In the day of my trouble I will call to you , for you will answer me**

Teach me your way, O Lord and I will walk in your truth;

**Give me an undivided heart that I may fear your name.**

You, O Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger,  
abounding in love and faithfulness.

**Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne;  
love and faithfulness go before you.**

**Scripture Reading:** John 17:17-23

**Canticle:**

You sent forth your Spirit, O God: and you continue to show mercy to all.

**I will sing a new song to my God:**

**for you are great and glorious, truly strong and invincible.**

May your whole creation serve you: for you spoke and all things came to be.

**You sent forth your Spirit and they were formed: for no one can resist your voice.**

Mountains and seas are stirred to their depths; at your presence rocks shall melt like wax.

**But to those who fear you: you continue to show your mercy.**

No sacrifice, however fragrant, can please you:

But whoever fears the Lord shall stand in your sight for ever.

**You sent forth your Spirit, O God: and you continue to show mercy to all.**

*Open Prayer*

**Responsive Prayer:**

Father God, open our eyes to see your Glory,

**Lord have mercy**

Maranatha - Come Lord Jesus - fill us with your love,

**Christ have mercy**

Holy Spirit come, open our lives to your guidance

**Lord have mercy**

**Collect :**

God of our pilgrimage, you have willed that the gate of mercy should stand open for those who trust in you. Look upon us with your favour that we who follow the path of your will may never wander from the Way of Life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Commitment Prayer:**

In this Community we are pilgrims,  
together we pray 'Maranatha' - Come Lord Jesus

***We commit ourselves***

to Jesus Christ the Saviour of the world -  
our Lord, whose name is above every name

***We commit ourselves***

to be living and active members of the Body of Christ

***We commit ourselves***

to be caring members of the family whose Father is God

***We commit ourselves***

to one another in love as little brothers and sisters of Jesus

***Amen***

**May the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all, evermore. Amen.**

## Maranatha Midday Prayers - Tuesday (Week 4)

As we gather at Midday we join with Christian brothers and sisters across the UK to pray:

**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.**

Be transformed by the renewing of your mind. (Ro 12:2)

**I come as myself  
Just as I am  
This moment.  
My feelings, my fears  
My joys, my sadnesses.  
You see me as I really am  
You know me  
Through and through.  
You see all,  
All that I am  
Or ever have been**

*Silence*

### **Prayer for Renewal:**

Lord Jesus,  
We come to you tired and broken,  
but with the sure knowledge that you will restore and revive us,  
that we might be set ablaze by the power of your love.  
**Amen**

### **Psalm (Ps90-92):**

Lord you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.  
**He who dwells in the shelter of the most high  
will rest in the shadow of the Almighty**  
I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and fortress, my God, in whom I trust"  
**Surely he will save you from the fowlers snare  
and from the deadly pestilence.**  
He will cover you with his feathers and under his wings you will find refuge  
**His faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.**  
If you make the Most High your dwelling – even the Lord who is my refuge –  
then no harm will befall you, No disaster come near your tent.  
**He will command his angels concerning you  
to guard you in all your ways.**  
You make me glad by your deeds, O Lord; I sing for joy at the work of your hands.

**How great are your works, O Lord,  
how profound your thoughts.**

**Scripture Reading:** Romans 12:1-12

**Canticle:**

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

**Blessed are those who mourn: for they shall be comforted.**

Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

**Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for what is right:  
for they shall be satisfied.**

Blessed are the merciful: for they shall be shown mercy.

**Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.**

Blessed are the peacemakers:

for they shall be called the children of God.

**Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake:  
for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.**

*Open Prayer*

**Responsive Prayer:**

Father God, open our eyes to see your Glory,

**Lord have mercy**

Maranatha - Come Lord Jesus - fill us with your love,

**Christ have mercy**

Holy Spirit come, open our lives to your guidance

**Lord have mercy**

**Collect :**

Almighty God, by whose grace alone we are accepted and called to your service;  
strengthen us by your Holy Spirit and make us worthy of our calling;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Commitment Prayer:**

In this Community we are pilgrims, together we pray 'Maranatha' - Come Lord Jesus

**We commit ourselves**

**to pray for each other every day**

**We commit ourselves**

**to pray and work for unity among all Christians**

**We commit ourselves**

**to pray and work for the renewal of Christian faith in our land**

**We commit ourselves**

**to pray and work for the extension of Christ's healing ministry**

**Amen**

**Glory be 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.**

## Maranatha Midday Prayers - Wednesday (Week 4)

As we gather at Midday we join with Christian brothers and sisters across the UK to pray:

**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.**

By His wounds we are healed. (1 Peter 2:24)

**I come as myself  
Just as I am  
This moment.  
My feelings, my fears  
My joys, my sadnesses.  
You see me as I really am  
You know me  
Through and through.  
You see all,  
All that I am  
Or ever have been**

*Silence*

### **Prayer for Healing:**

Lord Jesus,  
You are the healer.  
In our hurting, our pain, our anguish, we come to you, Lord  
For you too suffered - on the cross - for our sakes.  
Help us, by your grace, to turn to you,  
knowing that by your love we shall be healed. **Amen.**

### **Psalm (Ps 94-104):**

The Lord has become my fortress, and my God is the rock in whom I take refuge.  
**Let us kneel before the Lord our maker; for he is our God  
and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.**  
He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples in his truth.  
**Fire goes before him and consumes his foes on every side**  
The Lord reigns, let the nations tremble  
**The Lord is good and his love endures for ever;  
his faithfulness continues through all generations.**  
The Lord works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed  
**As high as the heavens are above the earth ,  
so great is his love for those who fear him.**

As a father has compassion on his children,  
So the Lord has compassion on those who fear him.  
**I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.**

**Scripture Reading:** Luke 9:1-6

**Canticle:**

"Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad for her: all you who love her", says the Lord  
**"Rejoice with her in joy: all you who mourn over her,**  
that you may drink deeply with delight: from her consoling breast."

**For thus says our God: "You will be nursed and carried on her arm.**

As a mother comforts her children: so I will comfort you.

**You shall see and your heart shall rejoice:  
you shall flourish like the grass of the fields."**

*Open Prayer*

**Responsive Prayer:**

Father God, open our eyes to see your Glory,

**Lord have mercy**

Maranatha - Come Lord Jesus - fill us with your love,

**Christ have mercy**

Holy Spirit come, open our lives to your guidance

**Lord have mercy**

**Collect :**

Set free, O God, our souls from all restlessness and anxiety; give us that peace and power that flow from you. Keep us in all perplexities and distresses, in all fears and faithlessness; that so upheld by your power and stayed on the rock of your faithfulness, we may through storm and stress abide in you; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

**Commitment Prayer:**

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together we pray 'Maranatha' - Come Lord Jesus

***We commit ourselves***

to seek, receive, speak and live the truth in love

***We commit ourselves***

to give and receive forgiveness in the name of Jesus  
to give and receive love in the name of Jesus

***We commit ourselves***

to stand for peace and justice  
to stand with the poor, persecuted and marginalised

***We commit ourselves***

to speak out against the evil  
and corruption which damages our society

***Amen***

**May the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all, evermore. Amen.**

## Maranatha Midday Prayers - Thursday (Week 4)

As we gather at Midday we join with Christian brothers and sisters across the UK to pray:

**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.**

Let every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father. (Phil 2:11)

**I come as myself  
Just as I am  
This moment.  
My feelings, my fears  
My joys, my sadnesses.  
You see me as I really am  
You know me  
Through and through.  
You see all,  
All that I am  
Or ever have been**

*Silence*

**Prayer for the glory of God:  
God of Glory, we exalt your name,  
you who reign in majesty;  
we lift our hearts to you  
and we will worship, praise and magnify  
your holy name. Amen**

*Dave Fellingham*

### **Psalm (Ps 107-115):**

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; his love endures for ever.

**He satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.**

They cried to the Lord in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress

**He brought them out of darkness and the deepest gloom  
and broke away their chains.**

Great is your love, higher than the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the skies.

**He has caused his wonders to be remembered.**

**He has shown his people the power of his works**

The works of his hand are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy.

**May you be blessed by the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.**

**Scripture Reading:** Revelation 7:9-12

**Canticle:**

**Great and wonderful are your deeds, Lord God the Almighty.**

Just and true are your ways, O ruler of the nations.

**Who shall not revere and praise your name, O Lord? for you alone are holy.**

All nations shall come and worship in your presence:

for your just dealings have been revealed.

**To the one who sits on the throne and to the Lamb,  
be blessing and honour and glory and might, for ever and ever. Amen.**

*Open Prayer*

**Responsive Prayer:**

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**Collect :**

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we being dead to sin and alive to You in Jesus Christ, may reign with Him in glory; to whom, with You and the Holy Spirit, be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. **Amen.**

**Commitment Prayer:**

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***We commit ourselves***

to grow in faith, encouraging one another  
endeavouring to live and proclaim the simple Gospel

***We commit ourselves***

to listen to God and to be obedient to Him

***We commit ourselves***

to seek personal holiness and social righteousness

***We commit ourselves***

through His Spirit to walk ever more closely with the Lord

***Amen***

**Glory be 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.**

## Maranatha Midday Prayers - Friday (Week 4)

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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.**

Let us throw off everything that hinders and fix our eyes on Jesus,  
who for the joy set before him endured the cross. (Heb 12:2)

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*Silence*

### **Prayer at this time of crisis:**

Lord God, across the world your Church is suffering major persecution.  
Lord, we pray for your guidance that political pressures  
may be brought against those countries who perpetrate these crimes.  
We pray that, by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
the light of your love will come to shine in their lives. **Amen.**

### **Collect :**

**Lord God, give us stout hearts to bear our own burdens.  
Give us willing hearts to share the burdens of others.  
Give us believing hearts to cast all burdens upon you, our Lord and our God. Amen**

### **Psalm (Ps 144-150):**

Praise be to the Lord my rock, who trains my hands for war, my fingers for battle.  
**He is my loving God and my fortress, my stronghold and my deliverer;**  
Reach down your hand from on high; deliver me and rescue me from the mighty waters.  
**The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.**  
The Lord watches over all who love him  
**His name alone is exalted; his splendour is above the earth and the heavens**  
The Lord takes delight in his people; he crowns the humble with salvation.

**Praise him for his acts of power;  
praise him for his surpassing greatness.  
Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.**

**Scripture Reading:** Colossians 1:19-23

**Canticle:**

Jesus, Saviour of the world, come to us in your mercy.

**We look to you to save and help us.**

By your cross and your life laid down, you set your people free.

**We look to you to save and help us.**

When they were ready to perish, you saved your disciples.

**We look to you to come to our help.**

In the greatness of your mercy, loose us from our chains.

**Forgive the sins of your people.**

Make yourself known as our Saviour and mighty deliverer.

**Save and help us that we may praise you.**

Come now and dwell with us, Lord Jesus Christ.

**Hear our prayer and be with us always.**

And when you come in your glory:

**Make us to be one with you, and to share the life of your kingdom.**

*(from Common Worship - Daily Prayer)*

*Open Prayer*

**Responsive Prayer:**

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