

Not for ever in green pastures
do we ask our way to be;
but the steep and rugged pathway
may we tread rejoicingly.

Not for ever by still waters
would we idly rest and stay;
but would smite the living fountains
from the rocks along our way.

Be our strength in hours of weakness,
in our wanderings be our guide;
through endeavour, failure, danger,
Father, be thou at our side.

Blessing

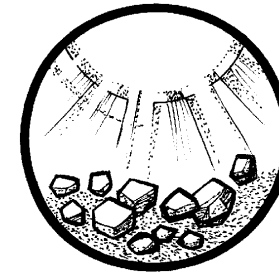
Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross and follow him; and the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you this day and always. **Amen.**

We go into the world to walk in God's light, to rejoice in God's love and to reflect God's glory.

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Opening Greeting

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you
and also with you.

We sing or say

Empty broken here I stand, Kyrie Eleison.
Touch me with Your healing hand, Kyrie Eleison.
Take my arrogance and pride, Kyrie Eleison.
Wash me in Your mercy's tide, Kyrie Eleison.
Kyrie Eleison, Christe Eleison, Kyrie Eleison.

When my faith has all but gone, Kyrie Eleison,
Give me strength to carry on, Kyrie Eleison.
When my dreams have turned to dust, Kyrie Eleison.
In You, oh Lord, I put my trust, Kyrie Eleison.
Kyrie Eleison, Christe Eleison, Kyrie Eleison.

When my heart is cold as ice, Kyrie Eleison.
Your love speaks of sacrifice, Kyrie Eleison.
Love that sets the captive free, Kyrie Eleison.
pour compassion down on me. Kyrie Eleison.
Kyrie Eleison, Christe Eleison, Kyrie Eleison.



We Declare our Faith

You're the voice that calms my fears, Kyrie Eleison.
You're the laughter, dries my tears, Kyrie Eleison.
You're my music, my refrain, Kyrie Eleison.
Help me sing Your song again. Kyrie Eleison.
Kyrie Eleison, Christe Eleison, Kyrie Eleison.

Humble heart of holiness, Kyrie Eleison.
Kiss me with Your tenderness, Kyrie Eleison.
Jesus, faithful friend and true, Kyrie Eleison.
All I am I give to You. Kyrie Eleison.
Kyrie Eleison, Christe Eleison, Kyrie Eleison. [2]

We say Sorry to God and we Receive God's Forgiveness

We are often slow to follow the example of Christ
Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**
We often fail to be known as Christ's disciples
Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**
We often fail to walk the way of the cross
Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

May the Father forgive us by the death of his Son and strengthen us to live
in the power of the Spirit all our days. **Amen**

The Prayer for Today

Heavenly Father,
your Son battled with the powers of darkness,
and grew closer to you in the desert:
help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer
that we may witness to your saving love
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Bible reading: Luke 4: 1-13

Reflection (attached)

We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.
We believe in God the Son who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthen us with power from on high.
We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Intercessions

We name before God those people and situations we wish to pray for

The Lord's Prayer

A Prayer in Lockdown

Ever present God, be with us in our isolation, be close to us in our
distancing, be healing in our sickness, be joy in our sadness, be light in our
darkness, be wisdom in our confusion, be all that is familiar when all is unfam-
iliar, that when the doors reopen we may with the zeal of
Pentecost inhabit our communities and speak of your goodness to an
emerging world. For Jesus' sake. **Amen.**

The Peace

God makes peace within us – let us claim it
God makes peace between us – let us share it
The peace of the Lord be always with us..

*We offer one another a sign of God's peace
We sing or say*

Father, hear the prayer we offer:
not for ease that prayer shall be,
but for strength that we may ever
live our lives courageously.