

Prayers for Others
(Including for the church family.)

Blessing (from Luke 2)

**Now, Lord, let your servant go in peace:
your word has been fulfilled.
My own eyes have seen the salvation
which you have prepared
in the sight of every people;
A light to reveal you to the nations
and the glory of your people Israel**

Or sing the traditional Latin words
Nunc dimittis servum tuum, Domine,
Secundum verbum tuum
in pace.

***May the Lord bless you and keep you,
Make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious to you,
may the Lord lift the light
of his countenance upon you
and give you peace.***

*In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen*

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***In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen***

Approach to God

Walk softly as you come here
for this is holy ground.
God dwells in this place.
God the Lord of time and space
was here before us,
and is here now.

Tread carefully as you come here
for this is holy ground.
By God's life-giving word
every creature was spoken into existence,
and is loved into eternity.
God the Lord of abundant life
was here before us
and is here now,

Walk quietly as you come here
For this is holy ground.
Now is the time
and here is the place:
to listen intently to God's Spirit within us;
to see, as for the first time,
the hidden depths
of Christ's suffering for us;
to look expectantly
for the signs of God's Kingdom around us

Holy God
Softly, carefully, quietly,
we come here,
celebrating your presence within us
and between us,
this day and always.

The Lord's Prayer - traditional version

**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.
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

A prayer for Christ's presence

**Christ as a light, illumine and guide me,
Christ as a shield, overshadow me.
Christ under me;
Christ over me;
Christ beside me,
on my left and my right.
This day be within and without me,
lowly and meek, yet all-powerful.
Be in the heart of each to whom I speak,
in the mouth of each who speaks unto me.
This day be within and without me,
lowly and meek, yet all-powerful.
Christ as a light,
Christ as a shield
Christ beside me
on my left and my right.**

Adapted from St Patrick's Breastplate

THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Invitation

Come to this table,
not because you must but because you may,
not because you are strong, but because you are
weak.
Come, not because any goodness of your own
gives you a right to come,
but because you need mercy and help.
Come, because you love the Lord a little and
would like to love him more.
Come, because he loved you and gave himself
for you.
Come and meet the risen Christ, for we are his
Body.

Prayer of confession

Time of quiet to reflect

Have mercy on us, O God the Almighty,
Jesus Christ son of the living God,
O true knowledge.
True light of love,
who enlightens all darkness,
guiding light, sun of truth, morning star.
Brightness of the divinity,
radiance of eternal brightness
Christ crucified, have mercy on us.

The Story

Luke 22: 14 - 20

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The people who walked in darkness have seen a
great light.

They lived in a land of shadows but now light is
shining on them.

Isaiah 9

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever
follows me will have the light of life and will never
walk in darkness."

John 8

The Bread

The Body of Christ **Amen**

The bread is shared

The Wine

The Blood of Christ **Amen**

The cup is shared

The Proclamation

Your death, O Lord, we commemorate.
Your resurrection we confess.
Your final coming we await.
Glory be to you, O Christ.

**Father of all,
we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off you met us in
your Son and brought us home.**

**Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.**

**May we who share Christ's body
live his risen life;
we who drink his cup
bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights
give light to the world.**

**Keep us firm in the hope you have set before
us, so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord. **Amen****