

Easter Hope in a time of Pandemic

Parish Triduum – 29th, 30th & 31st March 2021

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Mission Prayer

Prayer before hearing God's Word

Lord, you said:

"wherever two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them" You are with us now. Make us aware of your presence.

Help us to think and to pray.

Lord, we are here to listen to your Word:

We are here to search for your truth.

Speak to us, Lord, your servants are listening.

Help us to think and to pray.

Lord in the noise and bustle of life it is not easy to find your Truth.

Help us to be quiet and still.

Make us attentive to you tonight, for you alone have the word of eternal life.

Help us to think and to pray.

Lord, by sin and selfishness we have hardened our hearts.

Forgive our foolish ways:

Open our hearts to the greatness of your love;

Bless us with the truth that sets us free.

Help us to think and to pray.

Let us pray,

God our Father, in you we find life's meaning and purpose.

Let your Word pierce deeply into our hearts and change our lives

So that we may know life at its best,

And learn to live for you and for others,

We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Night Prayer

We thank you, Lord, for the day that is ending.

We thank you Lord for your love and protection.

Forgive us for any wrong we have done this day,

Forgive us for being bad tempered or hard to live with.

Forgive us for hurting those we should love.

Forgive us for any word of comfort or praise or thanks which we might have spoken but did not speak.

Forgive us for any help we might have given to some in need and did not give.

Lord, we pray tonight for all humankind;

- For the believer and the unbeliever
- For those who are trying to find you
- And for those who are trying to ignore you

Bless those who are lonely, and who feel their loneliness worst of all at evening time.

Bless those who are old or sick, or who will not sleep tonight.

Bless all homes and families and bless those who have no home of their own.

Give us all restful sleep, and the peace of heart that comes from knowing that our sins are forgiven, and that we are always in the hands of our heavenly Father.

Amen