

Heavenly Father,
Give us wisdom to perceive you,
Diligence to seek you,
Patience to wait for you,
Eyes to behold you,
A heart to meditate upon you
And a life to proclaim you..
Through the spirit of Jesus Christ our Lord.

St Benedict

O God, give peace to your church,
peace among nations,
peace in our homes and
peace in our hearts.
Through your Son,
Our Saviour, Jesus Christ.



God grant me

The serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can change and the wisdom to know the difference.

Reinold Niehbur

Keep us, O God
From small minded pettiness;
Let me be generous in thought, word and deed.
Let me be done with fault finding and criticism, self interest and self indulgence.
May I be open when I meet others face to face without self-pity or prejudice.
May I always listen and learn and never be hasty in judgement.
Let me take time for all things.
Make me grow calm, serene and gentle.
Teach me to put in action my better impulses – straightforward and unafraid.
Grant that I may realise it is the little things of life that create difficulties: that in the big things of life we are one.
O Lord, let me not forget to be kind.

Amen

(A Prayer of Mary Queen of Scots- amended)

Please take this leaflet...to use in the church or elsewhere

ST. MARY'S CHURCH LEAKE

Spare a moment to reflect
And seek a space to think



Be still and know that I am God.
I am the one who heals you.

Put your trust in the Lord.



You are welcome here

For one reason or another, people sometimes find that they do not have the words with which to share their thoughts with God.

The words printed in this leaflet may help you to join with the many who have prayed here over the centuries

Give praise and thanks to God

Generous God, Thank you for your creative beauty. Thank you for all the things I see which make me think about you and make me glad to be alive

Thank you Jesus for loving me and caring for me whatever happens and wherever I go. Amen



Loving God

Sometimes we need to say sorry because we don't always live the way we should. We can be selfish and unloving, forgetting to think of others. You love us just as we are. Help us to become the people that you want us to be, and to care for this world that you love. Thank you that you always help us to begin again. Amen

Father God

We have put our hope in you, but we often lose our way. Help us to turn to you afresh. Forgive us all that weighs on our conscience and grant us even more than we dare to ask.

Thro' the day

May this day
Snap into life
Crackle with inspiration,
Pop with possibility and may
each hour be full of the glory of God.
Amen



Mary Stevens
Methodist Prayer handbook

Loving God

Thank you for the gift of this new day and for your presence in every moment of it.
Help me to be aware of you;
when I'm doing the things I have planned to do and when things happen unexpectedly;
in the people I meet;
and in the conversations we share;
when things go well;
and when they become difficult.
Help me throughout this day to be:
aware of your presence,
ready to hear your voice,
and sustained by your love.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



David Gamble
Methodist Prayer Handbook

An Evening Prayer

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee O Lord, by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night: for the love of thine only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen

My dearest Lord, be thou a bright flame before me. Be thou a guiding star above me. Be thou a smooth path beneath me. Be thou a shepherd behind me today and evermore.

St Columba

Jesus you understand that there are many things I want to know. Help me to keep asking questions and looking for the answers



Thank you that your word, the Bible, can teach us all we need to know. Amen

Pray for those you love, those who love you and those you find it hard to love.

Your blessing be upon those who have shared with me the gift of friendship. Your blessing be upon those who were once dear but with whom I have lost touch. Your blessing be upon those whom I find difficult, and on those who find me difficult. Your blessing be on friends, Lord, and on all those who need our prayer. Amen

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Lord Christ,

You have no body on earth but ours, no hands but ours, no feet but ours. Ours are the eyes through which your compassion must look out on the world. Ours are the feet by which you may still go about doing good. Ours are the hands with which you bless people now. Bless our mind and bodies, that we may be a blessing to others. Amen