

Bowbrook Group



Prayers to be said in the Morning

**(Please use these at 1000 each day. In that way you
will be joining in with a virtual congregation
So please use the “we” responses as indicated)**



**THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND**

Preparation

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

Opening Prayer

We have come together in the name of Christ
to offer our praise and thanksgiving,
to hear and receive God's holy word,
to pray for the needs of the world,
and to seek the forgiveness of our sins,
that by the power of the Holy Spirit
we may give ourselves to the service of God.

This opening prayer may be said.

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
so may the light of your presence, O God,
set our hearts on fire with love for you;
now and for ever.
Amen.

Prayer of Awakening

Thank you, God, for this morning,
for the opportunity of seeing you
in all of creation,
in every single way.

Thank you, Lord,
for the treasure
you have planted in our daily life:
our friends and family,
love, those who help us,
For warmth and sustenance.

Thank you, God, for this morning,
for the opportunity of seeing you
our hope and our salvation,
in every single way.
Amen.

Confession

Holy God, Maker of all
Have mercy on us.

Jesus Christ, Servant of the poor
Have mercy on us.

Holy Spirit, Breath of life
Have mercy on us.

Let us in silence confess our faults and admit our frailty.

Silence is kept for a time of reflection.

Before God, with the people of God,
we confess to our brokenness:
to the ways we wound our lives,
the lives of others,
and the life of the world.

May God forgive us, Christ renew us,
and the Spirit enable us to grow in love. Amen.

A time for thanksgiving

May the God who knew me be praised!
Who knew me when I was but a speck of life
who knew me as I took shape in the womb
who knew me in childhood and as I grew up
who has known me till this day.

Beyond the perceptions of mother and father
beyond the insights of a life-partner
beyond my own self-understanding.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, high, unattainable,
such knowledge is yours, the Lord of all life. I bless you.
Such knowledge is yours, the Lord of all life
and yet you do not reject me or put me to shame.

You cannot be fooled by appearances,
I cannot hide away from your eyes the ways I let you down.
You see with a sharpness
which no human eye can match,
and yet you love me.
You clothe me with the garment of Christ's life
you see me as I am in him.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, high, unattainable;
such knowledge is yours, the Lord of all life. I bless you. Amen.
Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever.
Amen.

The Word of God

The Psalm

Psalm 86:1-7

Hear me, LORD, and answer me, for I am poor and needy.

Guard my life, for I am faithful to you;

save your servant who trusts in you.

You are my God; have mercy on me, Lord,

for I call to you all day long.

Bring joy to your servant, Lord,

for I put my trust in you.

You, Lord, are forgiving and good,

abounding in love to all who call to you.

Hear my prayer, LORD;

listen to my cry for mercy.

When I am in distress, I call to you, because you answer me.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Listen now for the Word of God.

This morning's Old Testament reading is...Isaiah 43:1-3a

But now, this is what the LORD says –

he who created you, Jacob, he who formed you, Israel:

'Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have summoned you by name; you are mine.

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;

and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you.

When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned;

the flames will not set you ablaze.

For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

This morning's New Testament reading is...Philippians 4:8-9

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me – put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

After the readings, there is a period of silence,

For the Word of God in scripture,
for the Word of God among us,
for the Word of God within us
Thanks be to God.

Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in God.

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 strengthens us
with power from on high.
We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

cf Ephesians 3

Intercessions

Lord, thank you for the gift of relationship and community.
We pray that, despite the evidence to the contrary,
this crisis will bring people together, not drive them apart.
For those of us who are anxious, bring peace.
For those of us who are sick, bring healing.
For those of us who are caring for others, bring strength.
For those of us who are lonely, bring comfort.
For those of us who are not lonely,
help us to see those who are,
and help us to reach out to them in whatever ways we can.
In Jesus' name we pray,
(*Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***)

Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy
in this time of uncertainty and distress.
Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may rejoice in your comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord.
(*Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***)

Lord Jesus Christ,
you taught us to love our neighbour,
and to care for those in need
as if we were caring for you.
In this time of anxiety, give us strength
to comfort the fearful, to tend the sick,
and to assure the isolated
of our love, and your love,
for your name's sake.
(*Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***)

God of compassion,
be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation.
In their loneliness, be their consolation;
in their anxiety, be their hope;
in their darkness, be their light;
through him who suffered alone on the cross,
but reigns with you in glory,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
*(Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**)*

For those who are ill

Merciful God,
we entrust to your tender care
those who are ill or in pain,
knowing that whenever danger threatens
your everlasting arms are there to hold them safe.
Comfort and heal them,
and restore them to health and strength;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
*(Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**)*

For hospital staff and medical researchers

Gracious God,
give skill, sympathy and resilience
to all who are caring for the sick,
and your wisdom to those searching for a cure.
Strengthen them with your Spirit,
that through their work many will be restored to health;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
*(Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**)*

For the community

We are not people of fear:
we are people of courage.
We are not people who protect our own safety:
we are people who protect our neighbours' safety.
We are not people of greed:
we are people of generosity.
We are your people God,
giving and loving,
wherever we are,
whatever it costs
For as long as it takes
wherever you call us.

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Collect

Either the collect of the day or the following collect is said.

Sovereign God,
the defence of those who trust in you
and the strength of those who suffer:
look with mercy on our current times
and deliver us through our mighty Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

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.

Prayer of Commitment

Today, may I give and receive love.
Today, may I work for justice.
Today, may I listen and pray.
Today, may I sing God's praises.
Today, may I delight in God's beauty.
Today and every day.
Amen.

The Blessing and Dismissal

God has given us this day;
we will use it wisely.

We will not offer to God
offerings that cost us nothing.

Go in peace to love and to serve;
we will seek peace and pursue it.

In the name of the Trinity of Love,
God in community, holy and one.
Amen.

If you would like anyone to be prayed for please let Rev'd David Morris know using any of the following:

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Prayers will be said for the Bowbrook Churches at 1000 on the following days. The prayers are general but each day will have a focus as follows:

Monday - Hanbury
Tuesday - Himbleton
Wednesday - Huddington
Thursday - Crowle
Friday - Bredicot
Saturday - Tibberton
Sunday - Oddingley



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