

Call to Worship based on Psalm 1

1 God blesses us when we refuse to listen to bad advice and won't follow people who are going the wrong way or join in with people who are sneering at God.

2 Instead, may the Law of the Lord make us happy, and may we think about it all the time, night and day.

3 May we grow like trees that stand beside a stream, trees that produce fruit at the right time and always have leaves. Then we may succeed in everything we do.

4 That isn't true of those who go the wrong way because they are like straw blown by the wind.

5 They won't have an excuse on the day of judgment, and they won't have a place with God's people.

6 The Lord protects everyone who chooses to follow him, but those who don't trust him follow a road that leads to ruin.

HYMN StF 327 Jesus is King and I will extol him

A Prayer of Approach to God

Dear God, you call us to come together as your children, to worship you and encourage one another. We have come to say thank you for your goodness to us, to learn more about you and to find out how to follow you more nearly.

May we learn to love other people like Jesus loves them, and may we go out to face the storms that life brings knowing that you want to help us by sheltering us under your umbrella when life is hard. Amen.

A Prayer to Say Sorry to God

Lord Jesus, you said, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and soul, and strength and mind and you shall love your neighbour as you love yourself.' **But your words get lost in all the background noise when we put ourselves at the centre of our universe.**

Lord Jesus, you said, 'Remain in my love.' **But we block out your words because we find your love too demanding.**

Lord Jesus, you said, you said, 'Obey my commands so that your joy may be complete.' **But we found pleasure in other ways.**

Lord Jesus, you said, 'I give you a new commandment: Love one another as I have loved you.' **And then we started to listen, for we long to hear your words of forgiveness.**

Lord Jesus, you said, 'Your sins are forgiven.' **Thank you. Amen.**

Who's afraid of the big bad wolf https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a_Luvr-kasE

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HYMN Christ is the king, O friends rejoice!

*1 John 5.9-13
John 17.16-19*

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HYMN StF 568 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

A prayer of commitment

Lord Jesus, as you made yourself known to your first friends after your resurrection, **please make yourself known to us.**

Lord Jesus, as you called your friends to be different from other people, **call us to be different too.**

Lord Jesus, as you promised to take care of your friends, **please take care of us.**

Lord Jesus, as you sent your first friends out to change the world, **send us out in the power of your spirit.**

Lord Jesus, as your first friends trusted you, **please help us to trust you. Amen.**

A Prayer of Concern

When the world forgets to say thank you, **let us say thank you for the good things we have and the freedoms we enjoy.**

Lord Jesus, when the world forgets to say thank you, **help us to say thank you for the good things we have received and the freedoms we enjoy.**

Lord Jesus, when the world forgets to say thank you, **may we give thanks for our chance to help you save the world from itself.**

Lord Jesus, when the world forgets to say please, **we pray for Planet, Earth which seems to be at the mercy of the selfish lives we lead.**

Lord Jesus, when the world forgets to say thank you, **we pray for peoples and cultures who are at the mercy of the rich and powerful.**

Lord Jesus, when the world forgets to say thank you, **we pray for those who live only for themselves. Help us all to live for you, and for our neighbours, as well as for ourselves. Amen.**

The Modern Version of the Lord's Prayer

HYMN Christ triumphant, ever reigning

A Prayer of Sending

Lord Jesus, we are yours and you are ours. **Send us out in the power of your love, your peace, your truth and your protection. Amen.**