

Common Ground

Guildford



Daily Prayer for a Missional Community

Jesus says:

'Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't

lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you.

Keep company with me and you'll learn to

live freely and lightly.'

Matthew 11:28-30

3rd edition

MORNING OFFICE

Opening prayer

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
Naught be all else to me save that thou art;
Thou my best thought in the day
and the night,
Waking or sleeping thy presence my light

Prayer leading into silence

I weave a silence on to my lips
I weave a silence into my mind
I weave a silence within my heart
I close my ears to distractions
I close my eyes to attractions
I close my heart to temptations.

Silence

Bible Reading

Prayer

For Guildford

For others

The Lord's Prayer

Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echo
through the universe;
The way of your justice be followed by the
peoples of the world;
Your heavenly will be done
by all created beings;
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another,
forgive us.
In times of temptation and test,
strengthen us.
From trial too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power
that is love,
now and forever. Amen.

Blessing

God be our comfort, our strength;
God be our hope and support;
God be our light and our way;
And the blessing of God,
Creator,
Redeemer and
Giver of Life
remain with us now and for ever.
Amen

PRAYING FOR GUILDFORD

Seek the welfare of the city Jerm 29:7

Sunday: Town Centre churches and places of worship, the Cathedral, Town Centre Chaplaincy, Street Angels, Volunteer pastors, Y Centre

Monday: Royal Surrey County Hospital and its chaplaincy, all medical centres, the ambulance service, social work and social care, those with nowhere to live

Tuesday: Our MP, Guildford Borough Council, councillors, employees, those caring for our environment, transport workers

Wednesday: Nurseries, childminders, playgroups, primary and secondary schools, Guildford College, Surrey University and its chaplaincy, Research Park

Thursday: The Courts, Police, Probation Service, Fire Service, Samaritans and all Voluntary support groups

Friday: Retail, Commerce, the self-employed and all seeking employment

Saturday: Sports and leisure, Catering and Hospitality, Entertainment, the Arts and Media

EVENING OFFICE

Opening

In the name of the restful Father,
In the name of the calming Son,
In the name of the peaceful Spirit.
May we and God be one.

Silence

Bible Reading

I will both lie down and sleep in peace;
for you alone, O God, make me lie down
in safety. *Ps 4:8*

Prayers

We thank you for your presence through
the day and for friends who have helped
us on our way.

As shadows fall and the wheels of the
world grow still,
Forgive us for our failures in love.

Reflection on the day which has past

Visit our homes and drive away all that
would harm.
May holy angels preserve us in peace.

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

Blessing

Calm us, O Lord, as you stilled
the storm
Still us, O Lord, keep us from harm
Let all the tumult within us cease
Enfold us, Lord, in your peace.
Amen

**PRAY
TOGETHER
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