

### **Bringing our concerns**

Holy God,  
we offer to you  
our prayers for the world:

for those who long for good news  
and for those  
who no longer believe  
that good news is possible ...

for those who yearn  
to break out of their prisons,  
and those who do not realise  
the prisons that hold them ...

for those who seek  
for truth and wisdom  
and those who have  
given up the search ...

for those who labour for justice  
and those who are  
tired of the struggle ...

for those who need to know  
God loves them  
and those who are hurt  
by the Church's failure to love ...

#### *Free Prayer*

Holy God,  
anoint us with your Spirit  
that we might by word  
and deed  
proclaim your good news  
in the name of Christ,  
who taught us when we pray to say  
...

#### *The Lord's Prayer:*

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.

#### **Going to love and serve**

God of wind and fire,  
as your Spirit was poured out  
upon the first disciples,  
by your love, rest upon us  
as upon all your Church.

***Enlarge our dreams,  
and enthuse our minds,  
inspire our faith  
and empower our resolve,  
that growing  
in the likeness of Christ,  
we may be unafraid to live this day  
to your praise and glory.***

*Optional:* + In the name  
of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit

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#### **Daily Office: Living Spirit**

#### **Monday Morning & Pentecost**

#### **Becoming present to God**

*Through a sign of attentiveness  
like lighting a candle or*

+ In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit

Holy God,  
whose power is known  
through wind, fire,  
and still small voice,  
be present with us now,  
that as we pray,  
our hearts  
may burn within us.

*or*

Holy God,  
as this candle burns,  
may our hearts burn  
with your love.  
As this flame trembles,  
may we tremble  
in the presence of your holiness.  
As this light  
reaches upwards,  
may our praise  
reach upwards by the power  
of your Spirit.

### **Celebrating the presence of God**

Living Spirit,  
present in creation,  
present in Christ,  
present with us now,  
**we worship you.**  
**We greet you.**

For each place  
that has made us wonder,  
every moment  
that time has stood still,  
**we praise you.**

For each word  
that has spoken truth,  
every deed  
that has made peace,  
**we praise you.**

For each life  
that has touched ours,  
every chance  
to show your love,  
**we praise you.**

**Living Spirit,  
present in creation,  
present in Christ,  
present with us now  
we worship you.**  
**We greet you.**

*A pause to name any specific thanks  
or praise*

## Acknowledging our humanity

Lord Jesus,  
you say to your disciples,  
'Peace be with you',  
and you breathe  
your Holy Spirit upon us.

When we find no peace  
within ourselves ...

Lord have mercy,  
**Christ have mercy**

When we fail to build  
the unity of your Church ...

Lord have mercy,  
**Christ have mercy**

When we are complicit  
in the violence of the world...

Lord have mercy,  
**Christ have mercy**

**Risen Lord,  
in your forgiving love,  
show us again your wounds,  
and remind us of the cost  
of true discipleship,  
that with all God's people  
we may commit ourselves  
with body, mind and spirit,  
to struggle for the peace  
you died to bring.**

## Listening for the Word of God

From *The Common Lectionary*

## Canticle – Optional

### *Song of God's Children*

The law of the Spirit of life  
in Christ Jesus  
has set you free  
from the law of  
sin and of death.

**For all who are led  
by the Spirit of God  
are children of God.**

For you did not receive  
a spirit of slavery  
to fall back into fear,  
but you have received  
a spirit of adoption.

When we cry, 'Abba! Father!'  
**it is that very Spirit**

**bearing witness  
with our spirit  
that we are children of God,**

and if children, then heirs,  
heirs of God  
and joint heirs with Christ—  
if, in fact, we suffer with him  
so that we may also  
be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings  
of this present time  
**are not worth comparing  
with the glory  
about to be revealed to us.**

For the creation waits  
with eager longing  
**for the revealing  
of the children of God;**  
for the creation  
was subjected to futility,  
not of its own will  
but by the will  
of the one who subjected it,  
**in hope that  
the creation itself  
will be set free  
from its bondage to decay  
and will obtain the freedom  
of the glory of the children of God.**  
*Romans 8.2, 14-21 (NRSV)*

or

### *Mary's Song | Magnificat*

My soul proclaims  
the greatness of the Lord,  
**my spirit rejoices  
in God my Saviour;**  
he has looked with favour  
on his lowly servant.  
**From this day all generations  
will call me blessed;**  
the Almighty has done  
great things for me  
**and holy is his name.**  
He has mercy  
on those who fear him,  
**from generation to generation.**

He has shown strength with his arm  
**and has scattered  
the proud in their conceit,**  
Casting down the mighty  
from their thrones  
**and lifting up the lowly.**  
He has filled the hungry  
with good things  
**and sent the rich away empty.**  
He has come to the aid  
of his servant Israel,  
**to remember his promise of mercy,**  
The promise made to our ancestors,  
**to Abraham and his children  
for ever.** *Luke 1.46-55 (NRSV)*

## Reflecting on our roots

Living God, enable us this day  
to be pilgrims and companions:  
committed to the way of Christ,  
faithful to the call of Christ,  
discerning the mind of Christ,  
offering the welcome of Christ,  
growing in the likeness of Christ,  
engaging in the mission of Christ,  
in the world that belongs to Christ.