

## 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,  
forever and ever. Amen.

## Lord Jesus,

I bring you my deepest needs, even  
the things I cannot share with  
anyone else. I want to know you as  
my Saviour. Hold me in your love  
and surround me with your spirit  
of peace.

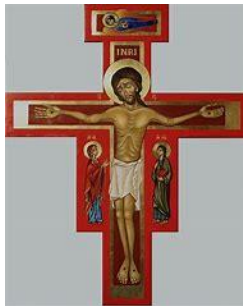
*Elizabeth Rundle*

## The Cross

God lets himself be pushed  
out of the world, onto the  
cross.

He is weak and powerless  
in the world, and that is  
precisely the way, the only  
way, in which he is with us  
and helps us.

*Dietrich Bonhoeffer*



## Watch now, dear Lord,

with those who wake, or watch, or weep.  
Tend your sick ones, O Lord Christ,  
rest your weary ones,  
bless your dying ones,  
soothe your suffering ones,  
pity your afflicted ones,  
shield your joyous ones,  
and all for your love's sake.  
Amen.

*St Augustine of Hippo (354-430)*



## Be still

Be silent.

Be still.

Wait before your God.

Say nothing.

Ask nothing.

Be still.

Let your God look upon you.

That is all. God knows.

God understands.

God loves you with an enormous love.

God only wants to look upon you with love.

Quiet.

Still.

Be.

Let your God love you.

*Edwina Gateley*

## No body but yours

Christ has no body but yours,  
no hands, no feet on earth but yours,  
yours are the eyes with which he looks  
compassion on this world,  
yours are the feet with which he walks  
to do good,  
yours are the hands,  
with which he blesses all the world.  
Yours are the eyes with which he looks  
compassion on this world.  
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.  
*Teresa of Avila (1515-1582)*



## Living God,

you have blessed us;  
you bury our past in the heart of Christ and  
are going to take care of our future.  
*Taizé Community*

## We Are Strangers

Lord Christ,  
we are strangers and pilgrims  
on the earth, disconcerted  
by the world's violence and sorrow:  
Wherever we are on this day's journey  
breathe on us your gentle Spirit  
that we may be oases  
of quiet and refreshment  
bringing to your uneasy world  
reconciliation and peace. Amen.  
*Common Order, Church of Scotland*



## Unless

Unless the eye catch fire  
The God will not be seen.  
Unless the ear catch fire  
The God will not be heard.  
Unless the tongue catch fire  
The God will not be named.  
Unless the heart catch fire  
The God will not be loved.  
Unless the mind catch fire  
The God will not be known.

*William Blake*

## Almighty God,

Father of all mercies,  
we thine unworthy servants  
do give thee most humble and hearty thanks  
for all thy goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all men.  
We bless thee for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your inestimable love  
in the redemption of the world  
by our Lord Jesus Christ,  
for the means of grace,  
and for the hope of glory.  
And we beseech thee,  
give us that due sense of all thy mercies,  
that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful,  
and that we show forth thy praise,  
not only with our lips but in our lives;  
by giving up ourselves to thy service,  
and by walking before thee  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost  
be all honour and glory,  
world without end. Amen.

Book of Common Prayer

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The Anglican Parishes of  
Whittington, Weeford  
and Hints

## Word for Prayer Thought Or Wonder

Sometimes  
the most important thing  
in a whole day  
is the rest we take  
between two deep breaths,  
or the turning inwards  
in prayer for five short  
minutes.

*Etty Hillesum*