

A Favourite Prayer – Jane Robinson

I am not a "morning" person so I need a quick, easy to remember prayer but also a meaningful one, and this one ticks all the boxes. A thankful prayer to God in all three persons and I am ready "as the day lies open before me."

Lord of the sunrise,
Dispeller of night,
Father of glory,
Giver of light.

Spirit of life,
Setting me free,
Spirit of power,
Full of glory.

Christ of healing
Making me whole,
Christ the redeemer,
Protect my soul.
(David Adam)

Holy and blessed,
O glorious three
Honour and praise,
And worship from me.

...and here's the reflection for the first week of Christmas

Christmas Week 1 – Wondering

Readings – Mat. 1.18-25: Luke 2.8-20: Mat. 28.16-20

Wonder and joy come from You ...

We wonder with Mary and Joseph,
that they could be part of your plan.

-help us to wonder today.

We wonder with the shepherds,
that ordinary folk could be with you.

-help us to wonder today.

We wonder why you still care
and go out of your way to be with us.

-help us to wonder today.

... wonder and joy come from you.

The Beacon Benefice

Prayer Diary

Advent 2016 and into Christmas too

A number of things are different this month. First, this is for Advent into Christmas, so includes a little bit of November as well as

Second, we're doing things differently this time with a much more reflective style to our prayer suggestions. This does not mean you should stop praying for people and situations but we do invite you to pause this Advent and reflect prayerfully using the themes we've suggested as well. You'll find something to get you started each week in the centre pages.

Third, we've moved away from the Morning Prayer lectionary for our readings. There are only three readings suggested for each week. Read them in rotation or however you like really.
Rev Mike

Beacon Prayer

Please help us pray our way around all our Churches.

2nd Dec Painswick
9th Dec Pitchcombe
16th Dec Edge
23rd Dec Harescombe
30th Dec *No Beacon Prayer*

6th Jan Cranham
13th Jan Sheepscombe
20th Jan Painswick
27th Jan Pitchcombe

Weekly Prayer Themes

28th Nov – 3rd Dec
Remembering
5th – 10th December
Waiting
12th – 17th December
Listening
19th – 24th December
Hoping
26th – 31st December
Wondering

Week 1 – Remembering

Readings – Gen. 3.8-13, 20-21: Ex. 13.18-22, 14.10-12:
Mat. 14.13-21

Do you remember? ...

Do you remember when
you walked with me in the garden?
-until you walked off on your own.

Do you remember when
I rescued you from slavery?
-but you wanted to go back.

Do you remember when
five loaves and two fish were enough for a feast?
-but you just kept counting heads.
... do you remember?

Week 3 – Listening

Readings – Gen. 1.1-5: Gen. 1.20-23: Gen. 2.4-7, 4.8-10

I listened at the beginning and will at the end ...

I listened as the winds of creation blew
but they blew all other sound away.

-will you listen to me now?

I listened to lions roar and small birds sing
but beautiful as it was, there was no speech.

-will you listen to me now?

I listen to your heartbeat and now your voice;
you speak beauty and love but also pain and hate.

will you listen to me now?

... I listened at the beginning and will at the end.

Week 2 – Waiting

Readings – Gen. 1.6-10: Gen 1.24-27: John 1.1-5, 10-13

I've always waited for you ...

I waited as matter came together
to form galaxies, stars, worlds of promise.
-will you wait with me now?

I waited as the spark of life grew
in my creatures and finally in you.
-will you wait with me now?

I waited while the darkness grew and violence flared
until the time came for me to share.
-will you wait with me now?

... I've always waited for you.

Week 4 – Hoping

Readings – Gen. 2.23-3.7: Amos 7.7-13: Mat. 16.21-26

Will you hope with me today? ...

My hope is for my children,
that you will follow in my way.

-but you prefer your own way.

My hope is in my prophets,
that they will call you back to me.

-but you ignored them and derided them.

My hope is in my Son, loving, teaching, sharing and dying,
-but you stop there and will not join in resurrection.

... will you hope with me today?