

Worship at Home - Sunday 9 October 2022

This short act of worship has been prepared for you to use at home. We invite you to spend a few moments with God, knowing that other people across the Methodist Connexion are sharing this act of worship with you.

Call to worship

God remembers us always. Do we remember to give thanks to God for all the good things he has given us?

Psalm 111v3,4

Glorious and majestic are his deeds,

And his righteousness endures forever.

He has caused his wonders to be remembered;

The Lord is gracious and compassionate.

Hymn: StF70 Always remember, never forget
Sing/ Read /pray /proclaim the words or listen to it here
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lv7Qj0bdJBA>

*Always remember, never forget,
never forget to say, 'Thank you!'
Always remember, never forget,
always say, 'Thank you, Lord.'*

Thank you for food to eat,
for clothes to wear, shoes on our feet.

Thank you for health today,
for strength to work and run and play.

Thank you for a place to stay,
for warmth and comfort day by day.
Lynda Masson (b. 1951)

Let us pray together

We praise you Father, Son and Spirit

For your constant love and care for us.

For your generous and giving nature that never demands our gratitude, for your forgiveness when we forget to acknowledge your presence and power and fail to give thanks for all you have done in our lives,

We praise you Lord.

Forgive us our weaknesses and faults and help us to remember to be more like Jesus in

our compassion for others and our worship of you.

(a few moments of silence)

The Lord hears our prayers; in his grace he forgives and renews us, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Today's Gospel Reading: Luke 17.11-19

Time to Reflect

This is a healing that takes place on the road to Jerusalem, a significant detail which reminds us that Jesus was on the way to his own death on the cross. Luke notes that Jesus was in a village on the border between Samaria and Galilee - an indeterminate place, on the edge but not completely in one region or another. Just like the ten lepers then, who because of their illness were outcasts, outside the village and separated from friends and family. Regarded as unclean, they were keeping their distance, but called to Jesus for help. Jesus responded, as he often did to people who were on the margins of society.

He sent them to the priests for the official declaration that they were clean, and free from disease. Interestingly, Luke tells us that they were healed, not immediately, but on the way to the temple. Out of the ten lepers, only one remembered to return and thank him. And, Luke says in surprise, he was a Samaritan! It is only this man, who as a Samaritan would be hated and despised by Jews, who thought to give thanks to Jesus, the one who healed him, thereby showing his gratitude to God.

Because he did this, the Samaritan received Jesus' blessing and understood that his faith in Christ had made him well and whole again.

God may not demand our thanks, but he does notice when we remember to thank

him! This is a story that reminds us of the inclusivity of God. Jesus reached out to those who were ignored, or overlooked, those excluded from the mainstream of society for differing reasons. Christ's ministry showed that God's love is for all, freely available to everyone who believes in his name.

Lord help us not to take your love for granted but to always be thankful. Amen.

Take a time to sit quietly

A time of prayer

Let us bring to the Lord our prayers for the church, the world and ourselves. Let us pray.

Almighty God, we lift to you the church worldwide, asking your blessing on all Christians, ministers and pastors. Inspire our worship, fill us with your Spirit as we seek to do your will for Jesus' sake.

Loving God, we pray for comfort and strength for all people who find themselves on the margins, for refugees and those displaced by war or forced to flee persecution or abuse; for the poorest who seem to be locked into a life of poverty; for those who are ill, those who are grieving, the frail, and the very young and the very old. Give them hope and courage and touch their lives with your healing presence.

Caring God, we bring ourselves to you, for you know our concerns and share in our human happiness. Help us to never forget how much you love us and to constantly thank you for all that you give us, this beautiful world, our families and friends, and the most precious gift of all, your Son Jesus Christ, our Saviour. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father

Listen to : StF77 Give thanks to the Lord our God and king

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zhp8gm2UbRAYmn>

or sing a verse of a hymn that comes to mind

Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King:
his love endures forever.
For he is good, he is above all things.
His love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise.

With a mighty hand and an outstretched arm
his love endures forever.
For the life that's been reborn,
his love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise.

Sing praise, sing praise.

*Forever God is faithful,
forever God is strong.
Forever God is with us,
forever.
Forever God is faithful,
forever God is strong.
Forever God is with us,
forever.
Forever.*

From the rising to the setting sun,
his love endures forever.
By the grace of God, we will carry on,
his love endures forever.
Sing praise, sing praise.
Sing praise, sing praise.

Forever God is faithful ...

Chris Tomlin (b. 1972)

A prayer of blessing

The Spirit of truth lead us into all truth,

Give us grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
and to proclaim the word and works of God.

And the blessing of God

Spirit Son and Father

Remain with you and the ones you love, always.
Amen.

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[Singing the Faith Plus \(methodist.org.uk\)](http://Singing the Faith Plus (methodist.org.uk))

Luke 17.11-19

Jesus Cleanses Ten Lepers

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, 'Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!' When he saw them, he said to them, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, 'Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?' Then he said to him, 'Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.'