

# CHRIST WORK

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September

You may read this straight through ;  
you may wish to pause or repeat  
certain parts ; it may vary from day-to-  
day. Please allow it to lead you and  
work with you, so make it your own.

## Preparation

Lord open our lips, and our  
mouth shall proclaim your praise.

## Praise

O come, let us sing to the Lord ;  
let us heartily rejoice in the rock  
of our salvation.

Come, let us worship and bow  
down  
and kneel before the Lord our  
Maker.

*Psalm 95: 1, 6*

## Prayer

As we rejoice in the gift of this  
new day,  
so may the light of your presence,  
O God,  
set our hearts on fire with love for  
you ;  
now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## Psalm

*Psalm 84 : 1 - 6*

How lovely is your dwelling  
place, O Lord of hosts !  
My soul has a desire and longing  
to enter the courts of the Lord ;  
my heart and my flesh rejoice in  
the living God.

The sparrow has found her a  
house and the swallow a nest  
where she may lay her young :  
at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my  
King and my God.

Blessed are they who dwell in  
your house :  
they will always be praising you.

Blessed are those whose strength  
is in you,  
in whose heart are the highways to  
Zion,

Who going through the barren  
valley find there a spring,  
and the early rains will clothe it  
with blessing.

They will go from strength to  
strength  
and appear before God in Zion.

**Lord God,  
sustain us in this vale of tears  
with the vision of your  
grace and glory,  
that, strengthened by the  
bread of life,  
we may come to your  
eternal dwelling place ;  
in the power of  
Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

## Scripture

*Luke 6 : 39 - 42*

Jesus also told them a parable :  
'Can a blind person guide a blind  
person ? Will not both fall into a  
pit ? <sup>40</sup>A disciple is not above the  
teacher, but everyone who is fully  
qualified will be like the teacher.  
<sup>41</sup>Why do you see the speck in  
your neighbour's eye, but do not  
notice the log in your own eye ?  
<sup>42</sup>Or how can you say to your  
neighbour, "Friend, let me take out  
the speck in your eye", when you  
yourself do not see the log in your  
own eye ? You hypocrite, first take  
the log out of your own eye, and  
then you will see clearly to take  
the speck out of your neighbour's  
eye.'

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## Response

*Take a little time to reflect on the  
reading, and on whatever it brings to  
you today.*

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house and the swallow a nest  
where she may lay her young :  
at your altars, O Lord of hosts,  
my King and my God.

## Prayer

*Bring yourself, your day to God.  
Bring those upon your heart to God :  
people, or places, or situations.*

*You may wish to include some from  
these concerns :*

- *The tasks of the day ;*
- *Family, friends, those in our heart  
and mind ;*
- *Colleagues and neighbours, those  
among whom or for whom we  
work ;*
- *Those in the midst of war ;  
Ukraine, Russia, Israel, Gaza, Iran,  
USA, Sudan, \_\_ ; and for wisdom ;*
- *Victims of the Nepal-Tibet floods ;  
of earthquake, wildfire & storm ;*
- *Victims of oppression, terrorism,  
violence and abuse ;*
- *Wisdom in our attitude to life, and  
to death ;*
- *Those seeking rest through the  
weekend ;*
- *Our regathering Junior Church ;*
- *Peace ;*

- IF YOU wish to share particular  
requests for prayer with Matthew  
(or through him with others who  
receive 'CHRIST at WORK') please  
EMAIL Matthew on  
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## Collect Prayer

Almighty God,  
whose only Son has opened for us  
a new and living way  
into your presence :  
give us pure hearts  
and steadfast wills  
to worship you  
in spirit and in truth ;  
through Jesus Christ  
your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

## The LORD's Prayer

*Either :-*

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.**

*Or :-*

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,  
for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

## The Conclusion

The Lord bless us  
and preserve us from all evil  
and keep us in eternal life.  
Thanks be to God.  
**Amen.**

