

CHRIST at WORK

Friday 2nd October

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 139 : 6 - 11

Where can I go then from your
spirit ?

Or where can I flee from your
presence ?

If I climb up to heaven, you are
there ;
if I make the grave my bed, you
are there also.

If I take the wings of the morning
and dwell in the uttermost parts of
the sea,

Even there your hand shall lead
me,
your right hand hold me fast.

If I say, 'Surely the darkness will
cover me
and the light around me turn to
night,'

Even darkness is no darkness with
you ; the night is as clear as the
day ;
darkness and light to you are both
alike.

**Creator God,
may every breath we take
be for your glory,
may every footstep
show you as our way,
that, trusting in your
presence in this world,
we may, beyond this life,
still be with you
where you are alive and reign
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Scripture

Luke 10 : 13 - 16

Jesus said - 'Woe to you, Chorazin!
Woe to you, Bethsaida ! For if the
deeds of power done in you had
been done in Tyre and Sidon, they
would have repented long ago,
sitting in sackcloth and ashes.
¹⁴But at the judgement it will be
more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon
than for you. ¹⁵And you,
Capernaum, will you be exalted to
heaven ? No, you will be brought
down to Hades. ¹⁶Whoever listens
to you listens to me, and whoever
rejects you rejects me, and
whoever rejects me rejects the one
who sent me.'

NEW REVISED STANDARD VERSION

Response

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

If I climb up to heaven,
you are there ;
if I make the grave my bed,
you are there also.

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 ;*
 - *Those who mourn ;*
 - *Those with the authority and
power to bring peace out of war ;*
 - *The Whole life of Christ's Church
through us at Christ Church, as we
mark Dedication Sunday ;*
 - *For Lowen and Oscar - in their
Baptism ;*
 - *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

Gracious God,
you call us to fullness of life :
deliver us from unbelief
and banish our anxieties
with the liberating love
of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

