

Transforming Lives

Daily Prayer at Christmas

If practical, you may wish to use a candle, music, or incense to set this time and place apart for prayer.

Preparation

Take a moment to be still and become aware of God's presence. Hold before God all those praying with Transforming Lives today.

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

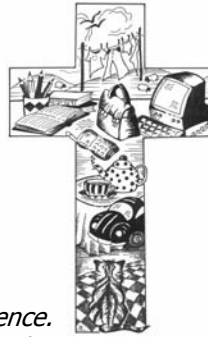
As we rejoice in the gift of Jesus your Son
so may the light of your presence, O God,
set our hearts on fire with love for you;
now and for ever. Amen.

Praise

Sing a song or hymn, play a tape or CD, or use this canticle

O Lord our governor, how glorious is your name in all the world!
Your majesty above the heavens is praised
out of the mouths of babes at the breast.
You have founded a stronghold against your foes,
that you might still the enemy and the avenger.
When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have ordained,
What are mortals, that you should be mindful of them;
mere human beings, that you should seek them out?
You have made them little lower than the angels
and crown them with glory and honour.
O Lord our governor, how glorious is your name in all the world!

To us a child is born, to us a son is given,
and his name shall be the Prince of Peace



from Gloria in Excelsis

from Psalm 8

Bible Reading

You could use a psalm and a reading from the Common Worship daily lectionary, or some other scheme of readings

Prayers

Begin with the Transforming Lives Prayer:

God of every time and place,
you hold each moment and shape each day;
by the gentleness of your Spirit
transform us,
with the gifts of your Spirit
equip us,
in the boldness of your Spirit
send us out,
to serve you and transform the world,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Other prayers, include the following areas:

- The world (including local concerns)
- The Church (including the local church)
- Those in need (including those known personally)

Finish with The Lord's Prayer, in either its modern ('Our Father in heaven...') or traditional ('Our Father, who art in heaven...') form.

Conclusion

God our Father,
in love you sent your Son
that the world may have life:
lead us to seek him in our families and in our communities
and to find him in those in need,
for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.

May God who has called us out of darkness into his marvellous light,
bless us and fill us with peace.
Amen.

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