



*Candle Prayers for God's rainbow people:  
physically distanced but spiritually connected ☺*

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*Opening prayer*

In the tender compassion of our God,  
the dawn from on high is breaking upon us,  
to shine on those who dwell in darkness  
and the shadow of death,  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

We light a candle: a light that the deepest  
darkness cannot conquer.

**Loving God,  
May these candles speak to us  
of the tiny flames of hope within us;  
of the passing of darkness and suffering,  
of the sureness of morning,  
and the promise of an eternal sunrise  
still to come,  
though we may yet be in that darkest hour  
before the dawn.**

*We keep a moment of silence*

*Lord teach us to silence our hearts and minds,  
that we may listen for the movement  
of your Holy Spirit, and feel your presence  
in the depths of our being...*

*A reading from the Psalms*

*A reading from the Gospels / New Testament*

*Affirmation of faith and hope*

**Into the silence of the void the Creator spoke,  
and the world came into being.  
The Word of God in the vastness brought  
light from darkness, matter from nothing,  
flesh from dust, life from lifelessness.**

**In the quiet of a small town in Palestine  
the Word of God came to us.  
Though he was one being with the Creator,  
Jesus our Christ, taking on human form,  
was born, lived and walked among us,  
speaking the words of life.  
He was crucified, died, and was buried...**

**He rose from the dead and speaks to us today.  
He is the one who saves us from ourselves.**

**In the stillness of our souls the Spirit of God,  
who is one with the Creator and the Christ,  
whispers the Word, and calls us back to the  
Creator, back to the Christ, back to fullness of  
life. We open ourselves to God. Amen.**

*Candle Prayers  
(including All Hallows prayers overleaf)*



*... concluding with the prayer of Jesus' followers:*

**O God in heaven,  
Mother and Father of us all,  
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 forever. Amen.**

*Closing prayer*

Keep us, good Lord,  
under the shadow of your mercy  
in this time of uncertainty and distress.  
Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,  
and lift up all who are brought low;  
that we may rejoice in your comfort  
knowing that nothing can separate us from your  
love in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
**Amen.**

Let us pray...

- ❖ For one another – as we share God’s love through this unsettling time
- ❖ For our Rainbow Groups – as we all reach out, befriend, listen, support, love and care for each other
- ❖ For our discipleship life – as we follow Jesus and share God’s love joy generosity and healing – in creative ways in strange times!
- ❖ For Rainbow Junktion – for Emily and Caleb and their Volunteer Team who maintain its vital wonderful work
- ❖ For Leeds’ universities, and all who work in them. For our community collaborations with Leeds Uni’s Community Engagement Team, Leeds Beckett’s Volunteering Team, and the Universities Chaplaincy Team
- ❖ For all of Leeds’ students – including those who worship at All Hallows; who live in our parish; who volunteer in the café; who run SCM Leeds and the June Project
- ❖ For our prayer life – as we pray for each other daily
- ❖ For all who usually call All Hallows home – Breakin’ Through Leeds; OWLS; Yoga, Drumming and Buddhist Meditation groups; Leeds Urban Harvest
- ❖ For our Bible reading life – for all of us finding faith, hope and love in the scriptures; for our weekly bible study and small group gatherings
- ❖ For our children and young people, and the many ways they enrich our life – including Kids Church, All Age worship, Messy Church, socials and sleepovers
- ❖ For our parish school Rosebank Primary, and their wonderful work
- ❖ For All Hallows’ roof and building – and the fundraising and maintenance works continually required
- ❖ For our friends of other faiths – and our community work with Leeds Grand Mosque, Makkah Mosque and Ahlul Bayt; Sinai Synagogue; Leeds Hindu Mandir
- ❖ For the Diocese of Leeds; for our team churches St Michael’s and St Chad’s
- ❖ For LGBT+ Inclusive Leeds, Leeds + Bradford LGBTQ+ Church Network, and all who work for Inclusion
- ❖ For asylum seekers – and for LASSN and PAFRAS and others supporting them
- ❖ For all who help lead our church life in various ways – for wisdom and fun 😊
- ❖ For all who are lonely, elderly and housebound in our parish and around Leeds
- ❖ For Hyde Park’s Neighbourhood Forum and local councillors – bringing our parish’s neighbours together
- ❖ For our musicians, and all who give their energy and time to enable our worship
- ❖ For our local PCSOs Chris, Odette and Darren
- ❖ For our Environment Group – as they challenge us to be an increasingly sustainable church (building and people!)
- ❖ For the many of us suffering with fragile mental and physical health
- ❖ For all the superheroes working in the NHS and emergency services

*Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well. -- 1 Thessalonians 2:8*