**Daily Prayers in Passiontide**



Christ Jesus was in the form of God, but he did not cling to equality with God. He emptied himself, taking the form of a servant. He humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.

 *Philippians 2:6-8*

Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by? Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow. Remember my affliction and my bitterness, the wormwood and the gall! But I call this to mind, and therefore I have hope: the steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end.

 *Lamentations 1:12, 3:19, 21-22*

Blessed are you, God of our salvation,

to you be praise and glory for ever.

As a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief

your only Son was lifted up

that he might draw the whole world to himself.

May we walk this day in the way of the cross

and always be ready to share its weight,

declaring your love for all the world.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God for ever.

True and humble king,

hailed by the crowd as Messiah:

grant us the faith to know you and love you,

that we may be found beside you

on the way of the cross,

which is the path to glory.

Amen.

We pray for this day, its people and its tasks.

I give my hand to you Lord,

I give my hand to you

I offer the work I do Lord,

I offer the work I do

I give my thoughts to you Lord,

I give my thoughts to you

I give my plans to you Lord,

I give my plans to you.

Give your hands to me Lord,

Give your hands to me

Let your love set me free Lord,

Let your love set me free

Keep me close to you Lord.

Keep me close to you. Amen.

Using our own words we pray for:

* the Church
* our families and friends
* God’s creation
* those who suffer in body, mind, spirit or estate

those who suffer from man’s inhumanity

Evening

“I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me will live even though they die; and those who live and believe in me will never die.”

 *John 11:25*

Blessed are you, Lord God of our salvation,

to you be glory and praise for ever.

As we behold your Son, enthroned on the cross,

stir up in us the fire of your love,

that we may be cleansed from all our sins,

and walk with you in newness of life

singing the praise of him who died

for us and our salvation.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God for ever.

Be thou a bright flame before me,

be thou a guiding star above me,

be thou a smooth path below me,

be thou a kindly shepherd behind me

tonight, tomorrow and for ever.

Amen.