# WORSHIP TOGETHER Sunday 20th June 2021



#### **PRAYER**

We pause to acknowledge the presence of The Holy Spirit in, around and for us...
Lord, your presence lifts us, your grace amazes us, your power overwhelms us, and your love excites us.

No matter what we bring with us - hurts, sorrows, bitterness or joyful praise - you always receive us as we are, and transform what we bring.

We worship you Spirit, Son & Father, wherever we are is Holy Ground AMEN

#### **LET'S SING OR SAY**

We are standing on Holy Ground And I know that there are angels all around Let us praise Jesus now, We are standing in His presence on Holy Ground

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#### **Ephesians 6 vs 18**

Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.

People often say, why pray when God knows everything? The phrase "what would Jesus do" (WWJD) comes to mind. If Jesus, in the complete God trinity relationship of Father Son and Spirit - still prayed, then for sure we must. Let's consider just a few of the reasons why

Jesus prayed

<u>Luke 6.12</u> - Jesus spent all night in prayer and the next day chose his disciples -Here Jesus is asking for guidance

Matthew 14.23 - after the 5,000 had been fed - Jesus prayed all night to be recharged and for refreshment.

<u>John 17 -</u> at Gethsemane - we find Jesus pouring our his heart to his Father

For guidance, for refreshment, in agony.

Along with this Jesus needed to make sure that what he did, the choices he made, were Godly choices.

In Romans 12 vs 2 we read
"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is - his good, pleasing and perfect will"

Through prayers it's possible to....
Listen to God instead of to the voices of the world.

Learn the Lord's priorities and values rather than going along with the world's Match our words with God's, rather than speaking in the accent of the world.

Yes God knows everything - but we certainly don't. Pray without ceasing



#### **LET'S SING OR SAY....**

Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us You are one with us, Mary's Son Cleansing our souls from all their sin Pouring Your love and goodness in Jesus our love for You we sing Living Lord

Lord Jesus Christ, now and every day Teach us how to pray, Son of God You have commanded us to do, this in remembrance Lord of you Into our lives your power breaks through, Living Lord © Patrick Appleford 1960

And we pray Spirit, Son and Father, help me to learn the discipline of prayer. Help me to honestly believe that you can speak to me, in the silent whispers of all creation. Lord sometimes I find it difficult because I think I've got to use certain words help me to see prayer as a conversation. And Lord as I experience the small changes which take place, as I learn to recognise your ways of speaking, let me see these moments as the continuing work of Jesus who saves us from making mistakes, and helps us to learn new Godly ways of being and doing. **AMFN** 

# Let's say together the prayer Jesus taught his

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.—AMEN Matthew 6:9-13

### **Our Offering**

All we have comes from you first. We freely offer to you now our gifts of money and ourselves, knowing that with you they become gifts for the Kingdom. AMEN

#### AND WE SING OR SAY

What a Friend we have in Jesus. All our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry, Everything to God in prayer! Oh, what peace we often forfeit, Oh, what needless pain we bear. All because we do not carry. Everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged: Take it to the Lord in prayer. Can we find a friend so faithful. Who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our every weakness; Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden. Cumbered with a load of care? Precious Saviour, still our refuge! Take it to the Lord in prayer. Do Thy friends despise forsake Thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer. In His arms He'll take and shield Thee; Thou wilt find a solace there.

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## WE SIT IN SILENCE AND PRAY To the Father. through the Son,

in the Spirit



God is... in us, with us, and for us. **AMEN**