

Evening Prayer

Music

Call to Worship

There is no place where you cannot reach:
God, who made the heavens and the earth.
There is no journey which you have not
travelled:

God, who shared our life in Jesus Christ.
There are no people beyond your care:
God, who is the spirit, the comforter.

Let us worship God!

Amen.

Song

**Lord, listen to your children praying,
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying,
send us love, send us power, send us
grace.**

The Famine Hanging.....

In our prayer let us remember our sisters
and brothers throughout the world:
those whose rights have been violated;
those who worked hard and risked their
lives that the rights of others may be
respected;
those who have walked towards the
coming of God's Kingdom of justice,
peace and wholeness of life;
those who have been uprooted from their
land due to war, conflict and the
destruction of their environment...

.....**look at the pictures**



Confessions

Sometimes we feel people are very
different from us,
in culture, in looks, in ways of relating, in
their politics, in their religion.

Or we feel as though there is not enough to
share with them
in work, in houses, in schools, in money, in
services.

Sometimes we are tired and cannot find the
energy to give the care,
or the time that they may hope from us.

Forgive us, O God, if we have been less
than generous.
We remember your grace in relating to us
and we long to be as gracious to the others.

..... **Lighting Candles**

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Bible Reading

Intercessions

As we pray, O God, we ask you:
find those who are lost,
separated from those they love,
crossing unknown borders,
without a country or home,
not knowing where to turn:
Find them, God, who always seeks for the
lost, and cover them safely
as a hen covers her chickens.

As we pray, O God, we ask you:
stand among the ones in the refugee camps
around the world,
in the hunger and despair,
in the crowds and the emptiness,
in the wet and in the thirstiness:
Be their hope and their strength
in the crying out for justice,

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and open the ears of the world to hear their cries.

As we pray, O God, we ask you:
May those who live with us,
uprooted from their homelands,
find a new home
where their history is respected,
their gifts and graces celebrated
and their fear departed from them.
May we be their home,
may we be the ones who open our hearts in
welcome.

As we pray, O God, sing to us your song of
encouragement,
paint for us your bright picture of your new
creation.
For we long to be your people,
in spirit and truth.
We pray in the name of Jesus the Christ,
who knew the life of a refugee.
Amen.

Song

**We lay our broken world
in sorrow at your feet,
haunted by hunger, war and fear,
oppressed by power and hate.**

**Here human life seems less
than profit, might and pride,
though to unite us all in you,
you lived and loved and died.**

**We bring our broken towns
our neighbours hurt and bruised;
you show us how old pain
and wounds for new life can be used.**

**We bring our broken loves,
friends parted, families torn;
then in your life and death we see
that love must be reborn.**

**We bring our broken selves,
confused and closed and tired;
then through your gift of healing
grace new purpose is inspired.**

O Spirit, on us breathe,

**with life and strength anew;
find in us love, and hope,
and trust, and lift us up to you.**

Blessing

**The blessing of God be ours
warmth and courage
and strength and healing
this night and every night.
Amen.**

Music

Sources: Social Responsibility on Justice
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