

CHRIST CHURCH PARBOLD Prayertime for the Day

(week commencing 18th April 2021)

CHRIST IS RISEN! HE IS RISEN INDEED!



1. Prayers for our Queen and the Royal Family at this time.

God of our lives, we give thanks for the life of Prince Philip, for his love of our country, and for his devotion to duty. We entrust him now to your love and mercy, through our Redeemer Jesus. Amen

2. Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding, surround the Queen and the Royal Family with your love, that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss, but have confidence in your goodness, and strength to meet the days to come. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen. (*churchofengland.org*)

3. A prayer for our schools.

Heavenly Father, we pray for our local schools as they return after the Easter break. We pray that the children, teachers and staff will have had a restful break and enjoy the next term safely and securely. Amen.

4. A prayer for all carers.

Lord. We give thanks for all those people whose daily lives are about giving; be it medical or physical assistance, teaching, training and encouraging, loving, caring, supporting, praying; all the many ways that one life can be blessed and enriched by another. For all these people we give thanks. Amen(*faith&worship.com*)

5. A prayer for those in hospitals.

We pray for all those in hospital, for routine or emergency care, thanking you for the dedication and skills of doctors and nurses in whom we all entrust our lives. Bless their work, keep them safe, along with all receiving treatment that damaged and broken bodies might be made whole once more. God of love and life, we pray. Amen. (*faith&worship.com*)

6. A Celtic Spring blessing.

May the blessing of the rain be on you— the soft sweet rain. May it fall upon your spirit so that all the little flowers may spring up, and shed their sweetness on the air. May the blessing of the great rains be on you, may they beat upon your spirit and wash it fair and clean, and leave there many a shining pool where the blue of heaven shines, and sometimes a star. Amen. (*faith&worship.com*)

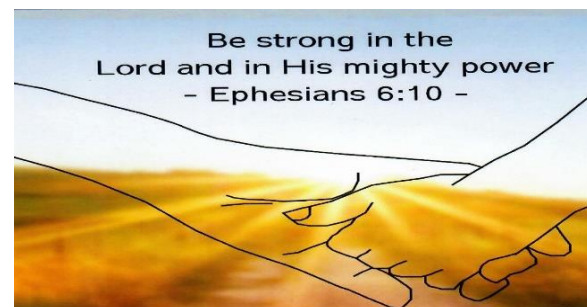
7. Lift to God anyone you know that need a healing touch or a sense of the Lord's comfort from His Holy Spirit. Amen

Song:

Charles Wesley's hymn "And Can It Be?"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sQeIGbKqiw8>

Merciful father. Accept these prayers for the sake of Your Son, our saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen



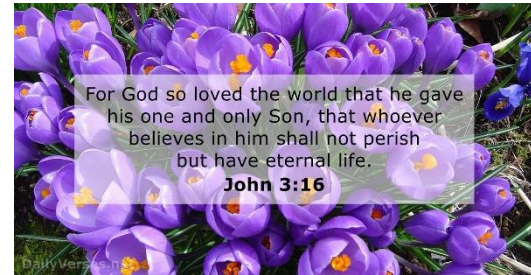
BIBLE PASSAGES.

I plead with you to give your bodies to God. Let them be a living sacrifice, holy – the kind He can accept. When you think of what He has done for you, is this too much to ask? Romans 12 v 1 (living bible.)

For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again. 2Cor. 5 v14-15

For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. 18 Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted. Hebrew 2 v 17-18

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. John 3 v 16-17



AND CAN IT BE? – a personal reflection

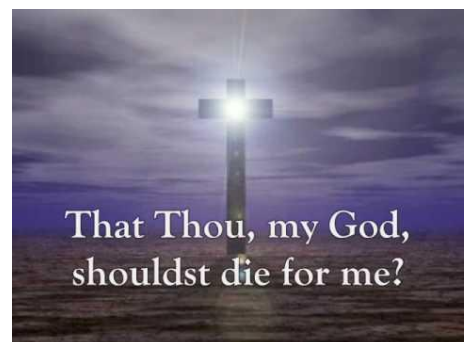
I did not have the benefit of going to Sunday School or Junior Church when I was growing up (many decades ago!) and so my only knowledge of the Bible was from RE lessons and school assemblies which didn't mean much to me. That all changed when the church youth club I had just joined went to the Eric Hutchins gospel campaign at the Liverpool Empire and for the first time I realised that Jesus died for me and I became a Christian.

One of the first hymns I learnt after that was Charles Wesley's "And Can it be?" It became such a special hymn to me as I felt it so described my experience of Jesus – that God so loved **me** and Jesus was willing to die for **me**. It has remained my favourite hymn and I look forward to the day we can again sing it in church together as a congregation and proclaim that "my chains fell off, my heart was free, I rose, went forth and followed Thee."

I have so enjoyed researching the Hymn makers in the past prayer sheets and I will be looking at the Wesley Brothers, John and Charles, in the next few ones and I hope you will enjoy learning just what an influence they had on the Gospel in Britain and throughout the world.

And can it be that I should gain
An int'rest in the Saviour's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain?
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! how can it be
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray,
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.



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