

## A. OPENING PRAYER

Come, see the glorious things  
that our God can do!  
Be still in God's presence.  
Know that God alone is the one true God.  
He will be honoured throughout the earth;  
He will be honoured in every nation.

**God alone is our shelter and strength.  
God alone defends and protects us.**

Great is our God, and worthy of praise!  
God's goodness knows no limit;  
God's faithfulness toward us is boundless!

**God, your majesty and glory surround  
us here. We've come together to  
celebrate your presence, and to offer  
songs of praise and worship.  
We've come to rejoice in your mighty  
acts, and to retell the story of your  
goodness throughout history  
and in our own lives.**

Move among us as we worship together;  
may your Spirit guide and inspire our  
thoughts and actions as we spend this  
time in your presence.

In the name of our Saviour and Lord,  
Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

## B. PSALM

*"Blessed are the people who know how to  
praise you. They walk in the light of your  
presence, O Lord." ([Psalm 89:15](#))*

Let us praise God ...

## C. READING

[Philippians 4:4-8](#)

## D. QUOTE

"In order to know GOD, we must often  
think of Him; and when we come to love  
Him, we shall then also think of Him often,  
for our heart will be with our treasure."  
(Brother Laurence, from *Practicing the  
Presence of God*)

## E. PRAYER MEDITATION

Imagine throwing a pebble into the centre  
of a pond, and the circles of ripples that  
move out from the centre.

We pray firstly for those closest to us,  
our immediate family and closest friends -  
for their health, needs, joys and fears.

(Silent prayer)

God of creation, God of Salvation  
**Hear the prayers of our hearts**

We pray for our extended family and  
friends who we might not see each week –  
thanking God for their love and concern  
for us, and praying for their wellbeing.

(Silent prayer)

God of creation, God of Salvation  
**Hear the prayers of our hearts**

As the ripples reach out still further, we  
pray for those who we only have contact  
with once a year or less - asking God to  
bless them.

(Silent prayer)

God of creation, God of Salvation  
**Hear the prayers of our hearts**

And as the ripples reach their furthest  
point, we pray for this world and its people  
- for the needs of this week and the future.

(Silent prayer)

God of creation, God of Salvation  
**Hear the prayers of our hearts**

## F. LET US PRAY

*"Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."*

*([Matthew 18:19-20](#))*

Let us pray ...

## G. CIRCLE PRAYER

**Circle me, Lord.  
Keep protection near  
and danger afar.**

**Circle me, Lord  
Keep hope within.  
Keep doubt without.**

**Circle me, Lord.  
Keep light near  
and darkness afar.**

**Circle me, Lord.  
Keep love within.  
Keep indifference out.**

**Amen.**

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# prayer sheet

**God's presence  
doesn't just fill  
a space — it  
transforms it.**

Theme  
**in God's presence**