



## Prayer During the Day

Lent – Thursday, 26 March 2020

Commemoration of Hilary Monsell, Founder of the Community of St. John the Baptist, 1883

### PREPARATION

O Lord open our lips  
And our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

Hear our voice, o Lord, according to your faithful love  
According to your great abundance give us peace.

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### PRAISE

Blessed are you, God of compassion and mercy,  
To you be praise and glory for ever.

**As your light breaks into a dark world,  
We rejoice in your saving help,**

sustain us with your bountiful Spirit,  
and open our lips to sing your praise

**accepting the comfort of your love and tenderness  
in a confused and scared world.**

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### THE WORD OF GOD

Psalm 86:1-6

- 1 Incline your ear, O Lord, and answer me,  
for I am poor and needy.
- 2 **Preserve my life, for I am devoted to you;  
save your servant who trusts in you.  
You are my God;**
- 3 be gracious to me, O Lord,  
for to you do I cry all day long.

- 4 **Gladden the soul of your servant,  
for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.**
- 5 For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving,  
abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you.
- 6 **Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;  
listen to my cry of supplication.**

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## **WE PRAY TOGETHER**

**May the God who binds up the broken hearted,  
Who proclaims freedom for those held captive by poverty and homelessness,  
And promises to all who mourn his comfort,  
Bless you with beauty for ashes,  
The oil of gladness in place of grief,  
And in place of a spirit of despair,  
A garment of unending praise,  
Through Jesus Christ our lord  
Amen.**

**Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

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## **BIBLE READING**

Hebrews 10:19-24

We have then, my brothers, complete freedom to go into the most holy place by means of the death of Jesus. He opened for us a new way, a living way, through the curtain, that is, his own body. We have a great priest in charge of the house of God. So, let us come near to God with a sincere heart and a sure faith, hearts that have been purified from a guilty conscience and with bodies washed in clear water. Let us hold firmly unto the hope we profess, because we can trust God to keep his promise. Let us be concerned for one another, to help one another show love and to do good.

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## **PRAYERS**

We pray for all working in the NHS and other support services  
For our government, that they make wise decisions  
For the homeless and their needs  
For safety – for our families, for our nation, for our world.

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
Amen.**

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## **THE CONCLUSION**

May God bless us in his great love and mercy and give us peace.  
**Amen.**

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