

**Evening Prayer from the Northumbria Community
for Christian Aid Week**

+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Opening sentences

My soul waits for the Lord
more than those
who watch for the morning,

Call: Out of the depths I have cried to You.

Response: O Lord, hear my voice.

Call: With my whole heart I want to praise You.

Response: O Lord, hear my voice.

Call: If you, Lord, should mark iniquities:

Response: Who could stand? who could stand?

I will wait for the Lord, my soul waits,
and in His word do I hope.

Expressions of faith

Lord, You have always given
bread for the coming day;
and though I am poor,
today I believe.

Lord, You have always given
strength for the coming day;
and though I am weak,
today I believe.

Lord, You have always given
peace for the coming day;
and though of anxious heart,
today I believe.

Lord, You have always kept
me safe in trials;
and now, tried as I am,
today I believe.

Lord, You have always marked
the road for the coming day;
and though it may be hidden,
today I believe.

Lord, You have always lightened
this darkness of mine;
and though the night is here,
today I believe.

Lord, You have always spoken
when time was ripe;
and though you be silent now,
today I believe.

Bible Reading

Christian Aid Reflection

Prayers for others

God our refuge, we come to you with open hands, some of us with hearts full of questions, some of us bruised by bereavement, some of us fearful of what the future holds, all of us stunned by the events of this year.

Draw close to us now in each of our homes as we place our honest questions and hopes into your open, resurrected, yet scarred hands.

silence

God in your mercy, hear our prayer.

With the honesty of the psalmist, the wrestling questions of job, and the lament of the prophets, we bring you our questions in silence

silence

God, in your mercy hear our prayer.

Hear the cry of our hearts lord, silent and aloud, for bereaved neighbours near and far, comfort those who are pained by being apart from others, and hold close those who are hurting.

silence

God in your mercy, hear our prayer.

In this season of Easter, renew us with resurrection hope, knowing that while weeping lingers in the night, joy comes in the morning.

silence

God in your mercy, hear our prayer.

followed by the Christian Aid prayer of the day

Canticle

**In the shadow of Your wings
I will sing Your praises, O Lord.**

The Lord is my light, my salvation;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the refuge of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

**In the shadow of Your wings
I will sing Your praises, O Lord.**

One thing I ask of the Lord,
one thing I seek;
to dwell in the presence of my God,
to gaze on Your holy place.

**In the shadow of Your wings
I will sing Your praises, O Lord.**

I believe I shall see the goodness
of the Lord in the land of the living.
O wait for the Lord!
Have courage and wait,
wait for the Lord.

**In the shadow of Your wings
I will sing Your praises, O Lord.**

Blessing

See that ye be at peace among yourselves
and love one another.
Follow the example of the wise and good
and God will comfort you and help you,
both in this world
and in the world which is to come.

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