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A short act of worship and daily devotions

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You might like to begin your time of worship by listening to (and singing along with) this harvest-hymn of thankfulness.

Hymn: 123 STF – Come, you thankful people, come - [YouTube](#)

Opening Prayers

Find a comfortable position to sit or lie down in.

Take a deep breath in through your nose, and let it out through your mouth

When you are ready, say out loud or in your head...

Lord, I come into your presence

Breathe in...breathe out...

I come just as I am.

Breathe in...breathe out...

I bring everything I have experienced this past week - the things I'm proud of, and the things I wish had been different.

Breathe in...breathe out...

I bring the people that enriched my week, and the people I found it hard to share my week with.

Breathe in...breathe out...

I bring the moments of joy, peace, pride, sorrow, frustration, regret and pain.

Breathe in...breathe out...

I bring my hopes for next week.

Breathe in...breathe out...

I lay all of these things at your feet, and rest in your loving presence.

Amen.¹

You may now wish to say the Lord's prayer in a version or translation with which you are familiar.

Readings: Luke 18:9-14 – [Click for reading](#)

Response to the reading

Today's parable from Luke is set in the context of the teaching on prayer, the positive examples of the persistent widow (Luke 18:1-8) and the core teaching of Jesus and the Lord's prayer (Luke 11).

Both the prayers of the Pharisee and tax collector start with the same word, God, yet this prayer of the Pharisee in the parable is not to God, it is specifically for the hearing of others, and it is to the idol of his own righteousness. He separates

¹ Opening prayers written by Emma Dobson

himself from the community, he is clearly better than those around and he wants those around to know it.

1. How do we respond to the passage today?
2. How are our prayer lives changing the way we are behaving / acting / living?
3. Buying ethically sourced food or goods is often more expensive. How can we encourage each other to this social good in a way that includes everyone, not just those who can afford it?
4. Where are the signs of humility and hope around you?²

Hymn:

367 STF – When I was lost, you came and rescued me - [YouTube](#)

Blessing

Lord of all hopefulness,
Lord of all joy,
Lord of all we have and are,
Inspire me by your Spirit to be a part of your mission.
Amen.³

Prayers and Prayer Pointers for the Week

Monday 24th October

- Pour a glass of water.
- Think about the things you do that get in the way of your relationship with God. You might think it muddies the water of your life, but God forgives us for all these things, and offers us living water.
- Drink some of the water and give thanks for the way God reaches out to you with love and forgiveness.

Tuesday 25th October

- Write a note or a message to a friend with a Bible verse in it that you think might be relevant to your life.
- Tell them you're thinking of them, and pray about them as they receive it.

Wednesday 26th October

- Creator God, great shepherd of the sheep, fill me with your hope as I pray. Holy Spirit, give me the strength and courage for this day, fill me with the peace I need, and the joy of being surrounded by your love. Help me to notice where your love is at work in the world, and to get involved where I can. Lord of love, show me what is mine to do today.
Amen.

² Reflection written by Andy Dye

³ Additional prayers by Tim Baker

Thursday 27th October

- Find something in your house that is symbolic of your faith. Hold it. Give thanks for the journey of faith that God has taken you on in your lifetime. Ask for God to guide you on your onwards journey.

Friday 28th October

- Think about the fruits of the spirit.
- Pick one of them that you don't feel you are very good at, or that needs some intentional work.
- Spend some time praying about this, and then practice it for a whole day in all you do.

Saturday 29th October

- Holy God, today I am thankful. I come in prayer, recognising and remembering this day that all I have received is grace, all is gift. I have received so much, and so often I take it for granted. Today, I come with a thankful heart, knowing how richly blessed I am, and seeking to offer gratitude.
- You might like to list the things you are grateful for – go on as long as you possibly can!
- Thank you God. Amen.