

As we long for peace, for ourselves and the world

"In peace I will lie down and sleep:
for you alone Lord, make me live unafraid"
(Psalm 4)

O God, whose will is to fold both
heaven and earth in a single peace;
let the design of your great love lighten upon
the waste of our wraths and sorrows;
and give peace to your Church,
peace among nations,
peace in our homes,
and peace in our hearts;
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.



"The soul is immediately at one with God, when it is
truly at peace with itself"
(Julian of Norwich)

If you would like to talk to someone about
the things you have brought to God in prayer,
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Or speak to one of our Open Church
Volunteers.

For more prayers please visit our website:
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St Giles'



One Church, One Community

*You will find the book of Psalms almost
halfway through the Bible.*

All other prayers taken or adapted from:
*Contemporary Parish Prayers, Frank Colquhoun;
Prayer for use at the Alternative Services, David Silk;
Jesus Christ - The Way, The Truth, The Life, David Konstant*

The Parish Church of St. Giles, Pontefract.

To help you pray

There has been
a place of
prayer on this
site for over
1000 years.
Over many
centuries
people have
found it a place
of tranquillity and peace. A place to
reflect on things that are important, the
good as well as the bad. A place to
discover God's presence and find
strength and encouragement to deal with
whatever you have to face in the world.



For one reason or another, people
sometimes find that they do not have the
words with which to share their
thoughts with God.

The words printed in this leaflet may
help you to join with the many who have
prayed here over the centuries.

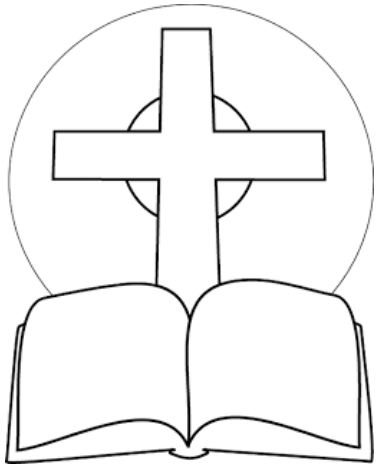
Please take this leaflet to use in the
church or elsewhere.

In times of suffering and hurt

"Hear my cry. O God, listen to my prayer.
You have been my shelter, a tower for refuge.
I will dwell in your tent for ever, and find
shelter in the covering of your wings"

(Psalm 61)

Lord Jesus,
by the loneliness of your suffering on the cross,
be near to all who are desolate,
and in pain and sorrow;
and let your presence transform their sorrow
into comfort,
and their loneliness into fellowship with you;
for the sake of your tender mercy.
Amen.



*God did not say 'You shall not be tempest-tossed,
you shall not be weary, you shall not be
discomforted'. But he said 'You shall not be
overcome'.*

(Julian of Norwich)

When we are sorry for what we have done

"You Lord are a God, gracious and
compassionate, slow to anger, full of goodness
and truth. Turn to me and be merciful"

(Psalm 86)

Almighty, ever-living God,
whose love surpasses
all that we ask or deserve,
open up for us the
Treasures of your mercy.
We have put our hope in you,
but we often lose our way.
Help us to turn to you afresh.
Forgive us all that
weighs on our conscience,
and grant us more
even than we dare to ask.
We make our prayer
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*"Do not be too downcast by the sin which overtakes
you against your will.
The Lord looks on his servant with pity and not with
blame."*

(Julian of Norwich)

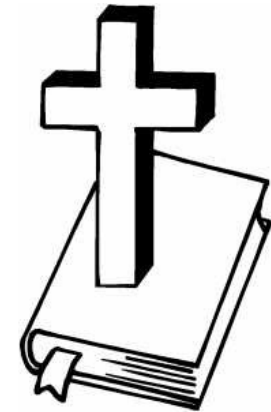


In times of joy and thanksgiving

"I will give you thanks O God with my whole
heart."

(Psalm 138)

We thank you, Father,
for all our joy and all our longing.
You have given us in this
world beauty and love:
you have also given us the ordinary,
necessary things of daily life.
We thank you, Father,
not only for these things
but for the gift of hope,
and for all that reminds us of
your promise of eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



*"Thankfulness and prayer belong together...
The simple enjoyment of our Lord is in itself a most
blessed form of thanksgiving"*

(Julian of Norwich)