

## Crossing the Threshold Prayers

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

**Those who wait for God shall renew their strength**

They shall mount up with wings like eagles;

**They shall run and not be weary**

They shall walk and not faint.

Holy God, you call us together

To reflect on your Word and our life in your world.

Be with us now as we pray together,

That we may hear your voice and understand your way.

This we pray through Jesus, the Christ. **Amen**

**Psalm 133** (from the translation, The Message)

**1 How wonderful, how beautiful, when brothers and sisters get along!**

**2 It's like costly anointing oil flowing down head and beard,**

**Flowing down Aaron's beard, flowing down the collar of his priestly robes.**

**3 It's like the dew on Mount Hermon flowing down the slopes of Zion.**

**Yes, that's where God commands the blessing, ordains eternal life.**

**Glory to God; creator, redeemer and sustainer. Amen**

### Scripture Reading

*The reading appointed for the day is used. This ending may be included*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church

**Thanks be to God**

*Please read the daily reflections then keep some silence*

### The Prayers

#### *Thanksgiving*

We give you our praise and thanks, O Holy God for all the gifts of love we have received and for our life together in Jesus Christ.

We especially give thanks for the generosity and care which have led to the restoration of Launde Abbey and the opening of St Martins House.

We give thanks for the blessings of generosity and care which we have enjoyed down the years in this place.

Give us thankful hearts and inspire us to generous service.

#### *Intercession*

We give thanks O Christ that you crossed the threshold of heaven to give us new life through your cross and resurrection. We ask you to send the Holy Spirit to renew, inspire and heal the church.

We thank you for our life in Christ and for our partnership in the Diocese of Leicester. We pray for both lay and ordained people who share in the leadership of the church across Leicestershire.

We pray especially for Tim and Christopher, our bishops;  
Vivienne, our Dean;  
David and Richard, our Archdeacons,  
and Jonathan, our Diocesan Secretary.

We pray for the ministry of the St Philip's Centre, Leicester Cathedral,  
and especially at this time for Launde Abbey and St Martins House:

### **Launde Abbey Prayer**

Father, here may the faithful find  
salvation and the careless be awakened;  
Here may the doubting find faith  
and the anxious be encouraged;  
Here may the tempted find help  
and the sorrowful comfort;  
Here may the weary find rest  
and the strong be renewed;  
Here may the aged find consolation  
and the young be inspired;  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **St Martins House Prayer**

Lord God,  
St Martin found his purpose by meeting  
the needs of a beggar  
and in doing so, met you.  
We pray for St Martins House and all  
who work there,  
that it may be a place of generous  
and transforming love,  
serving the people  
of this city and county.  
In the name of Christ who offers a  
welcome to all. **Amen**

*Other prayers of concern may follow*

With Jesus, we pray together

**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.**

## Sending Out

*A candle is lit and a bowl of salt is held*

### **Matthew 5:13-15**

“You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

*Each person is invited to receive a pinch of salt on the palm of their hand with these words ‘You are the salt of the earth. You are the light of the world’. Please respond ‘Amen’ and then taste the salt.*

Eternal God,  
you call us to ventures of which we cannot see the ending,  
by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown.  
Give us faith to go out with courage, not knowing where to go,  
But only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us;  
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

*Eric Milner-White*

We proclaim not ourselves but Christ Jesus as Lord  
**And ourselves as your servants for Jesus’ sake**  
For the God who said ‘let light shine out of darkness’  
**Has caused the light to shine within us**  
To give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God  
**In the face of Jesus Christ.**

Let us bless the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

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