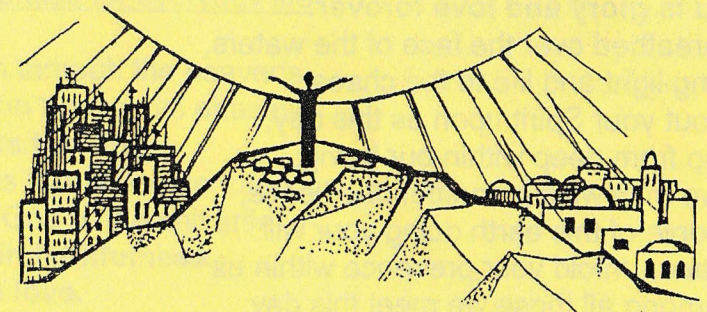


*St. Mary's Chiddingfold*

## Daily Prayers during Lent



*Spirit of the desert,  
you drove Jesus  
to the edge of the world  
to find his truth and calling:  
scour our hearts  
and awaken our hunger  
that freed from empty clinging  
we might find ourselves in you;  
through Jesus Christ,  
the Lord of the wilderness.  
Amen.*



## Opening

The Lord be with you,  
**and also with you.**

Blessed be the name of the Lord  
now and evermore.

From the rising of the sun to its setting  
the Lord's name be praised!

Psalm 113: 2 - 3

Blessed are you, Beloved our God,  
**in you is glory and love forever.**

You breathed over the face of the waters,  
bringing light and life to the chaos.

Pour out your Spirit upon us this day,  
well up from deep within our being,

that we may walk in trustful obedience,  
as people of this earth doing your will.

By grace, unfold your presence within us

and among all those we meet this day,

Giver of Life, Bearer of Pain, Creator of love:

**Blessed be the Living One for ever.**

## A prayer of connectedness

Reaching downwards and delving,  
**we are rooted in our true ground.**

Reaching upwards and yearning,  
**we adore the One who is beyond us.**

By admitting the truth,  
**we enter life by the narrow gate.**

Opening our arms wide to welcome our neighbour,  
**we forgive to seventy times seven.**

Reaching backwards into the past,  
**we absorb what is good and are thankful.**

Reaching forward into the future,  
**we give of ourselves in trust.**

Becoming still in the present,  
**we rest in the silence of being.**

## Bible reading(s)

### Time of reflection

*a meditation or other reading, or a piece of music  
may follow here.*

## A psalm of praise for everyday life

Like the sun through the heavens,  
and the moon through its phases,  
like the rivers that flow,

and the seas that welcome them,  
so are you, God of the universe,  
**persistent in faithfulness,  
constant in love.**

Like the humble of heart,  
and the kindly of soul,  
like the ones who forgive  
and are no longer bitter,  
so are you, God of compassion,  
**persistent in faithfulness,  
constant in love.**

You hear the cry of the afflicted,  
you listen to the howl of the lonely,  
you continually search for the lost,  
you heal the hurt of the wounded,  
for you are a God of yearning,  
**persistent in faithfulness,  
constant in love.**



You gladden the human heart,  
you lift the burdens of the oppressed,  
you give new hope to the despairing,  
you reach to the depths of the grave,  
for you are a God of rejoicing,  
**persistent in faithfulness,  
constant in love.**

Abiding is your love,  
enduring is your patience,  
everlasting are your truths,  
eternal is your glory,  
O God, for you are our God,  
**persistent in faithfulness,  
constant in love.**

#### Intercessions

*Prayers follow for the needs of the world, for our local community,  
and for those we know who are in any particular need at this time.*

*A time of quiet is kept for those present to offer their own prayers,  
either in silence or aloud.*

**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.**

#### Proceeding

In our hearts and our homes, the love of God;  
in our coming and going, the peace of God;  
in our life and believing, the strength of God;  
at our end and beginning, the welcome of God.

May God's blessing be upon us and all those we love,  
this day and always. **Amen.**