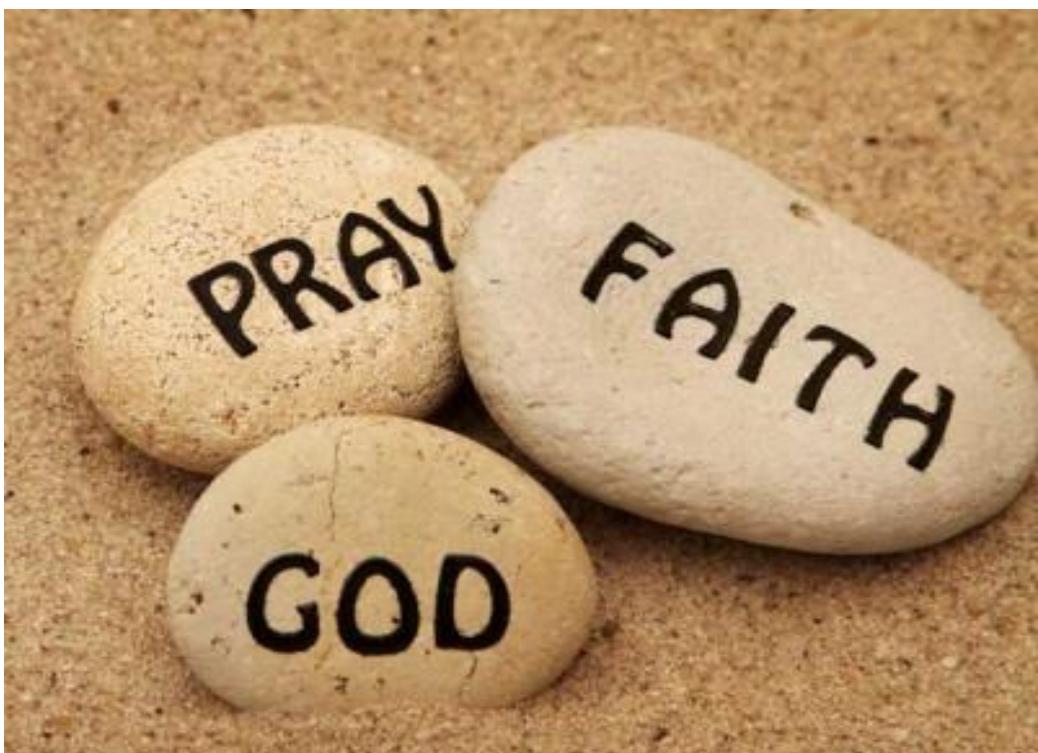


Daily Prayer Guide



*A suggestion of an alternative
way for your daily prayers*

Daily Prayer

Dear friends,

You may already know that as a deacon, I am a member of what is sometimes referred to as ‘a dispersed religious order’. This means that although members might be far apart geographically, we still have a sense of identity and belonging, a mutual responsibility, a shared life of prayer, a common calling and a lifelong commitment, for the sake of the kingdom of God. It is this shared life of prayer which not only connects us as deacons, but which helps to strengthen our faith and relationship with God and sustains our ministry. The Daily Prayer plays an important part in this.

Current circumstances have temporarily dispersed us as a church fellowship, meaning that we are unable to meet in the usual way, but we remain connected to each other, particularly through our shared life of prayer. With this in mind, I have adapted the Daily Prayer of the Methodist Diaconal Order as an additional devotional resource for you to use if you would like to. In addition, if you haven’t tried this before, you could create a simple ‘sacred space’ in your home. This could consist of a small table, a cross, a Bible, your favourite devotional book, a candle... whatever helps you to create a special place for prayer and time with God. The Daily Prayer is flexible and adaptable, and you don’t have to use it all every day. There is also space for your own prayers.

*Deacon Elizabeth Harfleet
Adapted from the MDO Daily Prayer
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Pause for a moment, so that all your senses calm and your thoughts settle.....

Prayer of Adoration

Eternal God,
you are the source of all life,
the fount of all wisdom, the wellspring of all grace.

Your days are without end,
your loving mercies without number.
I depend on you and remember your goodness to me,
and to those who have gone before.

Your story has been told in every generation:
the Lord Jesus Christ lived among us,
full of grace and truth,
revealing your tender mercy,
he healed the sick, comforted the broken and lost.
In humility he washed the feet of his disciples,
calling us to follow his example as one who serves.

You are my God,
ahead of me, leading me,
guiding me and calling me;
you are the Lord God,
the all-wise, the all-compassionate,
And I lift my heart in worship
today and for ever.

Amen.

Space for Prayers of Confession

Space for Prayers for Others and for Ourselves

Take time to reflect and pray for the world, which God made and loves
For the Prime Minister and all those in local and national government
For leaders and governments around the world
For the Church, local and worldwide
For church ministers and those with leadership roles and responsibilities
For the emergency services and all working in caring professions
For all those affected around the world by the Coronavirus
For situations in the news today
For important issues which don't make the headlines
For those amongst whom you live and work
For those who are ill or in special need
For those who are close to you
For the prayers which are on your heart.....
For your own needs for today

Space for a Bible reading of your choice and a time of reflection

Closing Prayer

Creator God,
as with all your creation
I offer you the life of this day.
Give me grace to love and serve you
to the praise of Jesus Christ the Lord.
Amen.