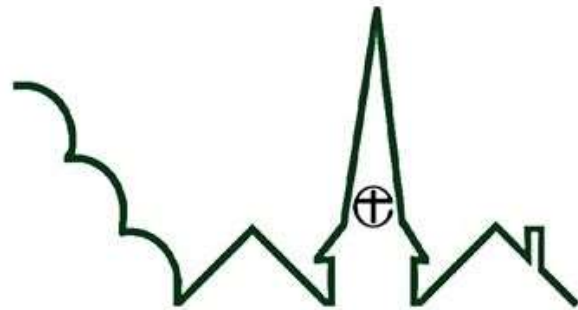


# Praying Together



St Michael's Boldmere



**ST. MICHAEL**

WHO IS LIKE GOD?

Sharing prayer in common with our companions in Christ is a fruitful thing to do. We may not always be able to meet up with our particular community of people who follow in the way of Jesus. By using these prayers we can know that we are praying together through Lent.

These are short, simple and profound prayers to be used in the morning, at mid-day, the evening and at night. We may choose to use just the prayers for one or two particular times of the day. We may choose to use all four sets of prayers. We may use them every day or for some of the days in Lent and Holy Week. Use them as you will but aim to be disciplined and committed to their use. At the same time, don't fret if you miss a time or day. Simply get back on the prayer bike.

The Lord's prayer and the special prayer for St Michael have also been included for use if you wish. There is a place to write the names of three people that you would like to hold before God during Lent. There are some short Bible readings for each day of the week to use also.

This prayer is to be held in common by the people of St Michael's Church during Lent and Holy Week. You may like to continue to use the prayers beyond that time. You may like to use the prayers with other people if you are with them.

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# Morning Prayer



The night has passed, and the day lies open before us; let us pray with one heart and mind. (Pause for silent prayer).

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,  
so may the light of your presence, O God,  
set our hearts on fire with love for you;  
now and for ever. Amen.

As the sun was rising, Jesus stood at the water's edge...the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' (John 21:4,7)

Christ be with me, Christ within me,  
Christ behind me, Christ before me  
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,  
Christ to comfort and restore me.  
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,  
Christ in hearts of all that love me  
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger. (St Patrick).

This is the day that the Lord has made.  
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

# *Mid-day Prayer*

On the cross, our Lord offered himself to the Father for the whole world. So, at the foot of his cross, we join our prayers with his.

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you  
Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Holy God, Holy and Strong  
Holy and immortal,  
Have mercy on us.

*Trace the pattern of this cross*

Almighty Father, look with mercy on  
this your family  
for which our Lord Jesus Christ was  
content to be betrayed  
and was given up into the hands of the wicked  
and to suffer death upon the cross;  
who is alive and glorified with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.



May the life giving cross  
be the source of all our joy and peace. Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

# *Evening Prayer*

That this evening may be holy, good and peaceful, let us pray with one heart and mind. (Pause for silent prayer.)

As our evening prayer rises before you, O God,  
so may your mercy come down upon us  
to cleanse our hearts  
and set us free to sing your praise  
now and for ever.  
Amen.

Each day Jesus was teaching at the temple, and each evening he went out to spend the night on the hill called the Mount of Olives, and all the people came early in the morning to hear him at the temple. (Luke 21:37,38)



Into your hands, O Lord,  
we place all whom we  
have met this day;  
and our families, our neighbours,  
and our sisters and brothers in Christ  
enfold them in your will.

Lighten our darkness, Lord, we pray;  
and in your mercy defend us  
from all perils and dangers of this night;  
for the love of your only Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

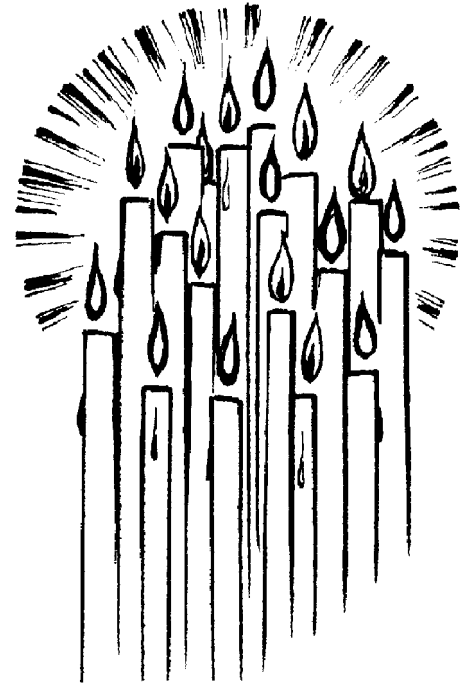
# Night Prayer

You, O Lord, are in the midst of us and  
we are called by your name; leave us  
not, O Lord our God (Jeremiah 14:9)

Keep watch, dear Lord,  
with those who wake, or watch,  
or weep this night,  
and give your angels charge  
over those who sleep.  
Tend the sick,  
give rest to the weary,  
sustain the dying, calm the suffering,  
and pity the distressed;  
and all for your love's sake. Amen.

In peace we will lie down and sleep;  
For you alone, Lord, make us dwell in safety.  
Abide with us, Lord Jesus,  
For the night is at hand and the day is now past.  
As the night-watch looks for the morning,  
So do we look for you, O Christ.

May God's love surround us,  
God's joy fill our lives,  
God's peace be in our hearts,  
and God's blessing be with us  
this night and always.  
Amen.



# *Bible Readings for Lent*

**Sunday:** If we have been united with Jesus in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.  
(Romans 6:3-5)

**Monday:** Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love..  
(Joel 2:12-14)

**Tuesday:** Athletes exercise a self-control in all things; they do it to receive a perishable garland, but we an imperishable one.  
(1 Corinthians 9:24-end)

**Wednesday:** Who will rescue me from this body of death?  
Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!  
(Romans 7:21-25a)

**Thursday:** Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to let the oppressed go free...to share your bread with the hungry and to bring the homeless poor into your house;  
(Isaiah 58:6-9a)

**Friday:** When you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your alms may be done in secret  
(Matthew 6:1-4)

**Saturday:** Jesus entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. (Luke 10:38-end)

# *Extra Prayers*

## **Collect Prayer for St Michael and All Angels**

Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted the ministries of angels and mortals in a wonderful order: grant that as your holy angels always serve you in heaven, so, at your command, they may help and defend us on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come; thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

## **During Lent I hold these people before God in prayer**

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