



LAST WORDS *from the* CROSS



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LITURGY & PRAYERS FOR WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

“How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!
My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.
Even the sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young,
at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise.”

FROM: PSALM 84:1-4, COVENANT BOOK OF WORSHIP

A LENTEN PRAYER

Praise to you, great God, for the privilege of knowing the long story of promise and fulfillment of your salvation plan. For the journey—with its places of startling vision and tough wilderness—we are encouraged that you have watched our travel as one both holding and guiding. Now give this time of worship both a view of your glory and a reminder of our place in the world, through Jesus Christ our friend and Saviour. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

God is in control and has a great purpose in mind for you....a plan that will prosper you and not harm you. Thank you, Lord, for your love and care for each one. Please keep those that have been in contact with the COVID-19 virus safe through this time. Put a hedge of protection around each one and give them strength and peace. Amen.

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your Kingdom come. Your 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 that trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

I am choosing to believe that you are the God who is always in control. Today, in this moment, even when things don't seem to be going the way I'd like, I will trust that you know what's best for me. Amen.

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you, the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace, now and forever. Amen.

God loves you, and so do I!

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

What is something you noticed for the first time?

What questions did you have?

Was there anything that bothered you?

What did you learn about loving God?

What did you learn about loving others?

Have there been any times when you have felt “forsaken” by God?

Have there been times when God has felt distant to you? What was that like?
How did that feel?

What were ways that you were reminded of God’s love for you?

What are the times when God has felt especially close to you?