

Call to Worship:

**Be still for the presence of the Lord
The holy one is here
Come bow before him now
With reverence and fear
In him no sin is found
We stand on holy ground
Be still for the presence of the Lord
The holy one is here**

**Be still for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around
He burns with holy fire
With splendour he is crowned
How awesome is the sight
Our radiant king of light
Be still for the glory of the Lord
Is shining all around**

**Be still for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place
He comes to cleanse and heal
To minister his grace
No work to hard for him
In faith receive from him
Be still for the power of the Lord
Is moving in this place**

Psalm 146

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!
I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God all my life long.
Do not put your trust in princes,
in mortals, in whom there is no help.
When their breath departs, they return to the
earth;
on that very day their plans perish.
Happy are those whose help is the God of
Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord their God,
who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them;
who keeps faith for ever; who executes
justice for the oppressed;
who gives food to the hungry.
The Lord sets the prisoners free;
the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.
The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
the Lord loves the righteous.
The Lord watches over the strangers;
he upholds the orphan and the widow,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.
The Lord will reign for ever,
your God, O Zion, for all generations.
Praise the Lord!

Prayers

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!
I will praise the Lord as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God all my life long

God of flowing rivers and desert wilderness
God of bustling city and still meadow
We come to worship you

Your overflowing imagination
created everything that exists
and saw that it was good

Your endless love
holds each person
longing for us to become our true selves
full of your grace and truth

Your boundless Spirit
breathes life into each one of us
life full of boundless possibilities
full of the riches of joy and grief
of challenge and rest.

Your bottomless grace
seeks to heal and restore
to bring forgiveness and restoration
until we are truly at one with ourselves, each
other and you.

May all that we are praise you
our every breath express your life and love
Amen

Isaiah 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,
and rejoice with joy and singing.
The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.
They shall see the glory of the Lord,
the majesty of our God.
Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.
Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
'Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God.
He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.
He will come and save you.'
Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for
joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
 and streams in the desert;
 the burning sand shall become a pool,
 and the thirsty ground springs of water;
 the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
 the grass shall become reeds and rushes
 A highway shall be there,
 and it shall be called the Holy Way;
 the unclean shall not travel on it,
 but it shall be for God's people; no
 traveller, not even fools, shall go astray.
 No lion shall be there,
 nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;
 they shall not be found there,
 but the redeemed shall walk there.
 And the ransomed of the Lord shall return,
 and come to Zion with singing;
 everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
 they shall obtain joy and gladness,
 and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Meditation

**You give rest to the weary,
 you bring strength to the weak;
 as they wait in your presence,
 there is grace for their need.
 So I'll wait, I'll wait,
 yes, I'll wait, I'll wait for you.**

**I will say of the Lord, 'He is my refuge.'
 I will say of the Lord, 'He is my strength.'
 I will say of the Lord, 'He is my shelter,
 my hiding place.'**

**You can come in the silence;
 you can come in the noise.
 Bringing peace in a moment,
 bringing comfort and joy.
 So I'll wait, I'll wait,
 yes, I'll wait, I'll wait for you.**

**I will say of the Lord, 'He is my refuge.'
 I will say of the Lord, 'He is my strength.'
 I will say of the Lord, 'He is my shelter,
 my hiding place.'**

**I will come to the source of all creation;
 I will drink from the well that never dries.
 I will draw from the One who won't grow
 tired,
 the Lord of all.**

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Prayers

God of dry desert and flowing streams
 God with us in our energy and strength
 and our weakness and exhaustion
 God of our hope and our doubt
 present in joy and sorrow
 We bring you our prayers
 knowing that you hear
 our words and our silences

We pray for this world
 in its beauty and magnificence
 its brokenness and damage
 We pray for those who seek to bring healing to
 our environment
 to clean our seas and air
 .We pray that we will learn to live gently on this
 earth

We pray for this world
 You have created all people and declared us
 your masterpieces
 May we see each other through your eyes
 Value each other as people of unique and
 boundless worth.
 May we work with you to heal the centuries of
 harm we have done to each other through
 racism, intolerance, violence and hatred

We pray for all people
 remembering those who live in fear
 of violence, intolerance, war or oppression

remembering all who are anxious or fearful
 about what tomorrow will bring
 those who have lost jobs or have no income
 those who are homeless
 those who wonder how they will feed their
 children or themselves

remembering all who are ill and those who
 watch over them
 those who bring care and healing

remembering those whose decisions will effect
 the lives of millions: our governments and local
 governments; leaders of industry and
 business; and leaders of health services

and remembering those who have asked for
 our prayers

The Lord's Prayer

A time of Quiet Prayer for God's Healing