

Prayer During Lent Week beginning Sunday 28 February 2021

O Lord, open our lips and our mouth shall proclaim your praise. Hear our voice, O Lord, according to your faithful love, according to your judgement give us life.

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 forever. Amen

Jesus, like a mother you gather your people to you; you are gentle with us as a mother with her children. Despair turns to hope through your sweet goodness; through your gentleness we find comfort in fear. Your warmth gives life to the dead, your touch makes sinners righteous. Lord Jesus, in your mercy heal us; in your love and tenderness remake us. In your compassion bring grace and forgiveness, for the beauty of heaven may your love prepare us

Anselm (1109)

Frances Ridley Haverga was an English religious poet and hymn writer. Arguably this is her most well-known work. In 1851 she wrote: "I committed my soul to the Saviour, and earth and heaven seemed brighter from that moment."

Read/Sing this hymn. Let it flow over you. Use the words as prayer. Let God touch your heart and move you again to commit yourself to Christ. Maybe earth and heaven will seem brighter for you too:

Take my life, and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to Thee; Take my moments and my days, Let them flow in ceaseless praise,

Take my hands, and let them move At the impulse of Thy love; Take my feet and let them be Swift and beautiful for Thee,

Take my voice, and let me sing Always, only, for my King; Take my lips, and let them be Filled with messages from Thee,

Take my silver and my gold; Not a mite would I withhold; Take my intellect, and use Every power as Thou shalt choose,

Take my will, and make it Thine; It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart; it is Thine own; It shall be Thy royal throne,

Take my love; my Lord, I pour At Thy feet its treasure-store. Take myself, and I will be Ever, only, all for Thee,

Reading: Romans 6. 3-5

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his Spend some time in reflection, what do you feel this passage means and is saying to you today?

(On line- interview with Andy Broom. Archdeacon of East Riding)

Song: (On line)

Breathe on me, Holy One Come reveal Your wonder now Open wide my eyes to see There's so much more

Jesus, You are where it all begins Your beauty calls me deeper in

Stir a passion in my heart, God Let it overflow Let it overflow

Let it rise, let it rise Holy fire burn inside Let it rise, let it rise All for Jesus

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Prayers

For your holy people, that we may triumph over evil and grow in grace,

we pray to you, O Lord:

For the leaders of the nations, that you will guide them in the ways of mercy and truth,

we pray to you, O Lord:

For the needy, that they may not be forgotten, nor the hope of the poor be taken away,

we pray to you, O Lord:

For the sick in body, mind and spirit, that they may know your power to heal,

we pray to you, O Lord:

For the poor in spirit, that they may inherit the kingdom of heaven and see you face to face,

we pray to you, O Lord:

Let us commend the world, for which Christ suffered, to the mercy and protection of God.

Amen.

Trusting in the compassion of God, let us pray with confidence as Jesus taught us -

May God our Redeemer show us compassion and love. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

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