

Questions for reflection

- Why is there a need to share?
- What are the best things about joining together with your church community?
- What would you share with them?



Live your faith

Write yourself a note to remind you either to give something away or share something with someone else. It doesn't need to be a big or expensive gift, just generous.

A prayer for others

Lord, today, we pray for people who have little or nothing: for those who feel trapped in their situation, and can't see the bigger picture, or even any tiny glimmer of light.

We pray for people who are hungry: for parents who struggle to feed their children, and themselves.

We thank you for the work of food banks, and pray that they would have the resources to continue to meet so many needs.

We pray that you would give us an appreciation of our food: the work that goes into producing and distributing it. Teach us not to be wasteful, but to preserve and pass on the goodness of your earth. Amen.

A personal prayer

Lord, a new week lies ahead of me and I don't really know what it will bring.

Help me to be aware of people around me who are struggling in any way.

May I be sensitive to their needs and seek your wisdom as I come alongside them.

I want to be there for them, Lord, bearing your blessing. Amen.



Wesley Methodist Church

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Newsletter: Sunday 9th August 2020

Weekly Feature – Favourite Hymns – Evening Hymn

The day you gave us, Lord, is ended,
the darkness falls at your behest;
to you our morning hymns ascended,
your praise shall sanctify our rest.

As o'er each continent and island
the dawn leads on another day,
the voice of prayer is never silent,
nor dies the strain of praise away.

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Keep Safe – God Bless

Questions for reflection

- Does this image speak more of faith or doubt?
- What step/leap of faith have you taken recently?
- Are we too risk-averse in living the Gospel?



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Encourage everyone to take a risk this week (NB within current social distancing guidelines). For example, they might say 'Hello' to someone they 'know' but have never spoken to; or make an apology that is overdue.

A prayer for others

Lord God, we come before you to pray for all those people for whom taking risks is a way of life.

We pray for our emergency services – paramedics, the police, the fire service – all who daily face difficult situations as they seek to help to protect us and make our world a safer and more peaceful place.

We pray for people who work in troubled areas – the armed forces in war zones, those who bring humanitarian aid into areas of natural disaster, and many more.

We pray for people who take risks in your name, Lord Jesus – those who take your word where it is most needed – and for people who grapple with faith and doubt.

Lord, reveal yourself to them all and keep them safe. Amen.

A personal prayer

O Lord my God, you are worthy to be praised.

You are the Son of God who walks on water, who mesmerises huge crowds with powerful words, but who also calms a frightened Peter – and you calm me and give me peace. Thank you, Lord. Amen