

Jenny Murphy has shared these
Midday Prayers from MU:
Security in God's Word



**The Word of God is alive and active.
Sharper than any double-edged sword,
It penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and
marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.**

Hebrews 4:12

Your Word is the light we see,
a guide for our footsteps to where
you are found.

Your Word is the strength we find
when darkness threatens to
overwhelm.

Your Word is the power we need
to become servants of a Heavenly King.

Your Word is the reason we live
in the sure knowledge you are everything.

**We thank God for the power of His Word,
which is living and active in our lives;
which fills us with his strength and light, and directs our
steps through every circumstance of life. Amen,**

Whatever our life holds, if certainties prove false,
we are upheld by the Word of God
and his infinite steadfastness.



***We would love to hear from you with favourite prayers
and reflections that are important to you. Please send
them to dawn@walmsleyparish.org***

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**Prayers for w/c 24 January:
THIRD SUNDAY of EPIPHANY**



THE COLLECT FOR THIS SUNDAY:

**Almighty God,
whose Son
revealed in signs
and miracles the
wonder of your
saving presence:
renew your people
with your heavenly
grace, and in all
our weakness
sustain us by your
mighty power;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**



A prayer from John Evans:

***For God so loved the world ...the gift of Jesus
...the grace of God.***

**Almighty God: our loving, heavenly Father,
We thank you for Your Word, the risen Word,
contained in the Holy Bible.**

**We thank You for the joy and peace it brings to our hearts
and minds at these difficult times ~ a comfort to us all;
a reassurance of Your love towards us.**

**We thank You for Your grace in sending Jesus, Your Son.
Your gift to us. Amen.**

***"By grace are Ye saved. It is the gift of God, not of works,
lest any man should boast."* [Ephesians 2:8-9]**

These prayers have been written by Angie Foster, who would have been giving them in Christ Church this week:

Let us pray, for this is the day that the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. We give thanks to the Lord for the season of Epiphany and to try and put our differences aside and work together in unity. At this time, we remember and pray for the Church in Bangladesh and in our deanery we pray for St. Anne's, Turton with St. James.

Lord, graciously hear us.

We pray for those in all walks of public life, particularly politicians at this time of economic difficulty. Guide and give wisdom to those in authority that they may seek justice and fairness for all, particularly the weak and the vulnerable, those who have no voice and those who have lost those things that they hold dear. Give faith, hope and love to those who desire what you promise and do what you command.

Lord, graciously hear us.

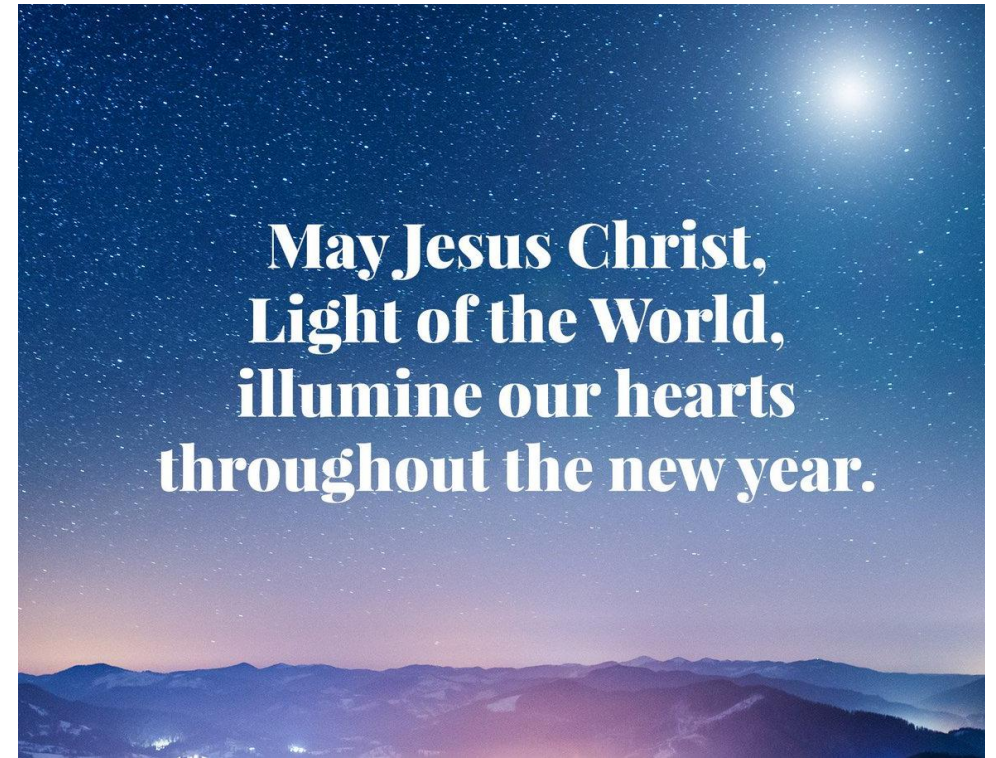
Loving Father we give thanks for the local community especially the old, who maybe lonely and isolated, our young people and their lost opportunities for learning. Give all of us your support and blessing; give guidance, encouragement, determination and patience when there are problems to solve and difficulties to overcome so that we may be able to fulfil our potential.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, his mercy endures forever. We pray for those in our own Parish who need God's mercy and we give thanks for those who care and look after them.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Almighty Father you gave your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for us. Be also our Merciful Father and ***accept these prayers, for the sake of Your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.***



**May Jesus Christ,
Light of the World,
illumine our hearts
throughout the new year.**

Almighty Father, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world:

may Your people, illumined by Your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of His glory, that He may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth;

for He is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen.

Beautiful daily words from Bill Braviner in his [#MorningPrayer](#):
Fill us with Your grace, that we may love one another as You love us ... Amen

In your incarnation Lord, love is born of love, to bring your love to birth in our hearts and lives. Fill us with your grace, that we may love one another as you love us, seeing your image in all people, striving for justice and the common good, shining your light.