

Prayer is not doing, but being. It is not just words but the beyond-words experience of coming into the presence of something much greater than oneself.” Kathleen Norris

O Mighty, Sovereign, Creator God, as the Bible says, “Who is like you, O Lord? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in splendor, working wonders?” Yes, O God, when we come to you in prayer, when we pause to actually think about Who we are talking to, we know that we are in the presence of one who is much greater than ourselves. And when we think of your greatness – of your power, your love, your mystery and majesty, we are humbled. For we know our place before you. And in our humility, we are reminded that we have not always fulfilled your desire for us and for the way we are to live. We have strayed, we have been apathetic, we have let pressures and people get to us, and we have felt our own needs and desires to be most important. But in your presence, we must face the fact that it is not all about us. That while you do love and care for each one of us so intimately, you love and care equally for all your world. And your call to us, is to love you and to love one another. Even when it is difficult, even when it is inconvenient, even when it takes work and sacrifice. For you love us always, even when we are difficult, even when we are unlovable, and you gave the ultimate sacrifice – your life, for our salvation. And so may we have eyes that see beyond, and hearts that reach beyond our own concerns and daily duties and issues of life. And see the world and the people around us through your lens. And may we do all we can to live as the Bible says, “ Do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with your God.”

Lord, we come humbly before you with our prayers for others as well as ourselves. For those who need healing, of both body and mind. For those who need hope in life, feeling so desperate, they find it easier to escape through drugs or alcohol. For those in other countries, where situations are tragic, and it is so easy for the rest of the world to turn a blind eye – like the Rohingya Refugee crisis. For those who need to know you care and that you are present. And we pray for those of us, whom you have asked to be your instruments of love and hope and justice. May we be an answer to pray for others around us.

Silent Prayer

Lord’s Prayer