**Morning Prayer 24.11.24**

“I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in his word I put my hope.” *Psalm 130:5*

 **Opening Sentences**

O Lord open our lips **and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us; let us pray with one heart and mind.

*Pause for reflection as you offer the day to God.*

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 for ever. **Amen**.

**Song – Guardian**

You are God our great defender

Strong in love forever faithful

We are Yours and we will trust in You

*You go before me…*

King of love and grace my Guardian

All my hopes and fears are in Your hands

I'm in Your hands

Where You go I'll go show me the way

Ev'ry step I take be now my guide

God on my side

*You go before me*

*You're there beside me*

*And if I wander Love will find me*

*Goodness and mercy will always follow*

*You go before me my Guardian*

When I hear You say trust and obey

I will walk by faith and not by sight

God of my life

So let Your kingdom come Your will be done

All Your promises will stand forever

You're my defender

*You go before me…*

**Bible Reading – Jeremiah 29: 11-14**

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, I will let you find me, says the Lord, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, says the Lord, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

**Bible reading – John 14: 15-20**

‘If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever.This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

‘I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

**Talk**

**Prayers**

*In our prayers we will pray for the world, the church, our local community, and for those who are in need.*

*At the end of each section, we say:*

Lord in Your mercy

**hear our prayer.**

*And at the end:*

Merciful Father,

**accept these prayers**

**for the sake of your Son,**

**our Saviour Jesus Christ.**

**Amen**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

**Our Father in heaven,**

**hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come,**

**your will be done,**

**on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,**

**and the glory are yours,**

**now and for ever.**

**Amen**

**News**

**Conclusion**

The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil, and keep us in eternal life.
**Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.
**Thanks be to God.**

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