



A MOMENT WITH GOD
February 2025

Join in and join up
TOGETHER

Father, Lord of all creation

sung by St Martin's Voices

Stewart Cross (1928-1989)

Father, Lord of all Creation,
Ground of Being, Life and Love;
height and depth beyond description
only life in you can prove:
you are mortal life's dependence:
thought, speech, sight are ours by grace;
yours is every hour's existence,
sovereign Lord of time and space.

Jesus Christ, the Man for Others,
we, your people, make our prayer:
help us love as sisters, brothers,
all whose burdens we can share.
Where your name binds us together
you, Lord Christ, will surely be;
where no selfishness can sever
there your love the world may see.

Holy Spirit, rushing, burning
wind and flame of Pentecost,
fire our hearts afresh with yearning
to regain what we have lost.
May your love unite our action,
nevermore to speak alone:
God, in us abolish faction,
God, through us your love make known.

A Prayer for Growing Together

from The Diocese of Edinburgh

God, our Father,
you call us by your Spirit
to Grow Together in your Son;
make us one in heart and mind,
generous in giving,
faithful in serving,
and bold in proclaiming the
hope of a world made new;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

Bible reading: from Corinthians 13: 11-12

The Living Bible

Be happy. Grow in Christ. Pay attention to what I have said. Live in harmony and peace.
And may the God of love and peace be with you. Greet each other warmly in the Lord.

Reflection

John Birch

Show me Lord, how to love my neighbour.
Not the one I get on really well with,
go for a drink and enjoy time out with.
Not the one I see at church each week,
who sees the world as I do, generally.
Not the one who lives along the street
with whom I share my thoughts about the weather.

Show me Lord, how to love the neighbour I avoid,
the one I struggle with,
whose views and outlook on life I disagree with,
whose lifestyle seems so different from mine.

Show me Lord, how, as you loved others,
including even one such as me,
so I can hold out these hands of friendship and love
to all who in your eyes are neighbours,
your children, truly loved by you.

For all who struggle to find their identity
in a world that tries, often without success,
to find a suitable box in which to fit them,
grant them courage
to become the people you want them to be,
not constrained by this world's wisdom
but allowed to grow and become themselves
in your Spirit's power.

A new commandment

a setting of Jesus' words in John 13:34-35

It has been attributed to Roy Crabtree

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A new commandment I give unto you,
That you love one another as I have loved you,
That you love one another as I have loved you.

By this shall all mankind know you are my disciples,
If you have love one for another.

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Prayers

Jan Bird and Tessa Wilkinson

Creative Ideas for Evening Prayer

We thank you, God, for the millions of gifts
that you give to each one of us.

May we use them to your glory.

We thank you, God, for our many communities: family, church,
workplace, clubs, school . . .

We pray that we will be bearers of your light to each group
we are involved in.

May we shine as a light in your world

We pray for the many communities that are broken and fragmented
by hatred and disharmony.

May we bring your peace.

We hold out to God all those who are not aware
of being a member of any community
because of isolation and loneliness.

May we bring your love to them.

We hold out to God all those who are in our community
but who would we would prefer not to notice,
or who we would prefer not to be there.

May our eyes be opened to see them as our fellow brothers and sisters and as God's precious children.

We thank God for this community of which we are part
and for the many gifts we have between us.

We pray we will use them to the glory of God.

Amen.

Mary Sumner's personal prayer

All this day, O Lord,
let me touch as many lives as possible for thee;
and every life I touch, do thou by thy spirit quicken,
whether through the word I speak,
the prayer I breathe,
or the life I live.

Amen

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Blessing

May the Spirit of God be in you,
wisdom and understanding keep you,
the power of God encircle you,
God's truth lead you into freedom;
and the blessing of God, almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among us and remain with us always.

Amen

Margaret Shewring

Forth in the peace of Christ we go

sung by St Martin's Voices

Forth in the peace of Christ we go;
Christ to the world with joy we bring;
Christ in our minds, Christ on our lips,
Christ in our hearts, the world's true King.

King of our hearts, Christ makes us kings;
kingship with him, his servants gain;
with Christ, the Servant-Lord of all,
Christ's world we serve to share Christ's reign.

Priests of the world, Christ sends us forth
this world of time to consecrate,
our world of sin by grace to heal,
Christ's world in Christ to re-create.

Prophets of Christ, we hear his Word;
he claims our minds, to search his ways;
he claims our lips, to speak his truth;
he claims our hearts, to sing his praise.

We are his Church, he makes us one;
here is one hearth for all to find;
here is one flock, one Shepherd-King;
here is one faith, one heart, one mind.

James Quinn (1919-2010)

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