



This is a time of **Independent Prayer** – please stay for as long or as short a time as you wish and please use it just as you wish. The material here is just some ideas

<p>Prayers</p> <p>A prayer of praise and thanksgiving (taken from Roots) God, your wisdom draws us in. It is the bright sun in the morning, and the soft moon of night. Your wisdom is the dawn and the dusk, the kind opening and gentle closing. We praise you for all your wisdom gives: strength for continuation; hope for consolation; courage for perseverance; joy for the journey, and love for all time. Amen.</p> <p>From the Methodist Church Prayer Handbook Lord, for the days we could just stay in bed, For the days we can't settle to sleep For the days when the world seems to have too many problems For the days when we are filled with the joy of creation, We give thanks that, whatever our mood, you are there with us Amen <i>By Hilary Evans, President of Methodist Women in Britain</i></p>	<p>Bible verses</p> <p>St John's Gospel – Chapter 10 ⁹ I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. ¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.</p> <p>Psalm 8 ³ When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; ⁴ what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them? ⁵ Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honour.</p>
<p>Hymns</p> <p>Verse 3 of Hymn 51 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my father.</p> <p>Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!</p> <p>Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; all I have needed thy hand hath provided. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.</p>	<p>Hymn 322 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds</p> <p>1 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds in a believer's ear! It soothes our sorrows, heals our wounds, and drives away our fear.</p> <p>2 It makes the wounded spirit whole and calms the troubled breast; 'tis manna to the hungry soul, and to the weary, rest.</p>

Some prayer suggestions

Pray for the world: our neighbours, those we don't like, and those we fear. For peace and justice throughout Creation.

Pray for the church: both locally and globally. What are the needs and challenges? What are our opportunities to serve God and the world?

Pray for ourselves: for our family and friends – for those we love. For strength and perseverance.