

# Diocese of Elphin



Scripture Sharing Group  
Prayer Resource



Reader 5: You were born to die for our sins: at our death  
may we be born into your life.  
R/ Be born in us, Lord.

Leader: I invite you to pray aloud any prayer of praise,  
thanksgiving or petition that is in your heart  
this morning / evening.

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Leader: Following our Lord's teaching, let us say  
with faith and trust:

All: Our Father ...

### **Concluding Prayer**

Leader: Clear a pathway, Lord, in our hearts  
to make ready for your only Son,  
so that when he comes we may serve  
you in sincerity of heart.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
your Son, who lives and reigns with  
you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Leader: The Lord bless us, and keep us from all evil,  
and bring us to everlasting life.

All: Amen.

Leader: Let us bless the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

### ***Introduction***

Leader: O God, come to our aid.

All: O Lord, make haste to help us.

Leader: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the  
Holy Spirit:

All: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall  
be, world without end. Amen. Alleluia.

### ***An Advent Hymn*** *(everyone)*

Creator of the stars of night  
the people's everlasting light,  
Redeemer, Saviour of us all  
O hear your servants when they call.

As once through Mary's flesh you came  
to save us from our sin and shame,  
so now, Redeemer, by your grace,  
come heal again our fallen race.

And when on that last judgement day  
we rise to glory from decay,  
then come again, O saviour blest,  
and bring us to eternal rest.

To God the Father, God the Son,  
and God the Spirit, three in one,  
Praise, honour, might and glory be  
from age to age eternally.

### ***Psalmody***

*(with the group dividing in two for the praying of the psalms)*

Leader: Our eyes are turned to the Lord;  
we look for his mercy.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord  
to make music to your name, O Most High,  
To proclaim your love in the morning  
and your truth in the watches of the night.  
On the ten-stringed lyre and the lute,  
with the murmuring sound of the harp.

Your deeds, O Lord, have made me glad:  
for the work of your hands I shout with joy.  
O Lord, how great are your works!  
How deep are your designs!  
The foolish man cannot know this  
and the fool cannot understand.

Though the wicked spring up like the grass  
and all who do evil thrive,  
They are doomed to be eternally destroyed.  
But you, Lord, are eternally on high.  
See how your enemies perish,  
all doers of evil are scattered.

To me you give the wild-ox's strength;  
you anoint me with the purest oil.  
My eyes looked in triumph on my foes;  
my ears heard gladly of their fall.  
The just will flourish like the palm-tree  
and grow like a Lebanon cedar.

remembering his mercy;  
the mercy promised to our fathers,  
to Abraham and his seed for ever.

All: Give praise to the Father Almighty,  
To His Son Jesus Christ the Lord,  
To the Spirit who dwells in our hearts  
Both now and forever. Amen. Alleluia

Leader: A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a  
way for the Lord, make straight his paths.

### ***Intercessions***

Leader: As we prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ,  
we pray that the Church may come to birth  
again in our times.  
R/ Be born in us, Lord.

Reader 2: Lord Jesus, born of Mary, come again into our  
world.  
R/ Be born in us, Lord.

Reader 3: Help us to show compassion and respect for all  
who are unwell in any way, since we are all  
children of God.  
R/ Be born in us, Lord.

Reader 4: Through the Church's proclamation of your  
coming, bring light to those who search for truth.  
R/ Be born in us, Lord.

### ***Short Responsory***

Leader: Come to us and save us, Lord God almighty  
All: Come to us and save us, Lord God almighty

Leader: Let your face smile on us and we shall be safe  
All: Come to us and save us, Lord God almighty

Leader: Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit.  
All: Come to us and save us, Lord God almighty

### ***Magnificat***

Leader: A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a  
way for the Lord, make straight his paths.

My soul glorifies the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.  
He looks on his servant in her lowliness;  
henceforth all ages will call me blessed.

The almighty works marvels for me,  
Holy his name!  
His mercy is from age to age,  
on those who fear him.

He puts forth his arm in strength  
and scatters the proud-hearted.  
He casts the mighty from their thrones  
and raises the lowly.

He fills the starving with good things;  
sends the rich away empty.  
He protects Israel, his servant,

Planted in the house of the Lord  
they will flourish in the courts of our God,  
still bearing fruit when they are old,  
still full of sap, still green,  
to proclaim that the Lord is just.  
In him, my rock, there is no wrong.

All: Give praise to the Father almighty,  
to His son, Jesus Christ the Lord,  
to the Spirit who dwells in our hearts,  
both now and forever. Amen.  
Alleluia.

All: Our eyes are turned to the Lord;  
we look for his mercy.

### ***Brief Moment of Silence***

Leader: All the peoples will come and adore  
you, Lord.

How great is your name, O Lord our God,  
through all the earth!

Your majesty is praised above the heavens;  
on the lips of children and babes,  
You have found praise to foil your enemy,  
to silence the foe and the rebel.

When I see the heavens, the work of your hands,  
the moon and the stars which you arranged,  
What is man that you should keep him in mind,  
mortal man that you care for him.

Yet you have made him little less than a God;  
with glory and honour you crowned him,  
Gave him power over the works of your hand,

put all things under his feet.

All of them, sheep and cattle,  
yes, even the savage beasts,  
birds of the air, and fish  
that make their way through the waters.

How great is your name, O Lord our God,  
through all the earth!

All: Give praise to the Father almighty,  
to His son, Jesus Christ the Lord,  
to the Spirit who dwells in our hearts,  
both now and forever. Amen.

All: All the peoples will come and  
adore you, Lord.

*Brief Moment of Silence*

Leader: See, the one desired by all the  
peoples will come, and the  
house of the Lord will be filled  
with glory. Alleluia.

Let us give thanks to the Father,  
who has qualified us to share  
in the inheritance of the saints in light.

He has delivered us from the dominion of darkness  
and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son,  
in whom we have redemption,  
the forgiveness of sins.  
He is the image of the invisible God,

the first-born of all creation,  
for in him all things were created, in heaven and on earth,  
visible and invisible.

All things were created  
through him and for him  
He is before all things,  
and in him all things hold together.

He is the head of the body, the Church;  
he is the beginning,  
the first born from the dead,  
that in everything he might be pre-eminent.

For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,  
and through him to reconcile to himself all things,  
whether on earth or in heaven,  
making peace by the blood of his cross.

All: Give praise to the Father almighty,  
to His son, Jesus Christ the Lord,  
to the Spirit who dwells in our hearts,  
both now and forever. Amen.

All: See, the one desired by all the  
peoples will come, and the house  
of the Lord will be filled with  
glory. Alleluia.

***Scripture Reading & Reflection***

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