

Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives.

May you never give up praying.

When you pray, may you keep alert and be thankful.

**Pray that together we may make the message of the mystery of
Christ as clear as possible.**

Amen

(Based on Colossians 3 and 4)

Welcome to our meeting. Our meetings are designed so that we may grow together spiritually in a relaxed atmosphere of mutual respect and honour, recognising that we are all on a journey. Doubts and questions are welcome. We trust in God's unconditional love.

We begin by sharing time together then we pray, sometimes sing, read the scriptures, there is a short message and discussion.

We then pray for one another and for what is on our hearts.

We finish by praying together the prayer Jesus taught.

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Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7 These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

Psalm 66:1-12

- ✖ Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise.
- ✖ Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds! Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you.
- ✖ All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name.” Selah
- ✖ Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds among mortals.
- ✖ He turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the river on foot.
- ✖ There we rejoiced in him, who rules by his might forever,
- ✖ whose eyes keep watch on the nations— let the rebellious not exalt themselves. Selah
- ✖ Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard,
- ✖ who has kept us among the living and has not let our feet slip.
- ✖ For you, O God, have tested us; you have tried us as silver is tried.
- ✖ You brought us into the net; you laid burdens on our backs; you let people ride over our heads;
- ✖ we went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.

2 Timothy 2:8-15 Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David—that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he will also deny us; if we are faithless, he remains faithful—he cannot deny himself. Remind them of this, and warn them before the LORD that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

Luke 17:11-19 On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten men with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!” When he saw them, he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus’s feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, “Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine? Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?” Then he said to him, “Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.”

A short message may be given followed by open discussion.

Let us pray for one another and our world as the spirit leads.

Listen carefully to these words from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. Let us read together:

Matthew 6:19-21

19 'Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust^[a] consume and where thieves break in and steal; **20** but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust^[b] consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. **21** For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

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.

Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make his face to shine
upon you, and be gracious to
you; the LORD lift up his
countenance upon you, and give
you peace.

Please join us to find a place of prayer and rest in a busy week. From intimacy in prayer God is able to do many things. Wednesday at 8pm or 7pm for soup.

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