
SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

In Jesus the full glory of God is revealed and encountered.

As children together in the family of God,
let us pray now to our Father in heaven.

Lord, we pray that as Christians
we may listen more attentively
and with greater urgency than ever before
to the words of Jesus;
give us more awareness of your presence with us,
both in our worship and in our daily ministry,
giving us the courage to live out your truth with joy.

Silence

Holy God:
transform us and use us to your glory.

We pray for those who do not know you
or dismiss you as irrelevant to their lives;
we pray for those who influence and encourage others
in what is evil, destructive or depraved,
and ask for your protection
of all who are vulnerable and in danger.

Silence

Holy God:
transform us and use us to your glory.

We pray for all who are adjusting
to new relationships in the family,
new homes or new work and leisure patterns;
we pray for stronger root growth in you,
so that we are not thrown

by the changes and troubles of everyday life,
knowing the reality of your faithfulness.

Silence

Holy God:
transform us and use us to your glory.

We pray for all who are too exhausted
or overwhelmed by circumstances and pressures
to be able to pray;
surround all those who are troubled
and heavily laden
with the revitalising assurance of your presence,
your understanding and your love.

Silence

Holy God:
transform us and use us to your glory.

We pray that those who have gone through death
may know the brightness of everlasting life
in your company;
may we, with them, come to experience
the glory and joy of heaven.

Silence

Holy God:
transform us and use us to your glory.

Father, we thank you for the glimpses of glory
you give us in this life, for your friendship
and your promise to be with us always.

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**