

PRAYING TOGETHER

Monday 22 November

Reading: *1 Peter 1: 6 - 9*

This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls

Let us make our prayer to the God of our salvation because all our hope rests on him

Father, our trust is in you

Father, you established a covenant with men:- we trust in you, for you are faithful to your word

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Send workers into the harvest:- and bring the world to the knowledge and love of you

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May the unity of the Church be formed by love and understanding:- gather us together through gifts of your Holy Spirit

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Help men to create a community where justice and peace may flourish:- be with us, lest we labour in vain

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Be mindful of the dead, especially those we have known:- have mercy on those who have given us their help

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Our Father ...

Lord God, you give the moon to illumine the night, and to dispel the darkness you bring the light of day: grant that during this night we may elude the grasp of Satan and in the morning rise to give you praise

We make our prayers through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen