

Ending and sending out prayers

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Ending prayers:

1.

Jesus, our saviour, through your example
help us to live a life full of expectancy and hope.
A life where we abandon our safe boundaries
and live recklessly -
where no idea is fixed
and the journey is everything .
As you walked and talked and shared your life
so may the unexpected turns of our lives
be the places where we live and learn and grow
in our knowledge of you and God's love.
Amen.

2.

When rain falls on parched earth;
when birdsong pulses a summer evening;
when a kind word shatters the walls of loneliness;
when tears break a desert of emptiness;
when you and I share the life that we live;
We know the love of God.

3.

We have gathered in the knowledge
of the tender love of God
as shown to us in Jesus.
We have gathered in the knowledge
of our own need to experience
that love in each other.
We have gathered in the knowledge
of our desire to listen, to question,
and to share the journey
which is where we live and learn and love.

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Sending Out prayers

1. May we know the blessing of God,
the loving kindness of Jesus,
and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit
to be with us all;
women and men,
friends and strangers,
of all faiths and of no faith
Amen.
2. May we know that the blessing of God,
the compassion of Jesus,
and the inspiration of the Holy Spirit
are always with us.
Unbidden, undeserved and unconditional love for us all
Thanks be to God in Jesus.
Amen
3. May we know the blessing of listening to each other;
may we know the blessing of leaning on each other for courage;
may we know the blessing of exploring together with curiosity and laughter;
and so may we know the blessing of God;
endless grace, tender comfort and fierce inspiration
in the light and life of Jesus.
Amen

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