

Saturday Evening Prayer

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

So far you have faced no trial beyond what you can bear.
God keeps faith, and will not allow you
to be tempted beyond your power.

**When the test comes,
God will at the same time provide a way out,
enabling us to endure it.**

A Reflection

Stay awake!

Happy those servants who are alert and ready
when their master comes.

When much is given, more will be demanded.
When a great deal is given on trust,
a great deal more is expected.
Stay awake!

Your master is coming.

Stand ready!

The Son of Man comes at the least expected hour.
The kingdom of God is upon us.

**'Why are you sleeping?' Jesus said.
'Rise and pray, that you may be spared the test.'**

A period of silence will be kept.

Love is patient, love is kind and envies no one.
Love is not boastful, never conceited,
never rude nor selfish;
love is not quick to take offence.

Love keeps no score of wrongs;
love delights in the truth;
there is no limit to its faith,
its hope and its endurance.
Love never gives up.

Love never comes to an end.
There are three things that last for ever:
faith, hope and love,
but the greatest of them all is love.

The Song of Mary *Magnificat*

Luke 1:46-55

And Mary said,

“My soul magnifies the Lord,

and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

for the Mighty One has done great things for me,

and holy is his name.

His mercy is for those who fear him

from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm;

he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,

and lifted up the lowly;

he has filled the hungry with good things,

and sent the rich away empty.

He has helped his servant Israel,

in remembrance of his mercy,

according to the promise he made to our ancestors,

to Abraham and to his descendants forever.”

Lord, You Have Come to the Seashore

"Pescador de hombres, "Fisher of Men" by Cesáreo Gabaráin, 1977

English translation by Tim Lewis

Lord, you have come to the seashore,
neither searching for
the rich nor the wise,
desiring only that I should follow.

Refrain: O, Lord, with your eyes set upon me,
gently smiling, you have spoken my name;
all I longed for I have
found by the water,
at your side, I will seek other shores.

Lord, see my goods, my possessions;
in my boat you find no power, no wealth.
Will you accept, then,
my nets and labour?

Refrain: O, Lord, with your eyes set upon me,
gently smiling, you have spoken my name;
all I longed for I have
found by the water,
at your side, I will seek other shores.

Lord, take my hands and direct them.
Help me spend myself
in seeking the lost,
returning love for the love you gave me.

Refrain: O, Lord, with your eyes set upon me,
gently smiling, you have spoken my name;
all I longed for I have
found by the water,
at your side, I will seek other shores.

Lord, as I drift on the waters,
be the resting place
of my restless heart,
my life's companion, my friend and refuge.

Refrain: O, Lord, with your eyes set upon me,
gently smiling, you have spoken my name;
all I longed for I have
found by the water,
at your side, I will seek other shores.

Prayers

**Our Father,
save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.**

Giver of the present, hope for the future:
save us from the time of trial.
When prophets warn us of doom,
of catastrophe and of suffering beyond belief,
then, God, free us from our helplessness,
and deliver us from evil.
Save us from our arrogance and folly,
for you are God who created the world;
you have redeemed us and you are our salvation.

Dear Lord,
watch with those who wake or watch or weep tonight,
and give your angels charge over those who sleep;
tend your sick ones,
rest your afflicted ones, shield your joyous ones,
and all, for your love's sake.

**God, we go into this night
confident that the dawn will break tomorrow;
grant that when we come to die,
we may go gladly and in hope,
confident in the resurrection. Amen.**

Service Adapted from A New Zealand Prayer Book/ He Karakia Mihinare o
Aotearoa <http://anglicanprayerbook.nz/>

Link for audio for the song: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9exGOT7-q_A