

# **Midday Prayer**

*Taken from Midday Prayer from Northumbria Community's Celtic Daily Prayer published by Collins.*

*Said or sung all together. + indicates that you may make the sign of the cross.*

+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

## **Opening Sentences**

Let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us.

Establish Thou the work of our hands;

establish Thou the work of our hands.

## **The Lord's Prayer**

### **Declaration of faith**

We believe and trust in God the Father Almighty.

We believe and trust in Jesus Christ His Son.

We believe and trust in the Holy Spirit.

We believe and trust in the Three in One.

### **Canticle**

Teach us, dear Lord, to number our days;  
that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

Oh, satisfy us early with Thy mercy,  
that we may rejoice and be glad all of our days.

And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us;  
and establish Thou the work of our hands.

And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us;  
and establish Thou the work of our hands, dear Lord.

### **Blessing**

Let nothing disturb thee,

nothing affright thee;

all things are passing,

God never changeth!

Patient endurance attaineth to all things;

who God possesseth

in nothing is wanting;

alone God sufficeth.

+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen



## Regional Gathering Questions

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Break into pairs/triads/small groups for the following questions and then share important learnings with the whole group:

1. Share one thing that is true in your congregation that folks who were there in the 1980s couldn't have dreamed to be true.
2. Talk about a time when God brought healing in a powerful way to your worshipping community.
3. Name some things that your congregation fears.
4. How do newcomers know when they truly belong in your congregation? How does incorporation happen?
5. Is there a Biblical story or image that feels like a good fit for your congregation's unique identity?