

PRAYERS FOR ST MATTHEW'S – 9 AUGUST 2020

God, before time began,
God, after all time ends,
God, of the present moment,
we worship you.

Before our earliest memories
you knew us;
after all memories shall cease
you will know us still.

Out of reach
of the highest endeavours of science;
undefined
by the deepest workings of our brains,
yet to the humble heart,
the questing spirit,
the anguished soul,
the quiet mind,
you choose, in love and mercy,
to make yourself known.

Before such love,
such divinity,
what can we do
but wait in silence,
trusting in you
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

God our lover,
look in mercy on our anxious lives.

Day by day
we struggle to achieve,
rarely stopping to ask
if our achievements match your will.

Day by day
we battle to communicate,
rarely remembering to check
if our communication is a channel
for your good news.

Day by day
we endeavour to control,
rarely pausing to ensure
that first we are controlled
by your Spirit.

Forgive the frantic fury
of our anxious lives;
speak to us
in the midst of the struggles
of daily living;
catch us now, we pray,
in a moment of silence,
as we wait, together, on you.

Gracious God,
your love brings
life to dead souls,
light to dark minds,
strength to weak wills.

Show us how to search for you
in the midst of life;
help us to believe and trust
that no wrong we have done,
and no good we have failed to do,
is too great for you to pardon,
through Jesus Christ your Son,
in whose words we now pray together,
and say:

Our Father...

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