



## Closing Prayer: Prayer of St. Teresa

Christ has no body now but yours; no hands, no feet on earth, but yours.

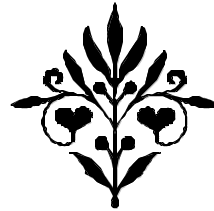
Yours are the eyes through which He looks with compassion on this world;

Yours are the feet with which He walks to do good;

Yours are the hands with which He blesses all the world.

Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

All: Amen



## Final Prayer

Lord,

**All: *Make us a blessing.***

Those that we meet,

***Make us a blessing.***

As we walk down the street,

***Make us a blessing.***

This day, even at this hour,

***Make us a blessing.***

It lies in your power

***Make us a blessing.***

At work, and at home

***Make us a blessing.***

Wherever we roam

***Make us a blessing.***

People may see

**All: *that we are a blessing***

***for You are with us.***

—David Adam

*The Open Gate*, p. 108-9

**Leader:** St. Teresa,

**All:** *Pray for us.*

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# A Liturgy in Honour of St. Teresa of Avila



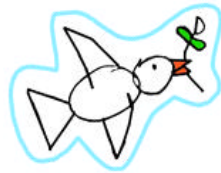
"We need no wings to go in search of Him, but have only to look upon Him present within us".

— St. Teresa



## Introduction

St. Teresa of Avila lived in Spain in the turbulent decades following the reformation in the 1500's. She was a member of the Carmelite Order and was a good friend of St. John of the Cross. She was known for her mystical writings, the best known is called *The Interior Castle*. Today we reflect on her prayers and its echoes found in modern writing.



St. Teresa,  
pray for us...

## Opening Prayer

Lord, by the power of Your love,  
St. Teresa offered herself completely to You  
and prayed for salvation of all humankind.

May we feel the presence of St. Teresa in our  
lives, and may she continue to shower the  
earth with her love.

May our reflection today on her message lead  
us more deeply into the mystery of your love.

All: Amen

## Christ is living in our world...

Through human lips, Christ has spoken  
Through human hands, Christ has healed  
Through our hearts, Christ is loving  
Through us all, Christ is working  
So, behold the truth, Christ is living in our  
world.

-Richard Becher



## Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-26

Let us listen to a reading from the Corinthians.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose... If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet

one body... On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. *The Word of the Lord.*

**All:** Thanks be to God.

## The Sarum Primer Prayer

Leader: God be in my head,  
**All: And in my understanding.**

Leader: God be in my eyes,  
**All: And in my looking.**

God be in my mouth,  
**All: And in my speaking.**

Leader: God be in my heart,  
**All: And in my thinking.**

God be at my end,  
**All: And at my departing.**

-Private service book, Clare College,  
Cambridge

