



OUR FATHER

Leader : Full of confidence in a God who hears all our spoken and unspoken petitions, Let us pray together the prayer our Brother Jesus taught us.

Leader: Our Father

All: Who are in the depths of our hearts, transforming its hollow emptiness into heaven on earth;

Leader: Hallowed be Thy Name

All: Even in the death-like sentence of our ignorance and lack of faith;

Leader: Thy Kingdom Come

All: In the very midst of our desolation;

Leader: Thy Will Be Done

All: In us, for Thy will is our true life;

Leader: Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread

All: For we are utterly dependent upon Your Divine Providence;

Leader: Forgive Us Our Trespases

All: Those which are ultimately but treason against Your love for us, and therefore treason against ourselves.

Leader: Deliver Us From Evil

All: From the evil of centering our lives upon ourselves in order that we may learn that Thou art the centre of all, and that only in Thee can we find freedom worthy of the Children of God .

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are Yours, now and forever. Amen.

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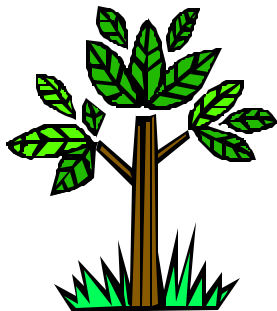
INTRODUCTION

Throughout the last 2000 years, we Christians have been sustained by the Word of God.

This "Word" has several meanings: It is the LOGOS, the Divine Word spoken at creation that called all things into being and sustains all life now.

It is the Gospel of Love and Life. It is Jesus Christ.

Our readings reflect the presence of God in the form of the Word to-day.



SCRIPTURE READING

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.



REFLECTION: WORD OF LIFE

The Bible is the Word of Life. I beg you will read it and find this out for yourself—read, not only little snatches here and there, but long passages that will really be the road to the heart of it.

You will not only find it full of real men and women, but also of things you have

wondered about and been troubled about all your life, as people have been always, and the more you read, the more will it become plain to you what things are worthwhile and what are not; what things make you happy—loyalty, right dealing, speaking the truth...; and the things that are guaranteed to make you unhappy—selfishness, cowardice, greed, and everything that is low and mean.

When you have read the Bible, you will know that it is the Word of God, because you will have found it the key to your own heart, your own happiness, and your own duty.

—Woodrow Wilson

