

**A CLOSING BLESSING by CANON PETER REISS
from the TURTON MOORLAND TEAM ONLINE SERVICE**

We ask for God's blessing and His presence; His peace and His direction as we go into another week.

We pray for His protection and for all who are anxious and who are struggling at this time.

We particularly remember our schools: the children, the teachers seeking to provide education in these difficult circumstances.

We pray for all whose businesses and livelihoods are at risk and, as we pray for our own country, we also pray for God's blessing on the war torn parts of our world.

May God bless us and keep us safe; may we know His peace and His strength.

May He guard us and guide us through the coming weeks and may we have hope; hope in Him and hope, therefore, for our future.

And may we share that hope and peace with others.

**Where we have failed You –
Where we have failed
 others –
Where we have failed Your
 World –
Lord, have mercy...
 Christ have mercy...
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Amen



We would love to hear from you with favourite prayers and reflections that are important to you. Please send them to dawn@walmsleyparish.org

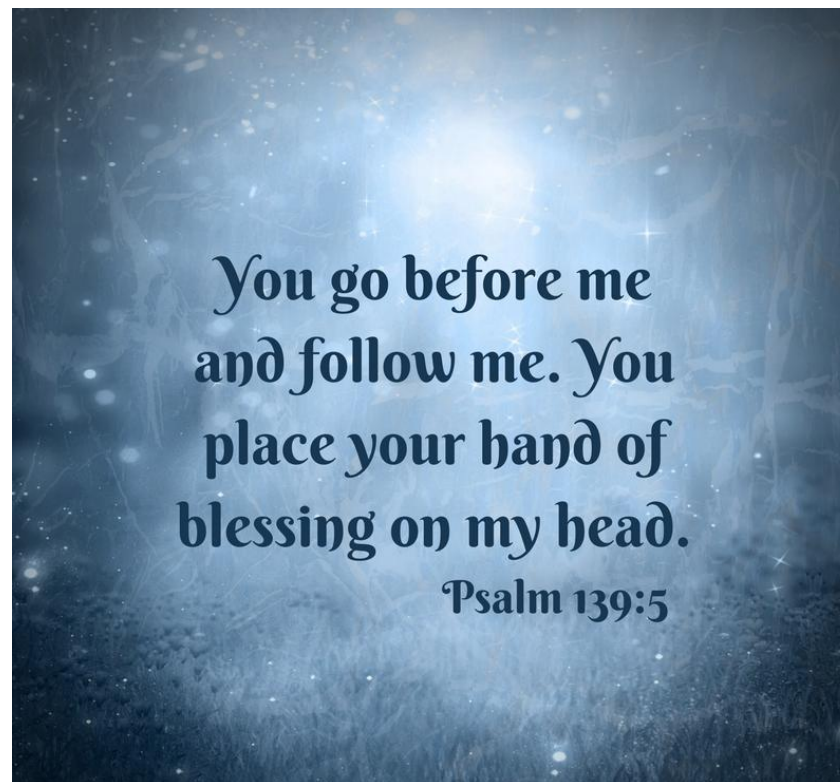
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Love from your friends in Walmsley Parish xx**

**Prayers for w/c 17 January:
SECOND SUNDAY of EPIPHANY**



THE COLLECT FOR THIS SUNDAY:

**Almighty God,
in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature by the riches
 of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.**



*These prayers were given by Andy Pearson
in last Sunday's online Team service:*

Hear us dear Lord, as we pray for the Church around the world. We pray for our bishops and archdeacons and all our clergy in the Turton Moorland Team.

Dear Lord, we thank you for the strength and fellowship we continue to provide each other and those around us. We pray for resilience, patience, understanding and awareness as we cope with the extra restrictions on our lives.

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

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Give grace to us, our families and friends, and to all our neighbours; that we may serve Christ in one another, and love as He loves us. Rejoicing in the fellowship of all your saints, we commend ourselves and all the human family to your unfailing love.

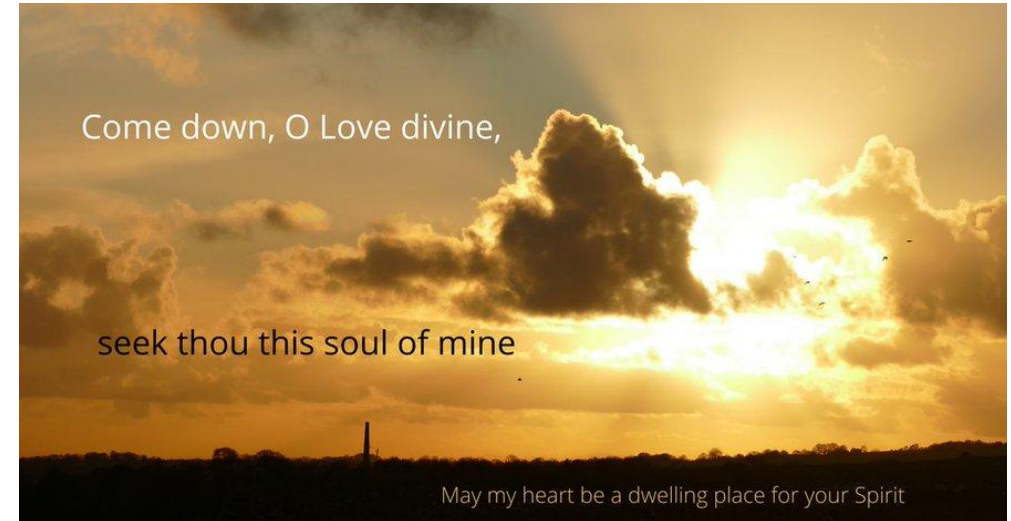
Merciful Father: accept these prayers,

for the sake of Your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

A prayer from Rev Chris Jamieson, St. Peter's Church, Belmont

As we move forward into 2021, be with us as our guide and comforter. Show us the way in which we should go. Direct our thoughts, our actions and our prayers so that we are living for you and following your way.

The New Year has so many possibilities; help us to see which are the possibilities you are directing us towards.



**Such a beautiful hymn: Come down O Love divine,
seek thou this soul of mine
... may my heart be a dwelling place for your Spirit.**

May all our hearts indeed be a dwelling place for God's Spirit within us. Amen

Beautiful daily words from Bill Braviner in his [#MorningPrayer](#), encouraging us to be filled with passion for God's will and love in our lives. Amen

Fill us with passion, Lord: passion to deepen our apprehension of who you are; passion to deepen our relationship with you; passion to share that relationship with others, that together we may be pointed towards your kingdom, your will for our lives, and your love.