



We ask for God's help in being:

**Kind** – generous and welcoming in all we do

**Open** – to God's voice and to one another

**Thankful** – because all we have is a gift

## Uniting St Thomas' in prayer

"Dear brothers and sisters, we can boldly enter heaven's Most Holy Place because of the blood of Jesus."

(Hebrews 10.19)

### Opening Prayer

Shine on us, Lord, like the sun that lights up the day.

Chase away the dark and all shadow of sin.

May we be always eager to hear your Word.

As day follows night may we be bathed in your glory.

### Psalm 63.1-5:

O God, I long for you from early morning; my whole being desires you.

Like a dry, worn-out and waterless land my soul is thirsty for you.

Let me see you in the place of prayer; let me see how glorious you are.

Your constant love is better than life itself, and so I will praise you. I will give thanks as long as I live.

I will raise my hands to you in prayer.

My soul will feast and be satisfied, and I will sing glad songs of praise to you.

*Take a moment to count your blessings, to thank God for his goodness to you and to St Thomas'.*

Come, Holy Spirit. We want to walk in step with you. Grow in us a desire for your truth. May all that is false within us flee.

*This is a good moment to come to God in confession and receive his forgiveness*

*You may like to read today's Daily Bible Reading and reflect.*

## **Prayers for Ourselves and Others**

- Lord Jesus, we offer you all we are, all we have, all we do, and all whom we meet this day, that you will be given the glory.

*Take a moment to offer your whole self to God's service today (Romans 6.13)*

- Lord, we offer you our church community, that we would exist to love and worship you, revealing the love of Jesus to all people.

*Take a moment to pray for some aspect of the life of St Thomas'*

- Lord, we offer you our community in and around the Groves: our homes and work places, our schools and university, our hospitals and care homes, our places of leisure and of worship; may all people cherish the Name of Jesus.

*Think of a local street, building, or organization and pray God's blessing upon all who are there*

- Lord, we offer you the lonely, broken and hungry – physically, emotionally, spiritually.  
May your presence be known to all.

*Ask God to bring one or more people to mind, and pray for them*

*You may like to use the St Thomas' Prayer Diary to continue to pray for others, and to remember those serving God in other places.*

*This may be a good moment to pray the Lord's Prayer.*

## **Closing Prayer**

"The Angel of the Lord encircles and defends all who fear Him." (Psalm 34.7)

Encircle us, Lord:

Keep strife without, keep peace within;

Keep fear without, keep hope within;

Keep pride without, keep trust within;

Keep evil without, keep good within.

May we walk in the ways of your kingdom;

Fill us with your hope and joy.

Let us know your close presence all through this day and night,

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.