MIDDAY PRAYER FROM THE NORTHUMBRIAN COMMUNITY

**+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen**

**Opening Sentence**
One thing I have asked of the Lord, this is what I seek:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;
to behold the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in His temple.

**Declaration of Faith**
**We believe and trust in God the Father Almighty.
We believe and trust in Jesus Christ His Son.
We believe and trust in the Holy Spirit.
We believe and trust in the Three in One.**

**Canticle** *(from Ps 90)*
Teach us, dear Lord, to number our days;
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.
Satisfy us early with your mercy,
that we may rejoice and be glad all of our days.
And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us;
that you establish the work of our hands.
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that you establish the work of our hands, dear Lord.

**Prayer**

Living and loving God, we praise you,
and through times of peril we lean into you,
for in Jesus Christ you have trodden paths as difficult as ours,
revealing a love that nothing defeats, a love that bears us through.

We pray for our Diocese and for all that this conference has heard and learnt today.

We pray for those areas of our Diocese that are experiencing a new lockdown,

as they deal with the challenges that it brings to the community and the Church.

Even as we strive to behave responsibly, and to care reliably,
we ask, that in these uncertain times we might trust that you are with us,
our refuge and strength, and that our faith, hope and love might be renewed,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

**Blessing**

Let nothing disturb you, let nothing frighten you,
All things are passing away: God never changes.
Patience obtains all things.
Whoever has God lacks nothing; God alone suffices.

*The Bishop blesses the people:*

The blessing of God Almighty…

**The Grace**

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,**

**the love of God**

**and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,**

**be with us all, evermore.**

**Amen**