

# GLOBAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR PRISON MINISTRY 25 August, 2018



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*NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE LORD Luke 1:37*

## OPENING HYMN

O Lord my God! when in awesome wonder  
Consider all the works thy hands hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
The power throughout Thy universe  
displayed;

*Chorus:*

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to  
Thee,  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to  
Thee,  
How great thou art, how great Thou art.*

When through the woods and forest glades I  
wander

And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
When I look down from lofty mountain  
grandeur,  
And hear the brook and feel the gentle  
breeze;

*Chorus: Then sings my soul.....*

And when I think that God his Son not  
sparing  
Sent Him to die – I scarce can take it in,  
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin:

*Chorus: Then sings my soul....*

When Christ shall come with shouts of  
acclamation

And take me home – what joy shall fill my  
heart!"  
Then shall I bow in humble adoration  
And there proclaim, my God, how great  
Thou art!

*Chorus: Then sings my soul.....*

## Reader 1 - READING

*Nothing is impossible for the Lord*

"Sovereign LORD, you made the earth  
and the sky by your great power and  
might; nothing is too difficult for  
you. *Jeremiah 32:17 (Good News  
translation)*

Alternate readings:

Luke 1:37; Luke 18:27; Job 13:2; Zechariah  
8:6; Matthew 19:26 ; Mark 10:27

## HYMN

On Eagle's Wings (adapted from Ps 91)  
Michael Crawford

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,  
Who abide in His shadow for life,  
Say to the Lord, "My Refuge,  
My Rock in Whom I trust."

*Refrain*

And He will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
Bear you on the breath of dawn,  
Make you to shine like the sun,  
And hold you in the palm of His Hand.

You need not fear the terror of the night,  
Nor the arrow that flies by day,  
Under his wings your refuge  
His faithfulness your shield

For to His angels He's given a command,  
To guard you in all of your ways,  
Upon their hands they will bear you up,  
Lest you dash your foot against a stone.

*Refrain*

## UNIVERSAL (INTERCESSORY) PRAYER

**Together -** We remember and pray...  
**R1 -** For all prison chaplains and volunteers  
*A moments silent reflection*  
**R2 -** Dear Lord, may you enable all those working in your name to minister with joy and love in your name  
**Together -** In your mercy, hear us Lord.

**Together -** We remember and pray...  
**R1 -** For all those in government and leadership positions in prisons around the world  
*A moments silent reflection*  
**R2 -** Dear Lord, grant them the wisdom to rule with justice and understanding for those in their care.  
**Together -** In your mercy, hear us Lord.

**Together -** We remember and pray...  
**R1 -** For all family and friends of those incarcerated  
*A moments silent reflection*  
**R2 -** Dear Lord, may they know your strength and compassion so that they can endure this difficult time.  
**Together -** In your mercy, hear us Lord.

**Together -** We remember and pray...  
**R1 -** For all victims of crime, inside and outside prison  
*A moments silent reflection*  
**R2 -** Dear Lord, knowing your compassion may they be able to find peace in forgiveness.  
**Together -** In your mercy, hear us Lord.

**Together -** We remember and pray...  
**R1 -** For all those in communities around the world facing physical and financial hardships, and addictions  
*A moments silent reflection*  
**R2 -** Dear Lord, may those in difficult circumstances find strength in your Word and alternative ways to live other than turning to crime.  
**Together -** In your mercy, hear us Lord.

**Together -** We remember and pray...  
**R1 -** For us all living in your world  
*A moments silent reflection*  
**R2 -** Dear Lord, may you give us the wisdom and compassion to reach out to others in positive relationships so that all may know and experience your love.  
**Together -** In your mercy, hear us Lord as we come together in the prayer you gave to us

Our Father,.....

## FINAL PRAYER

Lord God, Blessed are you, creator of the universe. You have called us to serve you in bringing good news to the poor and liberty to those in prison.

Look with kindness upon all who serve you in this ministry, grant us the wisdom, knowledge and understanding of your mission to all. Fill our hearts with zeal and perseverance as heralds of the Gospel. Amen

## BLESSING

May the Lord bless you, and keep you;  
May the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you;  
May the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

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

## CLOSING HYMN

AND CAN IT BE

Words: Charles Wesley

Music: Thomas Campbell

And can it be that I should gain  
An interest in the Savior's blood?  
Died He for me, who caused His pain—  
For me, who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be,  
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?  
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That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

'Tis mystery all: th' Immortal dies:  
Who can explore His strange design?  
In vain the firstborn seraph tries  
To sound the depths of love divine.  
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,  
Let angel minds inquire no more.  
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He left His Father's throne above  
So free, so infinite His grace—  
Emptied Himself of all but love,  
And bled for Adam's helpless race:  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,  
For O my God, it found out me!  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,  
For O my God, it found out me!

Long my imprisoned spirit lay,  
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray—  
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
My chains fell off, my heart was free,

I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.  
My chains fell off, my heart was free,  
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.

Still the small inward voice I hear,  
That whispers all my sins forgiven;  
Still the atoning blood is near,  
That quenched the wrath of hostile Heaven.  
I feel the life His wounds impart;  
I feel the Savior in my heart.  
I feel the life His wounds impart;

I feel the Savior in my heart.  
No condemnation now I dread;  
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine;  
Alive in Him, my living Head,  
And clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach th'eternal throne,  
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.  
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*For the last ten years the IPCA Steering Committee has invited all those involved in prison ministry around the world to come together in a special day of prayer on 25 August, the birthday of IPCA. We would like to thank members of IPCA Asia for arranging this year's program.*