**Conclusion**

Closing prayers

J1

Heavenly Father,  
we share together the blessing of your presence.  
Give us in this life knowledge of your truth,  
and in the world to come life everlasting;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

J2

Eternal God,  
our beginning and our end,  
accompany us in this day’s journey.  
Dawn on our darkness,  
open our eyes to praise you for your creation  
and to see the work you set before us today.  
Take us and use us  
to bring to others the new life you give in Jesus Christ our Lord.

J3

Lord, you have brought us through this day  
to a time of reflection and rest.  
Calm us,  
and give us your peace to refresh us.  
Keep us close to Christ  
that we may be closer to one another  
because of his perfect love.  
In his name we pray.

J4

God, you are everything to us,   
giving us life,  
filling us with love,  
and setting us free from sin  
that we might live in you.  
Accept the work of our hands this day,  
take our lives,  
give us your peace  
and renew us in the service of Jesus Christ our Lord.

J5

Gracious God,   
you have given us much today;  
grant us also a thankful spirit.  
Into your hands we commend ourselves  
and those we love.  
Stay with us,   
and when we take our rest  
renew us for the service of your Son Jesus Christ.

J6

In darkness and in light,  
in trouble and in joy,  
help us, heavenly Father,  
to trust your love,  
to serve your purpose,  
and to praise your name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

J7

Almighty God,  
by your command time runs its course;  
forgive our impatience,  
perfect our faith,  
and, while we wait for the fulfilment of your promises,  
grant us to have a good hope because of your word;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

J8

Jesus, lord of time,  
hold us in your eternity.  
Jesus, image of God,  
travel with us the life of faith.  
Jesus, friend of sinners,  
heal the brokenness of our world.  
Jesus, lord of tomorrow,  
draw us into your future. Amen.

J9

O God our mystery,   
you bring us to life,  
call us to freedom,  
and move between us with love.  
May we so participate  
in your dance of trinity  
that our lives may resonate with you,  
now and for ever.

J10

Creator God,   
you give seed for us to sow,  
and bread for us to eat;  
make us thankful for what we have received  
and generous in supplying the needs of others  
so all the world may give you thanks and glory,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

J11

Lord our God,          
on the first day of creation  
you made the light that scatters the darkness.  
Let Christ, the light of lights,  
hidden from all eternity,  
shine at last on your people  
and free us from the darkness of sin.  
Fill our lives with joy  
as we go out to welcome your Son at his coming.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

J12

God our Father,  
[in this night] you have made known to us again  
the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ:  
confirm our faith and fix our eyes on him  
until the day dawns  
and Christ the Morning Star rises in our hearts.  
To him be glory both now and for ever.  
Amen.

J13

God our Father,         
your Word has come among us  
in the Holy Child of Bethlehem:  
may the light of faith illumine our hearts  
 and shine in our words and deeds;  
through him who is Christ the Lord.

J14

Father of all,           
you have given us your Son to be the Saviour of the World.  
Welcome us your children into your kingdom   
to enjoy your presence now and for ever.

J15

Son of Mary, Son of God,   
we have joined the worship of the angels;  
may we never lose that heavenly vision.  
Like the shepherds,   
we have rejoiced at the news of your birth;  
help us to proclaim that message in word and deed,  
to your praise and glory.

J16

God of glory,  
you nourish us with your Word  
who is the bread of life:  
fill us with your Holy Spirit  
that through us the light of your glory  
may shine in all the world.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

J17

Most merciful God,          
by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ  
you delivered and saved the world:  
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross  
we may triumph in the power of his victory;  
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.]

J18

Lord Jesus Christ,       
you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant,  
and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation:  
give us the courage to follow you  
and to proclaim you as Lord and King,  
to the glory of God the Father.

J19

Jesus, Son of God, our true and only Saviour:   
you died like a criminal on a cross;  
but you are God who forgives.   
Once broken, helpless and in pain,  
you are God in whom there is hope.  
You have shown us a love beyond words:  
give us your forgiveness, hope and love.

J20

Lord Jesus Christ,  
Son of the living God,   
set your passion, cross, and death between your   
 judgement and us,   
now and at the hour of our death.  
Give mercy and grace to the living,  
rest to the faithful departed,   
to your holy Church peace and concord,   
and to us sinners eternal life and glory;   
for you are alive and reign with the Father   
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

J21

God of our salvation,  
you have restored us to life,  
you have brought us back again into your love  
by the triumphant death and resurrection of Christ.  
Continue to heal us,  
as we go to live and work  
in the power of your Spirit,  
to your praise and glory.

J22

Almighty God,  
who raised Jesus from the dead  
and exalted him to your right hand on high:  
may we know your resurrection power in our daily lives  
and look with hope to that day  
when we shall see you face to face  
and share in your glory,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit:  
one God, now and for ever.

J23

God of power,  
may the boldness of your Spirit transform us,  
may the gentleness of your Spirit lead us,  
may the gifts of your Spirit equip us to serve and   
 worship you  
now and always.

J24

Faithful God,  
who fulfilled the promises of Easter  
by sending us your Holy Spirit  
and made known to every race and nation  
the way of life eternal:  
open our lips by your Spirit,  
that every tongue may tell of your glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

J25

Almighty God,  
we thank you for the gift of your holy word.  
May it be a lantern to our feet,  
a light upon our paths,  
and a strength to our lives.  
Take us and use us  
to love and serve all people  
in the power of the Holy Spirit  
and in the name of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

J26

Keep us, Father, in this community of faith,   
the Church of your Son Jesus Christ,  
and help us to confess him as Messiah and Lord  
in all we say and do.  
We ask this in his name.

J27

Draw your Church together, O God,  
into one great company of disciples,  
together following our Lord Jesus Christ  
into every walk of life,  
together serving him in his mission to the world,  
and together witnessing to his love  
on every continent and island.

J28

Eternal God, giver of love and power,  
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world  
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:  
confirm us in this mission,  
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

J29

God of our pilgrimage,  
you have led us to the living water:  
refresh and sustain us  
as we go forward on our journey,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

J30

God of compassion,   
through your Son Jesus Christ  
you have reconciled your people to yourself.  
As we follow his example of prayer and fasting,  
may we obey you with willing hearts  
and serve one another in holy love;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

J31

Lord God,   
you hold both heaven and earth in a single peace.  
Let the design of your great love  
shine on the waste of our anger and sorrow,  
and give peace to your Church,  
peace among nations,  
peace in our homes,   
and peace in our hearts,  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

J32

Great God, you are one God,   
and you bring together what is scattered  
and mend what is broken.  
Unite us with the scattered peoples of the earth  
that we may be one family of your children.  
Bind up all our wounds  
and heal us in spirit,  
that we may be renewed as disciples of Jesus Christ,  
our Master and Saviour.

J33

To be said facing the open doors:

To a troubled world  
peace from Christ.  
To a searching world  
love from Christ.  
To a waiting world  
hope from Christ.

J34

God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
bring us to the dwelling   
which your Son is preparing for all who love you.  
Give us the will each day  
to live in life eternal.  
Let our citizenship be in heaven  
with the whole company of the redeemed  
and with countless angels,  
praising, worshipping and adoring him  
who sits upon the throne for ever and ever.