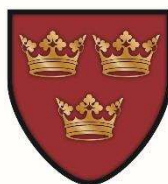


Morning light

The Bishop of Ely's Lent Appeal 2019



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An Ethiopian prayer

God we bless you,
show your grace upon us.
When God showed his greatness to Moses,
the bush burned with fire and was
not consumed.

We praise you for your wonderful greatness,
O God,
show your grace and your greatness to us.

We pray for our church.
We pray for others.
We pray for all people.
We fight against evil.
Christians do not fight with guns
our gun is prayer.

Send us your truth O God.
Get all the bad out of us.
Let peace come to us.

Send us today's message.
May your Holy Spirit teach us.

Come to us O God,
come in the name of Jesus
come with your Holy Spirit,
again and again.
Amen.

Adapted from a prayer recorded in an Ethiopian church, by Christian Aid.

A prayer of thanksgiving

God of all time,
we give thanks for women
past and present, far and near
who turn the soil, sow the seeds
and reap a harvest of community.
May they be an example for us.

We give thanks for Mary, Joanna and Susanna,
names we barely recognise,
women who lived in a different time to ours,
who came together to support and provide
from their own resources.
They helped Jesus continue with his ministry,
proclaiming and bringing the good news,
so their community could grow and thrive.
May they be an example for us.

We give thanks for Aberash, Ari and Aster,
names we do not recognise,
women who live in a different place to ours,
who come together to support and provide
from their own resources.

Savings schemes
to make dreams possible,
loans to cover medical bills,
renewable energy solutions,
so their community can grow and thrive.
May they be an example for us.

We give thanks for the women who come
to our minds,
the names that we know so well...