

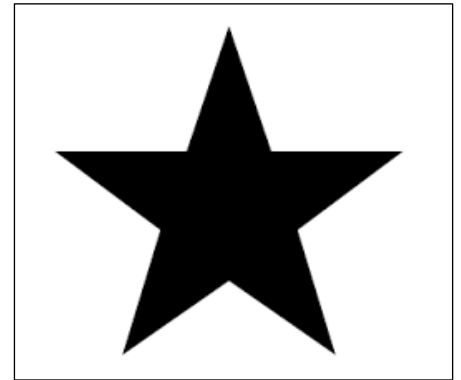
## Home Act of Worship For Epiphany to Candlemas (2<sup>nd</sup> Feb)

**Arise shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you!**

### Hymn Verse:

Every star shall sing a carol,  
Every creature high or low  
Come and praise the King of Heaven  
By whatever name you know.  
God above, man below,  
Holy is the name I know,

*Sydney Carter*



### A Prayer of Penitence

From the cowardice that dare not face new truth,  
From the laziness that is contented with half-truth,  
From the arrogance that thinks it knows all truth,  
Good Lord, deliver us.

### A prayer for the season of Epiphany by Janet Morley

O God, the source of all insight,  
Whose coming was revealed to the nations  
Not among men of power  
But on a woman's lap;  
Give us grace to seek you  
Where you may be found,  
That the wisdom of this world may be humbled  
And discover your unexpected joy,  
Through Jesus Christ, Amen.

***Readings for the day and time of silence or reflection (you may find the Reflective Sheet which we send out helpful to use at this point)***

### Prayers for the day

You may like to light a candle as a prayer.

Suggest you offer prayers for:

*Your own needs and concerns;*  
*Individuals you know that are in particular need;*  
*For all working to deal with the Pandemic;*  
*Issues from the news particularly throughout the world;*  
*The church and how we can best serve the local communities;*

## Additional Prayers

We thought we knew where to find you;  
We hardly needed a star to guide the way,  
Just perseverance and common sense;  
Why do you hide yourself away from the powerful  
And join the refugees and outcasts,  
Calling us to follow there?  
Wise God, give us wisdom.

We thought we had laid you safe in a manger;  
We wrapped you in the thickest sentiment we could find,  
And stressed how long ago you came to us;  
Why do you break in our daily life  
With messages of peace and goodwill,  
Demanding we do something about it?  
Just and righteous God, give us justice and righteousness.

So where else would we expect to find you  
But in the ordinary place with the faithful people,  
Turning the world to your purpose through them.  
Bring us to that manger, to that rejoicing,  
Which will make wisdom, justice and righteousness alive in us. **Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

### Concluding Prayer

May the noise and turmoil of our world  
Rise to you, Lord God,  
To be taken up into your silence;  
And may your peace come down upon us,  
Jesus, the Christ, our Lord. Amen.

