



## All Age Service Bible Sunday

# End Prayers

## Creative Prayer Option

The church can say the prayers as they are, choosing between the original or modern-speak version

### Idea 1

Alternatively, using the first paraphrased prayer, gather the children to the front and have some bowls filled with honey and a few table spoons in each bowl

- Encourage the children to lick some honey off the spoon
- As the children lick and enjoy say the paraphrased prayer over the children

### Idea 2

Using the second paraphrased prayer (a paraphrase of CofE thanksgiving prayer for the word of God), dim the lights in the hall and ask the church to turn on their mobile phone torches, children can be given battery operated tea lights or torches. As the lights shine in the space, pray the prayer over the congregation.

### Original

Blessed are you Lord our God  
How sweet are your words to the taste,  
sweeter than honey to the mouth.  
How precious are your commands for our  
life, more than the finest gold in our hands.  
How marvellous is your will for the world,  
unending is your love for the nations.  
Our voices shall sing of your promises  
And our lips declare your praise  
Forever and ever  
Amen

### Paraphrase

You are great God.  
Your words are sweet to taste  
Sweeter than honey  
Your rules for our lives are precious  
More precious than gold, more precious  
than treasure  
Your will for the world is marvellous  
Your love for the world is huge  
We shall tell everyone how great you are  
We will always tell you how great you are  
For ever and ever  
Amen

## Original

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  
Amen

## Paraphrase

Thank you, Almighty God, for the Bible  
May it be like a torch for our lives, showing  
us which way to go. Showing us how to  
live.  
May it be a light and strength for each day.  
Use us to love and serve others in the  
power of all you are, Father, Son and Holy  
Spirit.  
Jesus Christ our Lord  
Amen



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