

Christmas Prayer 2011

Welsh Council On Alcohol And Other Drugs

God of grace and Lord of all hope
We quietly come before you,
away from the noise and the attention of the world
to seek your peace.

You know of our hopes and fears,
our joy and sorrow and of our desire to praise your name.
You are the light in a dark world
and the truth in a deceitful society.

Sometimes we see life as a turntable of despair,
without any idea of what direction is appropriate for us.

We face difficult choices
and hesitate as we face our options.

We know of people in situations where there is no choice.
Help us to be positive and avoid despondency.

Thank you Lord for family and friends who support us and offer fellowship,
as we endeavour to be useful friends to others.

We sympathise with those who are unemployed
and are dependent on the government for their maintenance.

Others need to battle against ill-health
and are unable to cope with their employment responsibilities.
We appreciate that there is only a thin line between joy and sorrow,
contentment and discontentment in life,
and between those who are able to maintain themselves,
and those who are dependent on others.
Lord we commend these people to you

We give thanks for graciousness in every stable relationship and society,
for every safe home in a dangerous society.

This year Lord, we give thanks for every living room that is warm and welcoming,
and especially for the new development in Cardiff
that welcomes the lonely and the fragile.

We pray that those who are captive to the fetters of every addiction
will discover the open door of the Living Room, and may trust the friends there,
that they experience the fellowship of faith and mercy
in an environment where they are not judged.

We give thanks for the Christmas message
that accepts everyone to the crib side without setting conditions.

Help us share in a compassionate community.

Lord, we come to worship you, and seek help to realise the value of each individual
and to be able to love others as we love you.

Hear us in the name of the Jesus of the crib and the cross.

Amen.

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