**Blessing**

**See that you be at peace among yourselves, my children,**

**and love one another.**

**Follow the example of the wise and the good,**

**and God will comfort you and help you,**

**both in this world**

**and in the world which is to come.**

**In the name of the Father**

**and of the Son,**

**and of the Holy Spirit.**

**Amen**

Liturgical material taken from ‘Evening Prayer’ , The Northumbria Community *Celtic Daily Prayer*

**PRAYERS FOR THE NATION ON THURSDAY 12 NOVEMBER**

**Opening Prayers**

**In the name of the Father,**

**and of the Son,**

**and of the Holy Spirit.**

**Amen.**

**My soul waits for the Lord**

**more than those**

**who watch for the morning,**

**more than those**

**who watch for the morning.**

*Call* Out of the depths I have cried to You.

*Response* **O Lord, hear my voice.**

*Call* With my whole heart I want to praise You.

*Response* **O Lord, hear my voice.**

*Call* If you, Lord, should mark iniquities:

*Response* **who could stand? Who could stand?**

**I will wait for the Lord.**

**my soul waits,**

**and in His word**

**do I hope.**

**Scripture Readings**

Psalm 62:1-8

New Testament Scripture: 2 Timothy 1:3-10

**Prayers for the Nation**

*There follow a series of bidding prayers under the following headings. After each prayer point there will be a short pause for you to bring your own prayers*

* Leaders of our Nation
* The NHS
* The vital and emergency services in our nations as they serve during this outbreak
* Schools, Colleges and Universities
* For the end of Coronavirus COVID-19
* Our communities, neighbours and the nations of the UK
* For those facing uncertainty in their employment
* Messages of hope
* The Kingdom of God breaking in across our nations

***The Church of England Prayer for the Week from ‘Prayers for the Nation Resources’***

**Loving God**

**at this time of crisis**

**when so many are suffering,**

**we pray for our nation and our world.**

**Give our leaders wisdom,**

**our Health Service strength,**

**our people hope.**

**Lead us through these parched and difficult days**

**to the fresh springs of joy and comfort**

**that we find in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***The Lord’s Prayer***

**Canticle**

**In the shadow of Your wings**

**I will sing Your praises, O Lord.**

**The Lord is my light, my salvation;**

**whom shall I fear?**

**The Lord is the refuge of my life;**

**of whom shall I be afraid?**

**In the shadow of Your wings**

**I will sing Your praises, O Lord.**

**One thing I ask of the Lord,**

**one thing I seek;**

**to dwell in the presence of my God,**

**to gaze on Your holy place.**

**In the shadow of Your wings**

**I will sing Your praises, O Lord.**

**I believe I shall see the goodness**

**of the Lord in the land of the living**

**O wait for the Lord!**

**have courage and wait,**

**wait for the Lord.**

**In the shadow of Your wings**

**I will sing Your praises, O Lord.**