

Pastoral Prayer of the Day

01-03-2021 – Malone: Centenary UMC

**Lord of bright and abiding Light,
you have shown us,
in the person of Jesus your Son,
a new way to live.**

**You have poured your light into the world
and have asked us to live in the light
rather than run and hide
in the darkness of doubt and despair.**

**You promise to be our light all of our days
and ask us to place our trust in you.**

The journey in this light is risky.

**It means that we will have to be very serious
about our service to you,
giving you our best
and offering hope and light to others.**

**In this new year,
we bring to you the names and situations of others
for whom light seems to be a stranger.**

**They struggle with ill health,
economic hardship,
broken and damaged relationships,
loss of loved ones, and anxiety.**

**We place them in your care.
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**Let your light shine on them, bringing healing and hope.
Help us to be bearers of that light in all that we do.**

**And now, be with us as we pray as your children the prayer that Jesus taught
us --**

**Our Father who art in heaven hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those
who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil
for thine is the kingdom,
and the power and the glory forever. Amen**