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CANDLEMAS



The Presentation of Jesus at the Temple

OPENING PRAYER

Heavenly Father,
as Mary and Joseph presented Jesus at the temple to receive you,
so we present ourselves before you now.

**Open our minds to your Word,
our hearts to your Truth and
fill us with your light,
that we may shine your love into the dark places of this world.**

We ask this in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ

Amen.

WE ASK FOR FORGIVENESS

Lord Jesus, you are the Light of the world, shine into our darkness we pray:

In a dark and disfigured world, we have not held the Light of life.

Lord have mercy, **Lord have mercy.**

In a hungry and despairing world, we have failed to share our bread:

Lord have mercy, **Lord have mercy.**

In a cold and loveless world, we have kept the love of God to ourselves:

Lord have mercy, **Lord have mercy.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness
and keep you in life eternal. **Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2 : 22 -40

REFLECTION

OUR PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD

THE LORD'S PRAYER

CLOSING PRAYER

Lord God, you kept faith with Simeon and Anna
and showed them the infant King.

Give us grace to put all our trust in your promises
and the patience to wait for their fulfilment.

Lord, as we wait, give us the eyes of faith
to see your presence in the world:

where busyness keeps us from noticing, slow us.

Where fear closes our eyes, strengthen us.

Where tears blind us, heal us.

Set us free to see the thread of your love woven throughout the universe.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

NUNC DIMITTIS

**Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace,
according to your word,
for my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared before the face of all peoples
a light to bring revelation to the Gentiles
and the glory of your people Israel.**



BLESSING

The Lord Jesus give light to your eyes,
give light to your mind,
give light to your heart,
give light to your life,
that you may live for him
today and forever.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
be with you and those you love and pray for this day and always.

Amen

