

Intercession – Vision

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And the darkness can never overcome it

We step into your light, Lord, and we see ourselves

We see our hopes, our dreams, our fears, our guilt, our regrets, our joys, our memories, our selves.

We acknowledge our vision for ourselves, trusting in your grace to give us what we truly need, and to fulfil what we truly can become.

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But your light shines further than just on us. Looking around, we see your light fall on our neighbours, on their needs, their pains, their wants.

We share in their pains, and in your light we can see how to help, how to support, how to ask for your grace for them – and how to accept their help and support for us

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The light shines further than that. We see our village, our county, the churches and schools and shops, and further still on the whole country; on the people with influence and the institutions with power: financial power, political power, power of information.

We acknowledge our share in that power and influence, and look to exercise it in your light, so that your light may be seen ever more clearly by those around us.

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Your light shines on the whole world. Wrecked by typhoon and earthquake, flood and drought; ruined more deeply by war, hatred, oppression and pride, by the lust for power and the desire for popularity.

We are part of your whole world, Lord. May we and all your people seek to walk in the light we see, and reject the darkness of our hearts.

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Your light shines without limit, unconquered by darkness. It shows us worlds beyond worlds, eternities beyond time, life beyond death and unconquered by death.

We thank you for all those who have gone before us into that light, and especially those who revealed something of your love for us and for all the world, who helped us to own you as our Lord, and to walk in your light for ever, through the ages of ages, worlds without end.

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Amen