

Prayers for the Washing of Feet

These prayers are taken from the Church of England's Common Worship: Times and Seasons, The Liturgy of Maundy Thursday. They might be used among members of a single household to wash one another's feet during a Maundy Thursday family gathering or service.

The words below are those of a traditional anthem that is often sung during the Maundy Thursday service foot washing, but they could be said beforehand as an introduction.

Here in Christ we gather, love of Christ our calling;
Christ, our love, is with us, gladness be his greeting;
let us all revere and love him, God eternal.
Loving him, let each love Christ in all his brothers and sisters.

All **God is love, and where true love is, God himself is there.**

When we Christians gather, members of one Body,
let there be in us no discord, but one spirit;
banished now be anger, strife and every quarrel.
Christ our God be present always here among us.

All **God is love, and where true love is, God himself is there.**

Grant us love's fulfilment, joy with all the blessed
when we see your face, O Saviour, in its glory;
shine on us, O purest Light of all creation,
be our bliss while endless ages sing your praises.

All **God is love, and where true love is, God himself is there.**

James Quinn SJ (adapted)

One person may wash the feet of others in the household. The washing of feet may end with this prayer

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us
that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters
we do also for you:
give us the will to be the servant of others
as you were the servant of all,
and gave up your life and died for us,
but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

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