PRAYERS (2) (taken from the Methodist Church prayer handbooks)

I worship and thank you, O Lord my God; for the potential and wonder of each new day; for the ordinary things, and the magnificent things; for the glimpses of the divine, giving hope in times of darkness; for the assurance of your presence, wherever I am; for the promise of your love and mercy, every day; for the opportunity to share what little I know of you, and for the hunger to learn more. So I worship you and thank you Lord, with all my heart. Amen

Lord Jesus Christ, illuminate the dark places in our world; give peace where there is unrest; hope where there is despair; trust where there is suspicion. Amid all the uncertainties of life today, nothing is surer than the dependability of your love, so help us, in joyful hope to overcome our fear and prepare ourselves for service as we embrace your light. Amen

When we are going through dark times give us, O God, glimpses of light. May we never lose our hope and trust in you. Help us to remember that, however hard the path, however dark the tunnel, at the end of it is the light of your love beckoning us on. Amen

Lord of all light, in your light, we see light, and in you there is no darkness at all. In our darkness bring light to our path; in our confusion, give us hope. May your light shine through us to show your way that is love. For the sake of Jesus, the light of the world. Amen

"The light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it"

John 1 v 5