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Dedication

This document is dedicated to my lovely granddaughter Penelope Jemima “*who was born sleeping at 1.20am*”¹ on Sunday, 16th March 2008; may she receive a special blessing from our Lord Jesus Christ.

¹ A quote from a text message delivered by Penelope's father at 2.38am on Sunday, 16th March 2008

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(A Prayer Book enabling Believers in Christ to *‘Worship in Spirit and in Truth’*)

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John 4:24, *“God is Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth”*

Thought Starter: *In worship, we are to glorify God and not ourselves*

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² The numbers next to the Section Title refer to the total number of 'responses' made within a particular section

³ The word 'Creed' is derived from the Latin 'Credo,' meaning "I believe." It is best defined as a logical, succinctly worded Statement of Faith to be used in both public worship and private devotion.

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Key to Symbols

All: Congregation and leaders

P1: Presiding participant⁴

P2: Other participants in worship⁵

P1-2: Presiding participant to alternate with other participants

N: Name of person or situation needing prayer

R: Respondent or recipient of Communion

Any wording within square brackets represents: -

- An optional section of the liturgy, which may be omitted (should time be limited)
- Alternative wording, used to provide variety between different sessions
- An amplification of a particular Bible passage

Note to Publishers

Red lettering denotes those contents included in this sample

The page numbers assume single line spacing rather than the 1.5 line spacing used in this sample.

⁴ On Tuesday, 18th November 2008, the term '*leader*' (which had been denoted by the letter 'L') was replaced by the term used here. The descriptive title '*Presiding Participant*' had the advantage of moving away from the usual '*clergy/laity*' divide, which has been (and still is) a problem with many church liturgies.

⁵ On Tuesday, 18th November 2008, the term '*congregation*' (which had been denoted by the letter 'C') was replaced by the term used here. The intention was to prevent any notion that those present were only passive attendees, allowing the Presiding Participant to do everything.

PRAYER BOOK ONE: THE LEEDS LITURGY⁶

(A liturgy boldly declaring ‘*the Whole Counsel of God*’⁷)

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Acts 20:27

“For I have not shrunk from declaring to you the whole counsel of God”

Thought Starter

By nature, all true worship is God-centred

⁶ This document was first drafted in July 1998; first edition, October 1998; re-titled, September 2005; revised December 2006-April 2007; second edition prepared during May 2007-February 2008.

⁷ The phrase ‘*whole counsel of God*’ refers to: -

- Everything the Bible teaches
- Every biblical teaching deemed profitable for salvation and godly living
- God’s plan of salvation

All of the above points are mutually inclusive – though Acts 20:20 would suggest that Paul had the middle meaning more in mind. A precise interpretation would view the ‘*whole counsel of God*’ as the sum total of divinely revealed teaching necessary for salvation and Christ-centred living, (Galatians 5:21-23). It is assumed that such teaching is revealed only in scripture.