

***Bless the Sea and lightship
At Harwich Pier
Saturday 16th July at 1:30pm***

We pray for this Light Ship. May God the Father bless her

Bless our Light Ship

May Jesus Christ bless her

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May the Holy Spirit bless her

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What do you fear, seeing that God the Father is with you?

We fear nothing

What do you fear, seeing that God the Son is with you

We fear nothing

What do we fear, seeing that God the Holy Spirit is with you

We fear nothing

The blessing of the lightship and sprinkling of Holy water

Our help is in the name of the Lord

Who made heaven and earth

The Lord be with you

And with your Spirit

The blessing over the water

Almighty and everlasting God, we humbly implore you in your immeasurable kindness and love, to bless + and sanctify + this water which you created and give over to the use of humankind, so that it may become a source of health for the minds and bodies of all who make use of it, and may rid whatever it touches or sprinkles of all uncleanness and protect it from every assault of evil spirits. Through our Lord, Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**Father, Bless this water, and help all who visit this light ship
to live as people of light,
and be worthy in Your sight.**

**All honour and praise be Yours, Father,
through Christ our Lord and Saviour.**

Amen

God we ask that you bless this Light Ship.

Just as the sight of this light ship gave cheer to those at sea,
we pray that the radiance of your love
scatter the gloom of our hearts when we are tossed by the sea of life.
May the light of heaven's love restore us to life -
and free us from the confusions that belongs to darkness.

We ask this in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit
AMEN

Just like this light Ship led those who followed it to life instead of death
We ask Lord, that you would free us from the dark night of death.

Let the light of resurrection dawn within our hearts
to bring us to the radiance of eternal life.

We ask this in the name of the father and of the son and of the Holy Spirit
AMEN.

Just like this light ship helped draw people to shelter

All-powerful and ever-living God, we pray that
at morning, noon and evening you would
cast out from the hearts of all who visit this ship darkness and gloom
and bring them to the light of your truth,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit AMEN

Just like this light ship gave hope to those at sea;

Lord, as daylight fills the sky, we ask that you
would fill those who enter this light ship with your holy light.
May their lives mirror our love for you
whose wisdom has brought us into being,
and whose care guides us on our way.

We ask this in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. AMEN

Just as those ships on the sea followed the light of this Light Ship

So Lord we ask that you'd help those who visit and work on this ship to follow you;
the light of the world and live to your truth.

That they may be born again as sons and daughters of light.
and be your witnesses before all the world.

Grant this in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit
AMEN

Just like this light ship looks forward to a new dawn, and a new service,
so we pray that as a new day dawns,

that you will send the radiance of your light to shine in our hearts.

Make us true to your teaching;
keep us free from error and sin.

We ask this in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit
AMEN.

O God; you sit above the water-floods and still the raging of the sea. We ask you to accept the prayers of your people. We pray for all who will serve to welcome people on this ship and ask for your blessing upon them. We pray for those who will commit themselves in preserving this lightship for future generations and ask your blessing on them. And May the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you now and for ever more.