

Welcome Words 1

We come together now, in the presence of:
God the Father who is always with us,
God the Son who showed us how to live **courageously**, and
God the Holy Spirit who helps us to have **courage** but act with humility.

Welcome Words 2

We have gathered in the name of
God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
to worship together
and think about our value **courage**.

Acrostic Poem

Courage is...

Carrying on when things are difficult

Overcoming fear

Understanding and facing a challenge

Risking being out of your comfort zone

Always believing in God's promises

Going for a goal

Empowered by encouragement

Star Prayer

Dear Lord,
Help us to find ways to encourage other people that we are working with.
Help us to remember how it feels to be discouraged
and to try to have the courage to build other people up.
Amen

Facing challenges prayer

Dear Lord,

Give us your strength to face challenges.

Help us to remember that sometimes we need to take small steps to begin with, but it's starting the journey that matters.

Thank you that just as you promised to be with Moses,

You have also promised to be with us

wherever the journey leads us.

Amen

A prayer for courage

Father God,

Help us to be strong and courageous.

Help us to speak out for others.

Help us to stand up and be counted.

Help us to do the right thing, not just the easy thing.

Amen

Prayer for courage to face all that lies ahead

Loving God

Our adventurous Creator,

Give us courage to choose the path before us,

Risking disappointment to find joy,

Risking failure to be creative,

Risking rejection so that we might love,

Risking stumbling so that we might climb,

Risking the journey for the sake of the homecoming.

We ask in the name of Jesus,

Who risked living and dying for love of us.

Amen