

AN ABBREVIATED  
DAILY OFFICE

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*\*Daily Office—short worship services throughout the day made up of confession, scripture, prayer.*

# IN THE MORNING

## I. CONFESSION

### REQUEST FOR CLEANSING

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JOHN 1:8-10

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## II. SCRIPTURE

### OPENING SENTENCE

But I am like a green olive tree  
In the house of God.  
I trust in the mercy of God  
forever and ever.

PSALM 52:8

### PSALM 130

Out of the deep have I called unto you,  
O Lord;  
Lord, hear my voice.  
O let your ears consider well  
the voice of my supplications.  
If you, Lord, were to mark what is done amiss,  
O Lord, who could abide it?  
For there is mercy with you;  
therefore you shall be feared.  
I wait for the Lord;  
my soul waits for him;  
in his word is my trust.  
My soul waits for the Lord,  
more than watchmen for the morning,

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O Israel, trust in the Lord,  
for with the Lord there is mercy,  
and with him is plenteous redemption;  
And he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

**Glory be to the Father,  
and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now,  
and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.**

READING FROM SCRIPTURE *choose one or more*

*1*

For what we proclaim is not ourselves,  
but Jesus Christ as Lord,  
with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.  
For God, who said,  
“Let light shine out of darkness,”  
has shone in our hearts  
to give the light of the knowledge  
of the glory of God  
in the face of Jesus Christ.

2 CORINTHIANS 4:5-6

2

Blessed be the God and Father  
of our Lord Jesus Christ.

According to his great mercy,  
he has caused us to be born again  
to a living hope  
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ  
from the dead. 1 PETER 1:3

3

Give thanks to the Father,  
who has qualified you to share  
in the inheritance of the saints in light.

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and  
transferred us  
to the kingdom of his beloved Son,  
in whom we have redemption,  
the forgiveness of sins. COLOSSIANS 1:12-14

4

If then you have been raised with Christ,  
seek the things that are above,  
where Christ is,  
seated at the right hand of God.



Set your minds on things that are above,  
not on things that are on earth.  
For you have died,  
and your life is hidden with Christ in God.  
When Christ who is your life appears,  
then you also will appear with him in glory. COLLOSSIANS 3:1-4

The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

## THE SONG TO THE LAMB

Splendor and honor and kingly power  
**are yours by right, O Lord our God,**  
For you created everything that is,  
**and by your will they were created  
and have their being;**  
And yours by right, Lamb that was slain,  
**for with your blood you have redeemed for God,**  
from every family, language, people, and nation,  
**a kingdom of priests to serve our God.**  
And so, to him who sits upon the throne,  
**and to Christ the Lamb,**  
be worship and praise, dominion and splendor,  
**for ever and for evermore. Amen.**REVELATION 4:11, 5:9-10, 13

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

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### III. PRAYER

#### OPENING PRAYERS

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Son of the living God,  
have Mercy on me,  
a sinner.

Lord, have Mercy  
**Christ, have Mercy**  
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And now as our Savior Christ has taught us we are bold to  
pray,

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, for ever and ever.**

**Amen.**

## THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

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give you humble thanks  
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to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
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#### PRAYER FOR MISSION

Lord Jesus Christ,  
you stretched out your arms of love  
on the hard wood of the Cross  
that everyone might come within the reach  
of your saving embrace:  
So clothe us in your Spirit that we,  
reaching forth our hands in love,  
may bring those who do not know you  
to the knowledge and love of you;  
for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

#### PRAYER FOR THE TIME OF DAY *or one of Prayers for Various Occasions*

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord,  
to know you is eternal life  
and to serve you is perfect freedom:  
Defend us, your humble servants,  
in all assaults of our enemies;  
that we, surely trusting in your defense,

may not fear the power of any adversaries,  
through the might of Jesus Christ  
our Lord. **Amen.**

#### CLOSING VERSE

“If anyone would come after me,  
let him deny himself  
and take up his cross and follow me.  
For whoever would save his life will lose it,  
but whoever loses his life  
for my sake and the gospel's  
will save it.”      MATTHEW 16:24

#### ENDING ACCLAMATION

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### OPENING SENTENCE

Make haste,  
O God, to deliver me.  
O LORD,  
make haste to help me.

PSALM 70:1

### PSALM 121

I will lift up my eyes unto the hills;  
from whence comes my help?  
My help comes from the Lord,  
who has made heaven and earth.  
He will not let your foot be moved,  
and he who keeps you will not sleep.  
Behold,  
he who keeps Israel  
shall neither slumber nor sleep.  
The Lord himself is your keeper;  
the Lord is your defense upon your right hand,  
So that the sun shall not burn you by day,  
neither the moon by night.  
The Lord shall preserve you from all evil;  
indeed, it is he who shall keep your soul.

The Lord shall preserve your going out  
and your coming in,  
from this time forth for evermore.

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and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,  
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READING FROM SCRIPTURE *choose one*

1

I have been crucified with Christ.  
It is no longer I who live,  
but Christ who lives in me.  
And the life I now live in the flesh  
I live by faith in the Son of God,  
who loved me and gave himself for me. GALATIANS 2:20

2

Abide in me, and I in you.  
As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself,  
unless it abides in the vine,

neither can you, unless you abide in me.  
I am the vine; you are the branches.  
Whoever abides in me and I in him,  
he it is that bears much fruit,  
for apart from me you can do nothing. JOHNS 15:4-5

3

Jesus said,  
“Now is the judgment of this world;  
now will the ruler of this world be cast out.  
And I, when I am lifted up from the earth,  
will draw all people to myself.” JOHN 12:31-32

4

If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.  
The old has passed away;  
behold, the new has come.  
All this is from God,  
who through Christ reconciled us to himself  
and gave us the ministry of reconciliation. 2 COR. 5:17-18

The Word of the Lord.

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SURELY , IT IS GOD WHO SAVES ME

Surely, it is God who saves me;

**I will trust in him and not be afraid.**

For the Lord is my stronghold

**and my sure defense,**

**and he will be my Savior.**

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing

**from the springs of salvation.**

And on that day you shall say,

**Give thanks to the Lord**

**and call upon his Name;**

Make his deeds known among the peoples;

**see that they remember that his Name is exalted.**

Sing the praises of the Lord,

**for he has done great things,**

and this is known

**in all the world.**

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion,

**ring out your joy,**

for the great one in the midst of you

**is the Holy One of Israel.** *ISAIAH 12:6*

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Blessed Savior,  
at this hour you hung upon the Cross,  
stretching out your loving arms:  
Grant that all the peoples of the earth  
may look to you and be saved,  
for your tender mercies sake. **Amen.**

#### PRAYER FOR THE TIME OF DAY *or one of Prayers for Various Occasions*

O God, the King of glory,  
you have exalted your only Son, Jesus Christ  
with great triumph  
to your kingdom in heaven:  
Do not leave us comfortless,  
but send us your Holy Spirit  
to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place  
where our Savior Christ has gone before;

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

#### CLOSING VERSE

“I have said these things to you,  
that in me you may have peace.  
In the world you will have tribulation.  
But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

JOHN 16:33

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# IN THE EARLY EVENING

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Create in me a clean heart,  
O God.

And renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence,  
And take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
And uphold me with a willing spirit

PSALM 51:10

### PSALM 126

When the Lord overturned the captivity of Zion,  
then were we like those who dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter  
and our tongue with shouts of joy.

Then they said among the nations,  
“The Lord has done great things for them.”

Indeed, the Lord has done  
great things for us already,  
whereof we rejoice.

Overturn our captivity, O Lord,  
as when streams refresh  
the deserts of the south.

Those who sow in tears  
shall reap with songs of joy.  
He who goes on his way weeping  
and bears good seed  
shall doubtless come again with joy,  
and bring his sheaves with Him.

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READING FROM SCRIPTURE *choose one*

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Therefore, since we are surrounded  
by so great a cloud of witnesses,  
let us also lay aside every weight, and sin  
which clings so closely,  
and let us run with endurance  
the race that is set before us,  
looking to Jesus,  
the founder and perfecter of our faith,

who for the joy that was set before him  
endured the cross,  
despising the shame,  
and is seated at the right hand  
of the throne of God. HEBREWS 12:1-2

2

Jesus spoke to them, saying,  
“I am the light of the world.  
Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness,  
but will have the light of life.” JOHN 8:12

3

You, O Lord, are in the midst of us,  
and we are called by your name;  
do not leave us. JEREMIAH 14:9

4

Now may the God of peace  
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,  
the great shepherd of the sheep,  
by the blood of the eternal covenant,  
equip you with everything good  
that you may do his will,  
working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through



Jesus Christ,  
to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

HEBREWS 13:20-21

The Word of the Lord  
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CHRIST OUR PASSOVER

Alleluia.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us;

**therefore let us keep the feast,**

Not with the old leaven,

the leaven of malice and evil,

**but with the unleavened bread**

**of sincerity and truth.**

Alleluia.

Christ being raised from the dead

will never die again;

**death no longer has dominion over him.**

The death that he died, he died to sin,

once for all;

**but the life he lives, he lives to God.**

So also consider yourselves dead to sin,

and alive to God

**in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Alleluia.**

Christ has been raised from the dead,

**the first fruits of those**

**who have fallen asleep.**

For since by a man came death,

**by a man has come also**

**the resurrection of the dead.**

For as in Adam all die,

**so also in Christ shall all be made alive.**

**Alleluia.**

1 CORINTHIANS 5:7-8; ROMANS 6:9-11; 1 CORINTHIANS 15:20:22

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Keep watch, dear Lord,  
with those who work, or watch, or weep this night,  
and give your angels charge over those who sleep.  
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give rest to the weary,  
bless the dying, soothe the suffering,  
pity the afflicted, shield the joyous;  
and all for your love's sake. **Amen.**

#### PRAYER FOR THE TIME OF DAY *or one of Prayers for Various Occasions*

Lord Jesus,  
stay with us,  
for evening is at hand and the day is past;  
be our companion in the way,  
kindle our hearts, and awaken hope,  
that we may know you  
as you are revealed in Scripture

and the breaking of bread.

Grant this for the sake of your love. **Amen.**

### CLOSING VERSE

“Come to me, all who labor  
and are heavy laden,  
and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me,  
for I am gentle and lowly in heart,  
and you will find rest for your souls.

For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

MATTHEW 11:28

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and by the power of your Holy Spirit  
raise us up to serve you  
in newness of life,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

## REQUEST FOR RENEWAL

Grant to your faithful people,  
merciful Lord,  
pardon and peace,  
that we may be cleansed from all our sins,  
and serve you with a quiet mind.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

Hear the Word of God for all who truly turn to Him,

The saying is trustworthy  
and deserving of full acceptance,  
that Christ Jesus came into the world  
to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father  
Jesus Christ the righteous.  
He is the propitiation for our sins,  
and not for ours only,  
but also for the sins of the whole world. *1 John 2:1-2*

## II. SCRIPTURE

### OPENING SENTENCE

One thing have I asked of the Lord,  
that will I seek after:  
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord  
all the days of my life, to gaze  
upon the beauty of the Lord  
and to inquire in his temple.*PSALM 27:4*

### PSALM 124

If the Lord himself had not been on our side,  
now may Israel say:  
if the Lord himself had not been on our side,  
when men rose up against us,  
Then would they have swallowed us up alive,  
when they were so wrathfully displeased with us  
Then the waters would have drowned us,  
and the torrent gone over us;  
then the raging waters would have gone  
clean over us.  
But praised be the Lord,  
who has not given us over  
to be prey for their teeth.

We escaped like a bird  
out of the snare of the fowler;  
the snare is broken, and we have been delivered.  
Our help is in the Name of the Lord,  
the maker of heaven and earth.

**Glory be to the Father,  
and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now,  
and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.**

READING FROM SCRIPTURE *choose one*

*1*

See what kind of love the Father has given to us,  
that we should be called children of God;  
and so we are.

The reason why the world does not know us  
is that it did not know him.

Beloved, we are God's children now,  
and what we will be has not yet appeared;  
but we know that when he appears  
we shall be like him,

because we shall see him as he is.  
And everyone who thus hopes in him  
purifies himself as he is pure. *1JOHN 3:1-5*

2

Come to me,  
all who labor and are heavy laden,  
and I will give you rest.  
Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me,  
for I am gentle and lowly in heart,  
and you will find rest for your souls.  
For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. *MATTHEW 11:28-30*

3

You keep them in perfect peace  
whose minds are stayed on you,  
because they trust in you.  
Trust in the Lord for ever,  
for the Lord God is an everlasting rock. *ISAIAH 26-34*

4

Now may the God of peace himself  
sanctify you completely,  
and may your whole spirit and soul and body

be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 THESS.

5:23

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## THE SONG OF MARY

My soul magnifies the Lord,

**and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior;**

For he has regarded

**the lowliness of his handmaiden.**

For behold, from now on,

**all generations will call me blessed;**

For he that is mighty has magnified me,

**and holy is his Name.**

And his mercy is on those who fear him,

**throughout all generations.**

He has shown the strength of his arm;

**he has scattered the proud**

**in the imagination of their hearts.**

He has brought down the mighty

from their thrones,

**and has exalted the humble and meek.**

He has filled the hungry with good things

**and the rich he has sent empty away.**

He, remembering his mercy,  
**has helped his servant Israel,**  
as he promised to our fathers,  
**Abraham and his seed for ever.** LUKE 1:46-50

## THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,  
his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again  
to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**



### III. PRAYER

#### OPENING PRAYERS

Lord Jesus Christ,  
Son of the Living God,  
have Mercy on me, a sinner.

Lord, have Mercy  
**Christ, have Mercy**  
Lord, have Mercy

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us,  
we are bold to pray,

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass  
against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

## THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants  
give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.

We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world  
by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
For the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.

And, we pray,  
give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts  
we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips,  
but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you

in holiness and righteousness  
all our days;  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. **Amen.**

## PRAYER FOR MISSION

Dear Lord and Savior Jesus Christ:

I hold up all my weakness to your strength,  
my failure to your faithfulness,  
my sinfulness to your perfection,  
my loneliness to your compassion,  
my little pains  
to your great agony on the Cross.

I pray that you will cleanse me,  
strengthen me,  
guide me,

so that in all ways my life may be lived  
as you would have it lived,  
without cowardice and for you alone.

Show me how to live in true humility,  
true contrition, and true love.

**Amen.**

PRAYER FOR THE TIME OF DAY *or one of the Prayers for Various Occasions*

Lighten our darkness, we beseech you, O Lord;  
and by your great mercy  
defend us from all perils and dangers of this night;  
for the love of your only Son,  
our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

CLOSING SENTENCE

“Behold,  
I stand at the door and knock.  
If anyone hears my voice and opens the door,  
I will come to him and eat with him,  
and he with me.” REVELATION 3:20

ENDING ACCLAMATION

We proclaim the mystery of our faith.  
**Christ has died,**  
**Christ is risen,**  
**Christ will come again.**

## TIME OF SELF-REFLECTION AND PENITENCE

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

**Most holy and merciful Father,  
we confess to you, and to one another,  
and to the whole communion of saints  
in heaven and on earth,  
that we have sinned,  
through our own fault  
in thought, word, and deed;  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart,  
and mind, and strength.  
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We have not forgiven others,  
as we have been forgiven.  
We have been deaf to your call to serve,  
as Christ served us.  
We have not been true to the mind of Christ.  
We have grieved your Holy Spirit.  
Lord, have mercy upon us:  
For we have sinned against you.**

For all our unfaithfulness and disobedience; for the pride, vanity, and hypocrisy of our lives; Lord, have mercy upon us:

**For we have sinned against you.**

For our self-pity and impatience, and our envy of those we think more fortunate than ourselves; Lord, have mercy upon us:

**For we have sinned against you.**

For our unrighteous anger, bitterness, and resentment; for all lies, gossip, and slander against our neighbors; Lord, have mercy upon us:

**For we have sinned against you.**

For our sexual impurity, our exploitation of other people, and our failure to give of ourselves in love; Lord, have mercy upon us:

**For we have sinned against you.**

For our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our intemperate pursuit of worldly goods and comforts; Lord, have mercy upon us:

**For we have sinned against you**

For our dishonesty in daily life and work, our ingratitude for your gifts, and our failure to heed your call. Lord, have mercy upon us:

**For we have sinned against you.**

For our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty; Lord, have mercy upon us:

**For we have sinned against you.**

For our wastefulness and misuse of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us; Lord, have mercy upon us:

**For we have sinned against you.**

For all false judgments, for prejudice and contempt of others, and for all uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors; Lord, have mercy upon us:

**For we have sinned against you.**

For our negligence in prayer and worship; for our presumption and abuse of your means of grace; Lord, have mercy upon us:

**For we have sinned against you.**

For seeking the praise of others rather than the approval of God; Lord, have mercy upon us: **For we have sinned against you.**

For our failure to commend the faith that is in us; Lord, have mercy upon us:

**For we have sinned against you.**

Show favor to your people, O Lord, who turn to you in weeping, fasting, and prayer. For you are a merciful God, full of compassion, long-suffering, and abounding in steadfast love. You spare when we deserve punishment, and in your wrath you remember mercy. Spare

your people, good Lord, spare us; in the multitude of your mercies, look upon us and forgive us; through the merits and mediation of your blessed Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and bring us to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. MATTHEW 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. JOHN 3:16

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. 1 TIMOTHY 1:15

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. 1 JOHN 2:1-2

O Lord our God, grant us grace to desire you with our whole heart:  
that desiring you, we may seek you;  
and that seeking you, we may find you;  
and that finding you, we may love you;



and that loving you, we may hate those sins from which you have delivered us;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## TIME OF INTERCESSION AND PETITION

O God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,

**Have mercy upon us.**

O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

**Have mercy upon us.**

O God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of the faithful,

**Have mercy upon us.**

O holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God,

**Have mercy upon us.**

Remember not, Lord Jesus, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forebears; neither reward us according to our sins.

Spare us, good Lord, spare your people, whom you have redeemed with your most precious blood, and by your mercy preserve us for ever.

**Spare us, good Lord.**

From all evil and wickedness; from sin, from the works and assaults of the devil; from your wrath and everlasting condemnation,

**Good Lord, deliver us.**

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vanity, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all lack of charity,

**Good Lord, deliver us.**

From all disordered and sinful affections; and from all the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,

**Good Lord, deliver us.**

From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of your Word and commandments,

**Good Lord, deliver us.**

From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine,

**Good Lord, deliver us.**

From all oppression, conspiracy, and rebellion; from violence, battle, and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared,

**Good Lord, deliver us.**

By the mystery of your holy incarnation; by your holy nativity and submission to the Law; by your baptism, fasting, and temptation,

**Good Lord, deliver us.**

By your agony and bloody sweat; by your Cross and passion; by your precious death and burial,

**Good Lord, deliver us.**

By your glorious resurrection and ascension; by the sending of the Holy Spirit; by your heavenly intercession; and by your coming again in power and great glory,

**Good Lord, deliver us.**

In all times of tribulation; in all times of prosperity; in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment,

**Good Lord, deliver us.**

We sinners beseech you to hear us, O Lord God: That it may please you to rule and govern your holy Church universal in the right way,

**We beseech you to hear us, good Lord**

To illumine all Bishops, Priests, and Deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of your Word; and that, both by their preaching and living, they may show it accordingly,

**We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

To send forth laborers into your harvest; to prosper their work by your Holy Spirit; to make your saving health known unto all nations; and to hasten the coming of your kingdom,

**We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

To give all your people increase of grace to hear your Word with humility, to receive it with pure affection, and to bring forth the fruit of the Spirit,

**We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

To bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived,

**We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

To give us a heart to love and fear you, and diligently to keep your commandments,

**We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

To bless and keep all your people,

**We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please you to rule the hearts of your servant N, the President/Sovereign/Prime Minister, and all others in authority, that they may do justice, and show mercy, and walk humbly before you,

**We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

To bless and guide all judges, giving them grace to execute justice, and to maintain truth,

**We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

To bless and keep our armed forces by sea, and land, and air, and to shield them in all dangers and adversities,

**We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

To bless and protect all who serve their communities by their labor and learning,

**We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

To give and preserve for us and for others the bountiful fruits of the earth, so that at the harvest we all may enjoy them,

**We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

To make wars to cease in all the world, and to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord,

**We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please you to show mercy on all prisoners and captives; refugees, the homeless, and the hungry; and all those who are desolate and oppressed,

**We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

To preserve all who are in danger by reason of their work or travel,

**We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

To strengthen the bonds of those in Holy Matrimony; to uphold the widowed and abandoned; and to comfort all whose homes are torn by strife,

**We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

To protect the unborn and their parents, and to preserve all women in childbirth;

**We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

To care for those who have lost children or face infertility, and to provide for young children and orphans,

**We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

To visit the lonely and those who grieve; to strengthen all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit; and to comfort with your presence those who are failing and infirm,

**We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

To support, help, and deliver all who are in danger, necessity, and tribulation,

**We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

To have mercy upon all people,

**We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

That it may please you to give us true repentance; to forgive us all our sin, negligence, and ignorance; and to endue us with the grace of your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your holy Word,

**We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to turn their hearts,

**We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

To strengthen those who stand; to encourage the faint-hearted; to raise up those who fall; and finally to beat down Satan under our feet,

**We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

To grant to all the faithful departed eternal life and peace,

**We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

To grant that, in the fellowship of all the saints, we may attain to your heavenly kingdom,

**We beseech you to hear us, good Lord.**

Son of God, we beseech you to hear us.

**Son of God, we beseech you to hear us.**

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

**Have mercy upon us.**

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

**Have mercy upon us.**

O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

**Grant us your peace.**

O Christ, hear us.

**O Christ, hear us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

O Lord, show us your love and mercy;

**For we have put our trust in you.**

Almighty God, you have promised to hear the petitions of those who ask in the Name of your Son: Mercifully incline your ear to us who have made our prayers and supplications to you; and grant that what we have asked faithfully, according to your will, we may obtain effectually, for the relief of our necessities and the setting forth of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.

O Lord, arise and help us;

**And deliver us for your Name's sake.**

O God, we have heard with our ears, and our forebears have declared to us, the noble works that you did in their days, and in the time before them.

O Lord, arise and help us;  
**And deliver us for your Name's sake.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen.

O Lord, arise and help us;  
**And deliver us for your Name's sake.**

From our enemies defend us, O Christ;  
**Graciously behold our afflictions.**  
With pity behold the sorrows of our hearts;  
**Mercifully forgive the sins of your people.**

With favor hear our prayers;  
**O Son of David, have mercy upon us.**  
Be pleased to hear us, O Christ;  
**Graciously hear us, O Christ; graciously hear us,  
O Lord Christ.**

Look mercifully, O Father, on our infirmities; and, for the glory of your Name, rescue us from all those evils we now endure; and grant that in all our troubles we may put our whole trust and confidence



in your mercy, serving you in holiness and purity of life, to your honor and glory; through our only Mediator and Advocate, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

# PRAYERS FOR VARIOUS OCCASIONS

## FOR HUMAN FRAILITY

O God, you know that we are set in the midst of many grave dangers, and because of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: Grant that your strength and protection may support us in all dangers and carry us through every temptation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## TO WITHSTAND THE WORLD, THE FLESH, AND THE DEVIL

O Lord God, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## FOR THE LORD TO KEEP US

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities that may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## TO CAST AWAY WORKS OF DARKNESS

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## FOR PAIN

Lord Jesus Christ, by your patience in suffering you hallowed earthly pain and gave us the example of obedience to your Father's will: Be near us in our time of weakness and pain; sustain us by your grace, that our strength and courage may

not fail; heal us according to your will; and help us always to believe that what happens to us here is of little account if you hold us in eternal life, our Lord and our God. **Amen.**

#### FOR THE DISCOURAGED AND DOWNCAST

O God, almighty and merciful, you heal the broken-hearted and turn the sadness of the sorrowful to joy, Let your fatherly goodness be upon all whom you have made. Remember in pity all those who are this day destitute, homeless, elderly, infirm, or forgotten. Bless the multitude of your poor. Lift up those who are cast down. Mightily befriend innocent sufferers, and sanctify to them the endurance of their wrongs. Cheer with hope all who are discouraged or downcast, and by your heavenly grace preserve from failing those whose poverty tempts them to sin. Though they suffer on every side, suffer them not to be distressed; though they are perplexed, save them from despair. Grant this, O Lord, for the love of him who for our sakes became poor, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

#### FOR THOSE WHO LIVE ALONE

Almighty God, whose Son had nowhere to lay his head: Grant that all those who live alone may not be lonely in their solitude, but that, following in his steps, they may find fulfillment in loving you and their neighbors; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### FOR RELIANCE ON GOD'S POWER IN THE MIDST OF ADVERSITY

O Lord God, who sees that we put not our trust in anything that we do; Mercifully grant that by thy power we may be defended against all adversity, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FOR THOSE WHO MOURN TO NOT BE OVERWHELMED Most merciful God, whose wisdom is beyond our understanding: deal graciously with those who mourn. Surround them with your love, that they may not be overwhelmed by their loss, but have confidence in your goodness, and strength to meet the days to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### FOR THE AWARENESS OF THE UNCERTAINTIES OF HUMAN LIFE

O God, whose days are without end, and whose mercies cannot be numbered: Make us, we pray, deeply aware of the shortness and uncertainty of human life; and let your Holy

Spirit lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

#### FOR FORGIVING OTHERS AS WE SUFFER

O Glorious Lord, your servant Stephen looked up to heaven and prayed for his persecutors: Grant that in all our sufferings here upon earth we may love and forgive our enemies, looking steadfastly to Jesus Christ our Lord, who sits at your right hand and intercedes for us; and who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

#### FOR DOUBTS AND UNCERTAINTIES

O God, by whom the meek are guided in judgment, and light rises up in darkness for the godly: Grant us, in all our doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask what you would have us do, that the Spirit of wisdom may save us from all false choices; that in your light we may see light, and in your straight path we may not stumble; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

IN TIMES OF SOCIAL CONFLICT OR DISTRESS Increase, O God, the spirit of neighborliness among us, that in peril we may uphold one another, in suffering tend to one another, and in homelessness, loneliness, or exile befriend one another. Grant us brave and enduring hearts that we may strengthen one another, until the disciplines and testing of these days are ended, and you again give peace in our time; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### FOR A SPIRIT OF EVANGELISM

Almighty God our Savior, you desire that none should perish, and you have taught us through your Son that there is great joy in heaven over every sinner who repents: Grant that our hearts may ache for a lost and broken world. May your Holy Spirit work through our words, deeds, and prayers, that the lost may be found and the dead made alive, and that all your redeemed may rejoice around your throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### TO BRING OUR BROTHERS INTO CHRIST'S GRACIOUS PRESENCE

Almighty God, you gave such grace to your apostle Andrew that he readily obeyed the call of your Son Jesus Christ, and brought his brother with him: Give us, who are called

by your holy Word, grace to follow him without delay, and to bring those near to us into his gracious presence; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

#### FOR CHRIST'S GRACIOUS RULE WHEN HE RETURNS AS KING

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

#### FOR CHRIST'S COMPASSION ON THOSE WHO DO NOT KNOW HIM

Merciful God, creator of all the peoples of the earth and lover of souls: Have compassion on all who do not know you as you are revealed in your Son Jesus Christ; let your Gospel be preached with grace and power to those who have not heard it; turn the hearts of those who resist it; and bring home to your fold those who have gone astray; that there may be one flock under one Shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### TO PLEASE GOD RATHER THAN MEN

Our God, in whom we trust: Strengthen us not to regard overmuch who is for us or who is against us, but to see to it that we be with you in everything we do. **Amen.**

#### TO BE MADE WORTHY OF OUR CALLING

Remember, O Lord, what you have wrought in us and not what we deserve; and, as you have called us to your service, make us worthy of our calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

#### FOR HEARING THE VOICE OF THE LORD

O God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the Good Shepherd of your people: Grant that, when we hear his voice, we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

#### FOR THE FEAR OF THE LORD

O Lord, you never fail to support and govern those whom you bring up in your

steadfast love and fear: Keep us, we pray, under your continual protection and providence, and give us a perpetual fear and love of your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

#### FOR CHRIST'S RULE OF OUR HEARTS

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FOR INNER RENEWAL THROUGH THE WORD Gracious God and most merciful Father, you have granted us the rich and precious jewel of your holy Word: Assist us with your Spirit, that the same Word may be written in our hearts to our everlasting comfort, to reform us, to renew us according to your own image, to build us up and edify us into the perfect dwelling place of your Christ, sanctifying and increasing in us all heavenly virtues; grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake. **Amen.**

FOR THE RESTLESSNESS OF THE HUMAN HEART Heavenly Father, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you: Look with compassion upon the heartfelt desires of your servants, and purify our disordered affections, that we may behold your eternal glory in the face of Christ Jesus; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

#### FOR QUIET CONFIDENCE

O God of peace, who hast taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and in confidence shall be our strength: By the might of thy Spirit lift us, we pray thee, to thy presence, where we may be still and know that thou art God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### FOR A VIRTUOUS HEART

Give me, O Lord, a steadfast heart, which no unworthy thought can drag down; an unconquered heart, which no tribulation can wear out; an upright heart, which no unworthy purpose can tempt aside. Bestow upon me understanding to know you, diligence to seek you, wisdom to find you, and faithfulness that finally may embrace you. **Amen.**

#### FOR THE BREAD OF CHRIST

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us,

and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

#### FOR A PURIFIED CONSCIENCE

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

#### TO RECOGNIZE CHRIST IN THE LIVES OF THOSE AROUND US

Almighty, everlasting God, give us grace to behold you, present in your Word and Sacraments, and to recognize you in the lives of those around us. Stir up in us the flame of that love which burned in the heart of your Son as he bore his passion, and let it burn in us to eternal life and to the ages of ages. **Amen.**

#### TO BE DELIVERED FROM THE SERVICE OF SELF ALONE

Almighty God our heavenly Father, who declarest thy glory and showest forth thy handiwork in the heavens and in the earth: Deliver us, we beseech thee, in our several occupations from the service of self alone, that we may do the work which thou givest us to do in truth and beauty and for the common good; for the sake of him who came among us as one that serveth, thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

#### TO TRUST IN GOD WITH ALL OUR HEARTS

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

#### FOR THE SPIRIT OF SELF-DENYING SERVICE

O gracious God, we remember before thee this day thy servant and apostle James, first among the Twelve to suffer martyrdom for the Name of Jesus Christ; and we pray that thou wilt pour out upon the leaders of thy Church that spirit of self-denying service by which alone they may have true authority among thy people; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

#### FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF PRAYER

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of Your Son: Accept and Fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we

deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### FOR CHRIST TO COME AMONG US

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

#### THAT WE MAY SHARE THE DIVINE LIFE

O God, who wonderfully created, and yet more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

#### TO CAST OUR CARES ON HIM

Most loving Father, whose will it is for us to give thanks for all things, to fear nothing but the loss of you, and to cast all our care on you who care for us: Preserve us from faithless fears and worldly anxieties, that no clouds of this mortal life may hide from us the light of that love which is immortal, and which you have manifested to us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

#### FOR GOD TO GRACIOUSLY BEHOLD HIS CHURCH

Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

#### TO GLADLY SUFFER SHAME AND LOSS

O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life: Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ, that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son our Savior



Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FOR FAITH TO PERCEIVE CHRIST

Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abides with his Church on earth, even to the end of the ages; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**