

# Morning Prayer

for use at home and in church

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## Call to Worship

Praise the name of the Lord;

*All* **ascribe greatness to our God.**

**O Lord, open our lips**

*All* **and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.**

## A Prayer of Approach

Lord God, we are in your presence.

We bring our own thoughts and feelings,  
our experiences, our questions and concerns.

*All* **Direct our minds that we may seek truth in Christ.**

**Open our eyes that we may see a new vision of life in Christ.**

**Build our faith that we may step out on the way of Christ;  
to the glory of God our Father.**

**Amen.**

## Prayers of Penitence

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: The first commandment is this:

‘Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,  
with all your soul, with all your mind,  
and with all your strength.’

The second is this: ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’

There is no other commandment greater than these.

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

*[PAUSE FOR REFLECTION]*

Come, let us return to the Lord and say:

*All* **Lord our God,**

**in our sin we have avoided your call.**

**Our love for you is like a morning cloud,  
like the dew that goes away early.**

**Have mercy on us;**

**deliver us from judgment;**

**bind up our wounds and revive us;**

**in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

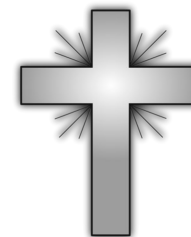
May almighty God,

who sent his Son into the world to save sinners,

bring us his pardon and peace,

now and forever.

**Amen.**



A Song of Praise [based on Revelation 4: 11; 5: 9b, 10]

You are worthy, our Lord and God,  
**All to receive glory and honour and power.**  
For you have created all things,  
**All and by your will they have their being.**  
You are worthy, O Lamb, for you were slain,  
**All and by your blood you ransomed for God**  
**saints from every tribe and language and nation.**  
You have made them a kingdom and priests serving our God,  
**All and they will reign with you on earth.**  
To the One who sits on the throne and to the Lamb  
**All be blessing and honour, glory and might,**  
**for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Collect for the Week

READINGS

SERMON

Affirmation of Faith

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

**All: Though he was divine,**  
**he did not cling to equality with God,**  
**but made himself nothing.**  
**Taking the form of a slave, he was born in human likeness.**  
**He humbled himself, and was obedient to death,**  
**even the death of the cross.**  
**Therefore God has raised him on high,**  
**and given him the name above every name:**  
**that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,**  
**and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,**  
**to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

*cf Philippians 2.6-11*



INTERCESSIONS

The Lord's Prayer

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,  
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**All Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,**  
**your kingdom come, your will be done,**  
**on earth as in heaven.**  
**Give us today our daily bread.**  
**Forgive us our sins**  
**as we forgive those who sin against us.**  
**Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.**  
**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours**  
**now and for ever. Amen.**

Closing

May God keep us in all our days.  
May Christ shield us in all our ways.  
May the Spirit bring us healing and peace.  
May God the Holy Trinity drive all darkness from us  
and pour upon us blessing and light.

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

