

Prayer During the Day order of service

From the earliest days of the Church, people have gathered together to praise God and to pray for salvation through his Son. The service in this booklet form part of what is sometimes known as the 'Daily Office', a form of worship and prayer which can be used by individuals or in groups as a structure for praise and petition. It is drawn from *Common Worship*, one of the worship resources of the Church of England.

I hope you may find in it a spiritual rhythm which will nourish your heart and keep prayer on your lips during the day. Please remember Morning and Evening Prayer is streamed on our church Facebook page and you can find the liturgy for your own daily prayer by visiting: www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer.

Preparation

O God, make speed to save us.

All O Lord, make haste to help us.

Gladden the soul of your servant,

All for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

Psalm 25.1a

Praise

A hymn, song, canticle, or the following can be said:

I am giving you worship with all my life,
I am giving you obedience with all my power,
I am giving you praise with all my strength,
I am giving you honour with all my speech.

I am giving you love with all my heart,
I am giving you affection with all my sense,
I am giving you my being with all my mind,
I am giving you my soul, O most high and holy God

Praise to the Father,
Praise to the Son,
Praise to the Spirit,
The Three in One.

adapted from Alexander Carmichael, Carmina Gadelica (1900)

The Word of God

Psalmody

A Psalm of your choice could be said, or this daily cycle may be followed:

Sunday Psalm 104.26-32

Monday Psalm 21.1-7

Tuesday Psalm 29

Wednesday Psalm 46

Thursday Psalm 84

Friday Psalm 93

Saturday Psalm 98

The psalm may end with

**All Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Short readings

One of the following short readings could be said or one of your own choice.

And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honoured in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength – he says, ‘It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.’

Isaiah 49.5-6

Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices, together they sing for joy; for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion. Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem; for the Lord has comforted his people, he has redeemed Jerusalem.

Isaiah 52.8-9

Many nations shall come and say: ‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.’ For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between many peoples, and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

Micah 4.2-3

‘While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.’

Acts 17.30-31

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

2 Corinthians 5.16-17

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord.

Ephesians 2.19-21

Jesus said, 'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.'

Matthew 5.13-16

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

Matthew 28.16-end

Jesus said, 'Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.'

John 17.24-end

Response

Silence, study, song, or words from Scripture, such as

Jesus said, I am the light of the world,
All whoever follows me will have the light of life.

John 8.12

Prayers

Prayers may include these concerns:

- *God's royal priesthood, that it may be empowered by the Spirit*
- *Those who wait on God, that they may find renewal*
- *All people, that they may acknowledge the kingdom of the ascended Christ*
- *The earth, for productivity and for fruitful harvests*
- *All who are struggling with broken relationships*

Some or all parts of this form of intercession may be used.

Specific petitions may be added, or silence may be kept, at suitable points:

Through Christ, whoever lives to make intercession for us,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lift up our hearts to the heavenly places
and inspire us to serve you as a royal priesthood...

Let all peoples acknowledge your kingdom
and grant on earth the blessing of peace...

Send down upon us the gift of the Spirit
and renew your Church with power from on high...

May peace abound and righteousness flourish,
that we may vanquish injustice and wrong...

Help us to proclaim the good news of salvation,
and grant us the needful gifts of your grace...

Let us commend the world, for which Christ prays,
to the mercy and protection of God.

The Collect for Thy Kingdom Come or another suitable Collect is said:

Almighty God,
your ascended Son has sent us into the world
to preach the good news of your kingdom:
inspire us with your Spirit
and fill our hearts with the fire of your love,
that all who hear your Word
may be drawn to you,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Being made one by the power of the Spirit, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour
has taught us;

**All 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,
the power, and the glory
for ever.
Amen.**

The Conclusion

May the grace of the Holy Spirit enlighten our hearts
and minds.

All Alleluia. Amen.

*Join Rev Joe on our Facebook page on Wednesdays at 12noon where he will undertake this service
with a reading and short reflection (www.facebook.com/holytrinitypottenend).*