

## Morning Prayer

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### + OPENING CALL TO PRAISE AND PRAYER

O God, open our lips,  
***and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.***  
From the rising of the sun to its setting,  
***we praise your name, O God.***

### + REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

By Word and water God renews us this day  
in the living fountain of God's grace,  
and raises us with Christ Jesus to live a new life in the Spirit.  
***Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, O God,  
that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.*** PSALM 90:14

### + MORNING CANTICLE - *The First Song of Isaiah*

Surely, it is God who saves me;  
I will trust in him and not be a-fraid.  
***For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure de-fense,***  
and he will be my Savior.  
Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing  
***from the springs of sal-vation.***

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And on that day you shall say,

Give thanks to the Lord and call u-pon his *Name*;

***Make his deeds known a-mong the peoples;***

see that they remember that his Name is ex-*alted*.

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 12:2-6

#### +MORNING PRAYER

The Holy One\* be with you;

***And also with you.***

Let us pray:

New every morning is your love, great God of light,  
and all day long you are working for good in the world.

Stir up in us desire to serve you, to live peacefully with our  
neighbors, and to devote each day to your Son,  
our Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord. ***Amen.***

#### + Psalm 70 CEV

***Let your worshipers celebrate  
and be glad be-cause of you,  
so let them always say,  
“God is won-der-ful!”***

Save me, LORD God!

Hur-ry and *help*.

<sup>2</sup> Disappoint and confuse  
all who want to kill *me*.

Turn away and disgrace  
all who want to hurt *me*.

<sup>3</sup> Embarrass and shame *those*  
who say, “We told you so!”

<sup>4</sup> Let your worshipers celebrate  
and be glad be-cause of *you*.

They love your saving power,  
so let them always say,  
“God is won-der-ful!”

<sup>5</sup> I am poor and needy,  
but you, the LORD God,  
care a-bout *me*.

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You are the one who saves *me*.

Please hur-ry and *help*!

Glory to you, O Trinity, most holy and *blessed*,  
one God, now and for-ever, *A-men*.

***Let your worshipers celebrate  
and be glad be-cause of you,  
so let them always say,  
“God is won-der-ful!”***

Silence

+ **WORD:** Revelation 9:13-21 CEV

<sup>13</sup> Then the sixth angel blew his trumpet. I heard a voice speak from the four corners of the gold altar that stands in the presence of God. <sup>14</sup> The voice spoke to this angel and said, “Release the four angels who are tied up beside the great Euphrates River.” <sup>15</sup> The four angels had been prepared for this very hour and day and month and year. Now they were set free to kill a third of all people.

<sup>16</sup> By listening, I could tell there were more than two hundred million of these war horses. <sup>17</sup> In my vision their riders wore fiery-red, dark-blue, and yellow armor on their chests. The heads of the horses looked like lions, with fire and smoke and sulfur coming out of their mouths. <sup>18</sup> One-third of all people were killed by the three terrible troubles caused by the fire, the smoke, and the sulfur. <sup>19</sup> The horses had powerful mouths, and their tails were like poisonous snakes that bite and hurt.

<sup>20</sup> The people who lived through these terrible troubles did not turn away from the idols they had made, and they did not stop worshiping demons. They kept on worshiping idols that were made of gold, silver, bronze, stone, and wood. Not one of these idols could see, hear, or walk.

<sup>21</sup> No one stopped murdering or practicing witchcraft or being immoral or stealing.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

***Thanks be to God!***

+ SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

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+ **CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH**

We bless you, Adonai, God of *Israel*,  
for you come to visit us and ransom us from *bondage*.  
You have brought forth a strong De-*liverer*  
in the house of your child *David*.

**This is what your holy prophets an-nounced:  
deliverance from enemies and from the hand  
of all who hate *us*;  
mercy a-mong our *ancestors*,  
and remembrance of your ho-ly *covenant*.**

This is the promise you swore to our an-cestor, *Abraham*,  
to make us un-a-fraid,  
to rescue us from our *enemies*,  
to serve before you, holy and just,  
all the days of our *lives*.

**And this, my little child,  
shall be called prophet of the Most *High*,  
going before you, Adonai, to pre-pare your *paths*,  
making your people know de-*liverance*  
by the forgiveness of their *sins*.**

Through your merciful compassions, God our *God*,  
the dawn from on high shall *visit us*,  
to shine on those kept in dungeons

and the shadows of *death*  
and to guide our feet onto the path of *peace*.

LUKE 1:68-79

Glory to you, O Trinity, most holy and *blessed*,  
one God, now and for-ever, *A-men*.

+ **A READING FOR MEDITATION AND REFLECTION:**

“Our problem is that we assume prayer is something to master the way we master algebra or auto mechanics. But when praying, we come “underneath,” where we calmly and deliberately surrender control and become incompetent.”

Richard J. Foster

Silent reflection

+ **PRAYERS**

The Holy One be with you,  
***and also with you.***

Let us pray:

+ PRAYERS FOR STRENGTH AND CONFIDENCE

*Heavenly Father, giver of life and health: Comfort and relieve your sick servants, and give your power of healing to those who minister to their needs, that those for whom our prayers are offered may be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in your loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

+ PRAYERS FOR THE CARE OF CHILDREN

Almighty God, heavenly Father, you have blessed us with the joy and care of children: Give us calm strength and patient wisdom as we bring them up, that we may teach them to love whatever is just and true and good, following the example of our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

+ COLLECT OF THE WEEK

*Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift that Your aithful people offer you true and laudable servie: Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain your heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

+ PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE

Direct us, O Lord, in all our doings with thy most gracious favor, and further us with thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued, and ended in thee, we may glorify thy holy Name, and finally, by thy mercy, obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

+ COLLECT FOR FRIDAY – Of the Holy Cross

Almighty God, whose beloved Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption: Give us courage, we plead, to take up our cross and follow him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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+ **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*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.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.*

+ **CONCLUDING PRAYER**

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father,  
You have brought us in safety to this new day:  
preserve us with your mighty power,  
that we may not fall into sin,  
nor be overcome by adversity;  
and in all we do direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

+ **BLESSING**

I pray that God, the source of all hope, will infuse your lives with an abundance of joy and peace in the midst of your faith so that your hope will overflow through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**      Romans 15:13 *THE VOICE*