

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. * OSL
***Satisfy us in the morning
with your steadfast love, O God,
that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.***

+ **MORNING CANTICLE OF THANKSGIVING**

It is good to give thanks to the *LORD*,
to sing praises to your name, O Most *High*;
to declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithful-ness by *night*,
to the music of the lute and the *harp*,

to the melody of the lyre.

For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your *work*;
at the works of your hands I sing for *joy*.

How great are your works, O LORD!

Your thoughts are ver-y *deep!*

Psalm 92:1-5

+ **MORNING PRAYER**

The Holy One be with you;
And also with you.

Let us pray:

We give you hearty thanks for the rest of the past night
and for the gift of a new day, with its opportunities of
pleasing you. Grant that we may so pass its hours in
the perfect freedom of your service, that at eventide we
may again give thanks unto you. ***Amen.***

[UM Book of Worship]

+ **Psalm 63** NRSV

***Because your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise you.***

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O God, you are my God, I seek you,
my soul thirsts for you;
my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

² So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.

³ Because your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise you.

⁴ So I will bless you as long as I live;
I will lift up my hands and call on your name.

⁵ My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast,
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips

⁶ when I think of you on my bed,
and meditate on you in the watches of the night;

⁷ for you have been my help,
and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.

⁸ My soul clings to you;
your right hand upholds me.

⁹ But those who seek to destroy my life
shall go down into the depths of the earth;

¹⁰ they shall be given over to the power of the sword,
they shall be prey for jackals.

¹¹ But the king shall rejoice in God;
all who swear by him shall exult,
for the mouths of liars will be stopped.

***Because your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise you.***

Silence

+ **WORD:** 1 Corinthians 14:20-25 THE VOICE

²⁰ Brothers and sisters, don't think like children. Be innocent of malice but mature in understanding. ²¹ In the law, it states:

"I will send My message to this people
with strange languages and foreign lips.
And even when that happens,
they will not listen to Me," says the Lord.

Isaiah 28:11-12

²² So speaking in unknown languages is not a sign to the believing but a *miracle* to the unbelieving; prophecy,

though, is not a sign to the unbelieving but for the believing. ²³ *Imagine what would happen* if the entire church gathered together speaking in different languages, *one foreign to the next*. Then people who have never heard of such a thing or unbelieving people walk up on all that's going on. Would they not think each and every one of you were raving lunatics? ²⁴ But let's say an outsider or unbeliever walks in on a different scene: all are speaking for God with great power and insight *in a language they know*. *What then? Well*, the outsider would come under the conviction *of his own sins* and be called to accountability by the words of all *the prophets*. ²⁵ The very secrets of his heart would be revealed, *and right there—mystified—he would fall on his face in worship to God, proclaiming all the while* that God most certainly dwells among you.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God!

+ SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

+ **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 QUOTE FOR MEDITATION AND REFLECTION:

“Forgiveness is unlocking the door
to set someone free and realizing
you were the prisoner!”

— *max lucado*

Silent reflection

+ PRAYERS

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

Let us pray:

+ FOR HEALTH OF BODY AND SOUL

***For those we have lifted up today, may God the
Father bless you, God the Son heal you, God the
Holy Spirit give you strength. May God the holy and
undivided Trinity guard your body, save your soul,
and bring you safely to his heavenly country; where
he lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.***

+ FOR THOSE WHO LIVE ALONE

Almighty God, whose Son had nowhere to lay his head:
Grant that 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.

+ COLLECT OF THE WEEK

***Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift
that your faithful people offer you true and laudable
service: 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 ATTRIBUTED TO FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. **Amen.**

+ **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**

May the road rise to meet you,
may the wind be always at your back,
may the sun shine warm upon your face,
may the rains fall soft upon your fields,
and until we meet again,
may God hold you in the palm of his hand. **Amen.**

(TRADITIONAL GAELIC PRAYER)