

# Midday Prayer

The leader says the lines in *italics*.

The lines marked by | may be omitted when used as an individual devotion.

*How lovely is your dwelling place,*

O LORD of hosts!

*My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD;*

my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Psalm 84:1-2

## Psalter

*O God, make speed to save us.*

O Lord, make haste to help us.

*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.

Alleluia!

## Psalm

Here sing or read the psalm for this service.

*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.

## Lesson

| The scripture lesson is \_\_\_\_\_.

| Hear the word of God!

| Our ears are open!

**Here read the scripture chosen for this service.**

- | *Praise God for His holy word!*
- | To You, O Lord, be glory and praise!

## **Canticle**

**Here sing the canticle or hymn.**

## **Creed**

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
    who 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 into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven  
    and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
    From there he shall come 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.

## **Prayers**

*I will bless the Lord at all times.*

His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

*Lord, have mercy upon us.*

Christ, have mercy upon us.

*Lord, have mercy upon us.*

## **The Lord's Prayer**

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 debts,

as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen.

*O Lord, hear our prayer;*

And let our cry come to you.

| *Let us pray.*

## **Collect of the Day**

### **Sunday**

*O God our King, by the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ*

*on the first day of the week,*

*you conquered sin, put death to flight,*

*and gave us the hope of everlasting life:*

*Redeem all our days by this victory;*

*forgive our sins, banish our fears,*

*make us bold to praise you and to do your will;  
and steel us to wait for the consummation of your kingdom  
on the last great Day;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### **Monday**

*O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night  
and turns the shadow of death into the morning:  
Drive far from us all wrong desires,  
incline our hearts to keep your law,  
and guide our feet into the way of peace;  
that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day,  
we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### **Tuesday**

*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.*

### **Wednesday**

*O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God,  
you have brought us safely to the beginning of this day:  
Defend us by your mighty power,  
that we may not fall into sin nor run into any danger;  
and that, guided by your Spirit, we may do what is righteous in your sight;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### Thursday

*Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being:  
We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit,  
that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you,  
but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

### Friday

*Almighty God,  
whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain,  
and entered not into glory before he was crucified:  
Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the Cross,  
may find it none other than the way of life and peace;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.*

### Saturday

*Almighty God, who after the creation of the world rested from all your works  
and sanctified a day of rest for all your creatures:  
Grant that we, putting away all earthly anxieties,  
may be duly prepared for the service of your sanctuary,  
and that our rest here upon earth may be a preparation  
for the eternal rest promised to your people in heaven;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## Prayer for Mission

### Sunday

*Almighty and everlasting God, who alone works great marvels:  
Send down upon our clergy and the congregations committed to their charge  
the life-giving Spirit of your grace,  
shower them with the continual dew of your blessing,  
and ignite in them a zealous love of your Gospel;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## Monday

*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.*

## Tuesday

*Almighty Savior, who at noonday called your servant Saint Paul  
to be an apostle to the Gentiles:  
We pray you to illumine the world with the radiance of your glory,  
that all nations may come and worship you;  
For you live and reign for ever and ever. Amen.*

## Wednesday

*O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth,  
and sent your blessed Son to preach peace  
to those who are far off and to those who are near:  
Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you;  
bring the nations into your fold;  
pour out your Spirit upon all flesh;  
and hasten the coming of your kingdom;  
Through the same your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## Thursday

*O God of all the nations of the earth:  
Remember the multitudes who have been created in your image  
but have not known the redeeming work of our Savior Jesus Christ;  
And grant that, by the prayers and labors of your holy Church,  
they may be brought to know and worship you  
as you have been revealed in your Son;  
Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

## **Friday**

*O God and Father of all, whom the whole heavens adore:  
Let the whole earth also worship you, all nations obey you,  
all tongues confess and bless you,  
and men everywhere love you and serve you in peace;  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## **Saturday**

*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.*

## **Extemporaneous Prayers**

**Individuals may offer prayers for general and personal needs:  
for events of the day, for family, for church and community,  
for nation and world.**

## **Monday**

Our country, president, congress, and courts. Our congregation, pastor, elders. Our families, fathers and employers. Sick and suffering. Personal concerns.

## **Tuesday**

Our state, governor, legislature, and courts. Our congregation, deacons, teachers, others. Our families, mothers and homes. Sick and suffering. Personal concerns.

## **Wednesday**

Our city, mayor, city council, and courts. Our congregation, outreach and evangelism. Our families, children and schools. Sick and suffering. Personal concerns.

### **Thursday**

Our neighborhoods, school board, other city boards. Our congregation; missionaries. Our families, single and widowed. Sick and suffering. Personal concerns.

### **Friday**

World leaders, nations at war, natural disasters. Our presbytery and denomination. Sick and suffering. Personal concerns.

## **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.

## Closing Collect

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

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