

# Midday Prayer

The leader says the lines in *italics*.

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

## *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

**The Creed may be omitted if Morning or Evening Prayer are said today.**

| *Christian, what do you believe?*

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

*Pour your grace into our hearts, O Lord,  
that we who have known the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ,  
announced by an angel to the Virgin Mary,  
may by his Cross and passion be brought to the glory of his resurrection;  
Who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

### Monday

*Almighty God,  
Give us grace to cast away the works of darkness,*

*and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life  
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility;  
that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty  
to judge both the living and the dead,  
we may rise to the life immortal;  
Through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

### **Tuesday**

*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.*

### **Wednesday**

*O Lord, King of heaven and earth,  
May it please You this day to order and hallow,  
to rule and govern our hearts and bodies,  
our thoughts, words, and works,  
according to Your commandments;  
Through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.*

### **Thursday**

*Almighty and Everliving God,  
Who makes us both to will and to do those things which are good,  
and acceptable unto Your Divine Majesty:  
Let Your Fatherly hand, we beseech You, ever be over us;  
let Your Holy Spirit ever be with us;  
and so lead us in the knowledge and obedience of Your Word,  
that in the end we may obtain everlasting life;  
Through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.*

### **Friday**

*Almighty God, you alone gave us the breath of life,  
and you alone can keep alive in us the holy desires you impart.  
We beseech you, for your compassion's sake,  
to sanctify all our thoughts and endeavors,  
that we may neither begin an action without a pure intention  
nor continue it without your blessing.  
And grant that, having the eyes of our mind enlightened  
to behold things invisible and unseen,  
we may in heart be inspired by your wisdom,  
in work be upheld by your strength,  
and in the end be accepted as your faithful servants;  
Through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.*

### **Saturday**

*Grant us, O Lord, to pass this day in gladness and peace,  
without stumbling and without stain,  
that reaching the evening victorious over all temptation  
through your ever present aid,  
we may praise You, the Eternal God,  
who governs all things and are blessed for evermore;  
Through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord. Amen.*

## **Prayer for Mission**

### **Sunday**

*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.*

## **Monday**

*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.*

## **Tuesday**

*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.*

## **Wednesday**

*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.*

## **Thursday**

*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.*

### **Friday**

*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.*

### **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.

| Let us bless the Lord.

| Thanks be to God.

## 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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