

Morning Prayer

September 2026

Opening Acclamation

God within me, God within you,
God beyond and surrounding us all,
May all we say and think and do
Be in harmony with Creation;
May we bless the Maker of all beauty.

Hymn of Praise

We face the East and bless the beginning;
In the light of dawn we see all things anew.
We offer thanks and bow in peace.

We face the South and bless the work;
In the noonday glare we see what is growing.
We offer thanks and bow in peace.

We face the West and bless the completion
Of another day, another task, another life;
We greet all our relations.
We offer thanks and bow in peace.

We face the North and bless the Night;
In the gentle light of moon and stars,
We tell the stories of the past and greet the dreamtime.
We offer thanks and bow in peace.

Collect of the Day

Beloved Creator and sustainer of the world, we thank you for the astonishment of your Creation.
Open our hearts continually to the beauty and majesty that surrounds us and help us to discover
the holiness that lies within every living thing. Teach us to love the world. Amen.

Reading

Meditation

Prayers

God of grace, we offer thanks for life; for those we love and for those who love us; for opportunities to learn and grow; for moments of peace; for occasions of joy; for this very day.

God of mercy, we pray for those who need your strength. We pray for those who are ill; for those who are preparing to give birth; for those who are dying; for those who have a long road of treatment and recovery; for those who are addicted; for those who are working to improve their health.

God of justice, we pray in fear and hope. In a time of danger and darkness, help us to remain steadfast in turning toward your light. We pray for those who bear the responsibility of public policy; for those who are working against all odds to preserve the life of our planet; and for the earth herself.

God of the forsaken, we pray for the victims of war and occupation. We pray for soldiers who struggle with conscience. We pray for journalists, medical personnel, and churches, who stand in the breach for truth, mercy, and healing.

God of resurrection, we pray for those who have died, and for those who grieve. Help us to listen to the enlivening voice of your Spirit, who calls us into your future. We pray because of Jesus, who shows us the way. Amen.

Announcements

Benediction

In the name of the sunrise

In the name of the birds

In the name of the ocean vast and blue:

May the beauty of Creation sustain you.

In the name of the forest

In the name of the bees

In the name of the ever-changing sky:

May the beauty of Creation bring you tears of joy.

In the name of the desert

In the name of the four winds

In the name of the mighty and the small:

May the beauty of Creation

Turn your toward your Creator

With a heart ready to do the work of love. **Amen.**