

Morning Prayer for November

Open my lips, O God,
And my mouth shall proclaim your praise.
Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.

Hymn of Praise

Psalm 65

Those who live at earth's farthest bounds are awed by your signs;
you make the gateways of the morning and the evening shout for joy.

You visit the earth and water it;
you greatly enrich it;
the river of God is full of water;
you provide the people with grain,
for so you have prepared it.

You water its furrows abundantly,
settling its ridges,
softening it with showers,
and blessing its growth.

You crown the year with your bounty;
your wagon tracks overflow with richness.

The pastures of the wilderness overflow;
the hills gird themselves with joy;
the meadows clothe themselves with flocks;
the valleys deck themselves with grain;
they shout and sing together for joy.

Collect of the Day:

“School Prayer” by Diane Ackerman

In the name of the daybreak
and the eyelids of the morning
and the wayfaring moon
and the night when it departs,

I swear I will not dishonor
my soul with hatred,
but offer myself humbly
as a guardian of nature,
as a healer of misery,
as a messenger of wonder,
as an architect of peace.

In the name of the sun and its mirrors
and the day that embraces it
and the cloud veils drawn over it
and the uttermost night
and the male and the female
and the plants bursting with seed
and the crowning seasons
of the firefly and the apple,

I will honor all life –
wherever and in whatever form
it may dwell – on Earth my home,
and in the mansions of the stars.

Reading and Meditation

Prayers

Holy One, teach us to pray.

Soften our hearts and strengthen our spirits so that we can hear and respond to your Spirit of love.
We give you thanks for life, for beauty, for love; we thank you for learning and growth; we thank you for
this astonishing world.

We pray for our country and our leaders. Grant us wisdom, and the will for peace and justice.
We pray for those facing war and all its consequences. Sustain those who are serving the vulnerable;
uphold those who are grieving. We pray for those who have power; hold before them the vision of your
peace.

We pray for our vulnerable planet. We pray for governments, businesses, and non-profits that make
choices about how we use the earth; grant them wisdom, courage, and a spirit of tender care.
We pray for those we love and see no longer; may light perpetual shine upon them.

Keep us awake today and sustain us for the work of love. We pray because of Jesus, who shows us the
way. Amen.

Announcements

Blessing

May the peace of God surround you,
The peace of Christ accompany you,
The peace of God's Spirit enfold you.
May there be peace between you and
Those whose lives you touch;
May peace be your path;
May peace be your aim;
Work and pray and live for peace. **Amen.**