

Daily Prayer for the Lenten Season Morning Session

Instructions:

Choose a leader who will read the regular print. Also, choose a Scripture reader. Everyone will read the bold print. At the beginning of your gathering, you might discuss and list the prayer concerns that you might have. But be disciplined about how much time you use. You want to pray more than talk about praying. Then take one minute of silence for centering before the Leader begins. Where it says, "*prayers are offered by the people*" everyone is encouraged to enter in and pray what God is prompting you to pray. It doesn't have to be fancy. Your heartfelt prayers are an encouragement to everyone else. When it seems the time is right, close your prayer time with the Lord's Prayer and the prayer that follows.

Leader: Lord, open our lips.

People: **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: Come let us adore him.

Come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

**For the Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth,
and the heights of the hills are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands have molded the dry land.**

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
**For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.
Oh, that today we would hearken to his voice!**

Psalm 95:1-7

(Over)

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Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence is kept.

Most merciful God,
**we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Psalm Reading for the Day: Psalm 119:65-72

Reader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Seek the Lord while he may be found;
Call on him while he is near.

Theme verse for the day: I Thessalonians 5:25

****Prayers are offered by the people.***

Prayer theme for the day: *Pray for our church staff and leadership.*

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we also forgive everyone
who sins against us.
And lead us not into temptation
and deliver us from the Evil One.
For yours is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever. Amen.**

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought me in safety to this new day: Preserve me with your mighty power that I may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all I do direct me to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ my Lord. Amen.

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