

# Daily Family Prayer



# IN THE MORNING

*The following or some other verse of Scripture is said*

O Lord, open my lips,  
and my mouth shall show forth your praise. *Psalm 51:15*

*Psalm 51:10-12*

10 Create in me a clean heart, O God, \*  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
11 Cast me not away from your presence, \*  
and take not your holy Spirit from me.  
12 O give me the comfort of your help again, \*  
and sustain me with your willing Spirit.

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.

## A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. *1 Peter 1:3*

*or this*

Give thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. *Colossians 1:12-14*

*or this*

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. *Colossians 3:1-4*

*Prayers may be offered for ourselves and others.*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

### THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

#### **A Collect for Strength to Await Christ's Return (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 the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

#### **A Collect for the Renewal of Life (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.*

#### **A Collect for Peace (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.*

### **A Collect for Grace (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.*

### **A Collect for Guidance (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.*

### **A Collect for Endurance (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.*

### **A Collect for Sabbath Rest (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.*

## **THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING**

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we Your unworthy servants do give You most humble and hearty thanks for all Your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men. 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 beseech You, give us that due sense of all Your mercies, that our hearts may overflow with thankfulness; and that we may proclaim Your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to Your service, and by walking before You in holiness and righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

## THE GRACE

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen. *2 Corinthians 13:14*

# AT MIDDAY

*The following or some other verse of Scripture is said*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places. *Ephesians 1:3*

*Psalms 113:1-4*

*Laudate, pueri*

- <sup>1</sup> Praise the Lord. Sing praises, you servants of the Lord; \*  
    O praise the Name of the Lord.  
<sup>2</sup> Blessed be the Name of the Lord, \*  
    from this time forth for evermore.  
<sup>3</sup> The Lord's Name be praised \*  
    from the rising up of the sun to the going down of the same.  
<sup>4</sup> The Lord is high above all nations, \*  
    and his glory above the heavens.  
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.

## A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. *John 15:4-5*

*or this*

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. *Philippians 4:6-7*

*A period of silence may follow.*

*Prayers may be offered for ourselves and others.*

## THE COLLECT

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.**

## BLESSING FOR FOOD

Bless us O Lord, with these Thy gifts, that we are about to receive, from thy bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Or some other prayer of thanksgiving*

# IN THE EARLY EVENING

*This devotion may be used before or after the evening meal.*

*The following or some other verse of Scripture is said*

How excellent is your mercy, O God! The children of men shall take refuge under the shadow of your wings. For with you is the well of life, and in your light shall we see light. *Psalm 36:7, 9*

## PHOS HILARON

*O Gladsome Light*

O gladsome light,  
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven, \*  
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!  
Now as we come to the setting of the sun,  
and our eyes behold the vesper light, \*  
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices, \*  
O Son of God, O Giver of Life,  
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

## A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. *2 Corinthians 4:5-6*

*or this*

Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." *John 8:12*

*or this*



Jesus said, “Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me.”  
*Revelation 3:20*

*A period of silence may follow.*

*Prayers may be offered for ourselves and others.*

## THE LORD’S PRAYER

### THE COLLECT

Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love. **Amen.**

# AT THE DAY'S END

*The following or some other verse of Scripture is said*

I will lay me down in peace, and take my rest;  
for you, Lord, only, make me dwell in safety. *Psalm 4:8*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

O Lord, show us your mercy.

**And grant us your salvation.**

O Lord, save our Land.

**And mercifully hear us when we call upon you.**

Bless your Church with righteousness.

**And make your chosen people joyful.**

O Lord, save your people.

**And bless your inheritance.**

Give us peace in our time, O Lord.

**For it is you, Lord, only, that makes us dwell in safety.**

O God, make clean our hearts within us.

**And take not your Holy Spirit from us.**

## PSALM 134

*Ecce nunc*

- <sup>1</sup> Behold now, praise the Lord, \*  
all you servants of the Lord,
- <sup>2</sup> You that stand by night in the house of the Lord, \*  
even in the courts of the house of our God.
- <sup>3</sup> Lift up your hands in the sanctuary \*  
and sing praises unto the Lord.
- <sup>4</sup> The Lord who made heaven and earth \*  
give you blessing out of Zion.

## A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

You keep them in perfect peace whose minds are stayed on you, because they trust in you. Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord God is an everlasting rock.

*Isaiah 26:3-4*

*or this*

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. *1 Thessalonians 5:23*

*A period of silence may follow.*

*Prayers may be offered for ourselves and others. It is appropriate that prayers of thanksgiving for the blessings of the day, and penitence for our sins, be included.*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

### THE COLLECT

Visit this place, O Lord, and drive far from it all snares of the enemy; let your holy angels dwell with us to preserve us in peace; and let your blessing be upon us always; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## NUNC DIMITTIS

*The Song of Simeon*

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace,  
according thy word.

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation  
which thou hast prepared,  
before the face of all peoples.

A light to lighten the Gentiles,  
and the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

## CONCLUDING SENTENCE

The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you, and give you peace. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, rest upon you, and remain with you forever and ever. Amen.

# ADDITIONAL PRAYERS

## FOR THE SPIRIT OF PRAYER

O Almighty God, you pour out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and of supplication: Deliver us, when we draw near to you, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## FOR THOSE WE LOVE

Almighty God, we entrust all who are dear to us to your never-failing care and love, for this life and the life to come, knowing that you are doing for them better things than we can desire or pray for; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## FOR THE FAMILY

Merciful Savior, you loved Martha and Mary and Lazarus, hallowing their home with your sacred presence: Bless our home, we pray, that your love may rest upon us, and that your presence may dwell with us. May we all grow in grace and in the knowledge of you, our Lord and Savior. Teach us to love one another as you have commanded. Help us to bear one another's burdens in fulfillment of your law, O blessed Jesus, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## FOR RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

O Loving Father, we commend to your gracious keeping all who are near and dear to us. Have mercy upon any who are sick, and comfort those who are in pain, anxiety, or sorrow. Awaken all who are careless about eternal things. Bless those who are young and in health, that they may give the days of their strength to you. Comfort the aged and infirm, that your peace may rest upon them. Hallow the ties of kindred, that we may help and not hinder one another in all the good works that you have prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## FOR CHILDREN

O Lord Jesus Christ, who took little children into your arms and blessed them: Bless the children of this family, that they may grow up in godly fear and love. Give them your strength and guidance day by day, that they may continue in your love and service to their lives' end. Grant this, O blessed Savior, for your own Name's sake. **Amen.**

## IN THE MORNING

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.**

## AT NIGHT

O Lord, support us all the day long through this trouble-filled life, until the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in your mercy grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last. **Amen.**

## FOR QUIET CONFIDENCE

O God of peace, who hast taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and in confidence shall be our strength: By the might of thy Spirit lift us, we pray thee, to thy presence, where we may be still and know that thou art God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



