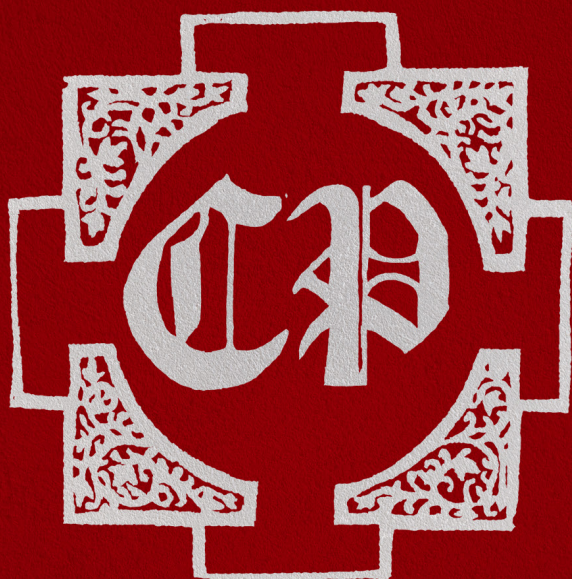


Common Prayer



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- Practicing Daily Prayer -

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Introduction

This booklet is a devotional resource to help you create time and space in your life for prayer, so that you might be strengthened in your walk with Jesus.

We have taken the services for Morning Prayer, Compline, and Family Prayer and modified the content and the length. The goal is to provide an accessible pattern to enrich your prayer life, and also to introduce you to the riches of the Book of Common Prayer. We encourage you to use this booklet daily, as best you can, so that through regular, Scripture-inspired prayer you continue to abide in our Lord.

PRAYING WITH OTHERS

Though these prayer services can be done alone, they are part of our Christian life together. Plain text is said by the service leader. Bold text is said by the congregation. We encourage you to make regular gathering for prayer a rhythm in your life. If you'd like to join a community that meets from Monday to Friday for these prayer services, please visit stjohnsvancouver.org/events.

A NOTE ON POSTURE

When reading set prayers, it can be tempting to just go through the motions. Paying attention to the posture of your body in prayer can remind your heart of the posture it ought to have. We've included a few icons in the margin to guide you through your prayers.

Stand, sit, or kneel as you are able.



SUBMISSION/
HUMILITY



RECEPTION



PRAISE/
REVERENCE



WORSHIP ✝ DOES NOT
SATISFY OUR HUNGER
FOR GOD — IT WHETS
OUR APPETITE. ✝ OUR
NEED FOR GOD IS
NOT TAKEN CARE
OF BY ENGAGING IN
WORSHIP—IT DEEPENS.

- EUGENE PETERSON -

About the Prayerbook

WHAT IS THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER?

Since the earliest centuries of the Church, Christians have used prayerbooks in their devotional life. They are resources to draw upon as we learn the rhythms and language of prayer. During the Reformation, Thomas Cranmer developed a specifically English prayerbook: the Book of Common Prayer (BCP). The BCP is many things but, above all, it is a robustly biblical and historical expression of Christian devotion.

WHY USE IT?

Simply put, the BCP gives us a time-honored pattern for rehearsing the gospel story – a story we are all learning to live into. The best reason to use the BCP is that it has been thoroughly shaped by the gospel. By participating in its prayers, we are shaped by the gospel as we are reminded of our sin, pointed to Jesus Christ, and invited to respond in faith. This is the pattern of Christian life and this is the pattern of the BCP.

WANT TO DIG DEEPER?

If you'd like more information about the BCP, the Prayerbook Society of Canada has a number of resources, including a digital version of the Prayerbook at prayerbook.ca.

If you're curious about the most recent edition of the BCP published by our province, the Anglican Church of North America, check out bcp2019.anglicanchurch.net.

Parts of the Service

ANTIPHON

Antiphons are short call-and-response prayers, usually taken from the Psalms. Traditionally, they are sung in a gathering, but you can also pray them by yourself.

APOSTLES' CREED

It is no secret that our lives fluctuate. On any given day we can be bored, frustrated, skeptical, despairing, hopeful, ecstatic, content. In the midst of all of this flux, creeds are historic professions of faith in the faithfulness of God, and locate us within a community of faith which stretches back to the early Church. We affirm three creeds: the Apostles Creed, the Nicene Creed, and the Athanasian Creed.

BENEDICTION

Benedictions are words of blessing. They are a crucial reminder to us, regardless of how our days have gone, that God is good and wishes to bless his people.

CANTICLES

Canticles are short songs of praise taken from Scripture. There are three canticles at the start of Luke's gospel, named after the first word of each in the Latin Bible: the Benedictus, the Magnificat, and the Nunc Dimittis. They joyfully respond to the good news that Jesus has come to deliver us. Two other significant canticles are the Venite (Psalm 95) and the Te Deum.

CHURCH CALENDAR 2024

EPIPHANY	January 6
ASH WEDNESDAY	February 14
PALM SUNDAY	March 24
HOLY WEEK	March 25 - 30
MAUNDY THURSDAY	March 28
GOOD FRIDAY	March 29
EASTER DAY	March 31

ASCENSION DAY	May 9
PENTECOST	May 19
TRINITY SUNDAY	May 26
ALL SAINTS	Nov 1
ADVENT 1	Dec 1
ADVENT 2	Dec 8
ADVENT 3	Dec 15
ADVENT 4	Dec 22
CHRISTMAS DAY	Dec 25

COLLECTS

Collects are concise yet theologically rich prayers to gather us in.

Collect Purpose:

Example:

1	Address God	Almighty God,
2	Highlight his character	To whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid;
3	Make a request to him in light of that characteristic	Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit;
4	Express a desired result of that request	So that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name;
5	Ask it all in the name of Jesus	Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CONFESSION

Healthy relationships require honesty. Confession is an opportunity to acknowledge our sins before God, which are an offence and violation of his love, a time to lay our failures – and the shame they often cause – before our good and gracious Maker. In confession we share our neediness, and we ask for God’s forgiveness through Jesus Christ. This daily habit reminds us that we all need God’s mercy and grace. Reflect carefully, guided by the Holy Spirit, that confession may become an honest expression of your heart.

INTERCESSIONS

Prayer is intercession. God invites us to lay our needs, the needs of others, and the needs of the world before him. We are doing our best to say to him “your kingdom come, your will be done.” Intercessions are opportunities for us to seek God’s heart in a matter and to plead for his justice, mercy, and grace in the midst of all that is sinful and broken. And we don’t do it alone. Not only do we join with our Christian brothers and sisters, but we do it with Jesus, our great High Priest, and we do it in the power of the Holy Spirit. Because of this, we can confidently draw near to the throne of grace (Hebrews 4.16)!

PARDON THROUGH THE CROSS

When we confess our sins, the point is not to wallow in guilt and shame. In confession, we open ourselves up to the grace of God and receive his pardon through the death of his Son, Jesus Christ. Even at our worst, nothing can separate us from the love of God. Come to him, repent, and be forgiven!

LORD’S PRAYER

This is the prayer Jesus specifically taught us to pray and it provides the framework for how to see our lives in relationship to God and the rest of the world. It is no exaggeration to say that the prayer of our Lord Jesus lies at the very heart of a healthy prayer life.

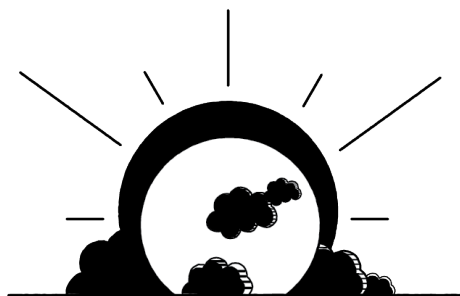
SCRIPTURE READINGS

Unless God speaks to us, we cannot know God. God speaks to us because he loves us and wants us to know him. Among all the ways in which we encounter God, Scripture holds a unique authority: it is the living word of the living God. Scripture can be difficult to read, either because we don’t immediately understand it, or because we do and don’t want to understand it. God gives us his word because he loves us. Take time to draw from Scripture’s refreshing streams. Meditate upon it throughout your day. Let the Holy Spirit work in you through it, so that the word of Christ dwells in you richly and you continue to be transformed by the renewal of your mind, able to discern the will of God.

- Selah -



The Chi Ro - a symbolic shortform of 'Christ' in biblical Greek



MORNING PRAYER



OPENING SCRIPTURES

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8-9*

- OR -

The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. *Psalms 145:18*

CONFESSION



Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker and judge of all people: We acknowledge and grieve over all our sins and wickedness, which we have committed by thought, word, and deed, against your divine majesty: provoking most justly your righteous anger against us. We sincerely repent with heartfelt sorrow for these our transgressions. The burden of them is more than we can bear. Have mercy on us, most merciful Father; for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that from now on we may serve and please you in newness of life, to the honour and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



PARDON THROUGH THE CROSS

Almighty Father,
who gave your dearly beloved Son
to die for us because of your great love,
grant that through his cross our sins
may be put away and remembered no more,
and that cleansed by his blood and mindful of
his sufferings, we may take up our cross daily
and follow him in newness of life,
until we come to his everlasting kingdom;
through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
so may the light of your presence, O God,
set our hearts on fire with love for you;
now and forever. Amen.



SCRIPTURE READINGS

Read today's Psalm.

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.

Read today's Lesson.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Spend a few minutes reflecting on the passages.

 SCRIPTURE READINGS

JAN	PSALM	LESSON	FEB	PSALM	LESSON
1	1	1 Chron. 10	1	30	2 Chron. 16–17
2	2	1 Chron. 11	2	31	2 Chron. 18
3	3	1 Chron. 12	3	32	2 Chron. 19
4	4	1 Chron. 13–14	4	33	2 Chron. 20
5	5	1 Chron. 15	5	34	2 Chron. 21
6	72*	Isaiah 60:1–9	6	35	2 Chron. 22–23
7	6	1 Chron. 16	7	36	2 Chron. 24
8	7	1 Chron. 17	8	37:1–20	2 Chron. 25
9	8	1 Chron. 18	9	37:21–40	2 Chron. 26–27
10	9	1 Chron. 19–20	10	38	2 Chron. 28
11	10	1 Chron. 21:1–17	11	39	2 Chron. 29
12	11	1 Chron. 21:18–22:19	12	40	2 Chron. 30
13	12	1 Chron. 23	13	41	2 Chron. 31
14	13	1 Chron. 24	14	103*	Joel 2:1–17
15	14	1 Chron. 25	15	42	2 Chron. 32
16	15	1 Chron. 26	16	43	2 Chron. 33
17	16	1 Chron. 27	17	44	2 Chron. 34
18	17	1 Chron. 28	18	45	2 Chron. 35
19	18:1–19	1 Chron. 29	19	46	2 Chron. 36
20	18:20–50	2 Chron. 1–2	20	47	Hosea 1
21	19	2 Chron. 3:1–5:1	21	48	Hosea 2
22	20	2 Chron. 5:2–6:11	22	49	Hosea 3–4
23	21	2 Chron. 6:12–42	23	50	Hosea 5
24	22	2 Chron. 7	24	51	Hosea 6–7
25	23	2 Chron. 8	25	52	Hosea 8:1–9:9
26	24	2 Chron. 9	26	53	Hosea 9:10–10:15
27	25	2 Chron. 10	27	54	Hosea 11–12
28	26	2 Chron. 11	28	55:1–15	Hosea 13–14
29	27	2 Chron. 12	29	55:16–23	Obadiah
30	28	2 Chron. 13	*SEE CHURCH CALENDAR GUIDE ON PAGE 5.		
31	29	2 Chron. 14–15			

MAR	PSALM	LESSON	APR	PSALM	LESSON
1	56	Joel 1:1–2:11	1	76	Lam. 3
2	57	Joel 2:12–27	2	77	Lam. 4
3	58	Joel 2:28–3:21	3	78:1–20	Lam. 5
4	59	Amos 1–2	4	78:21–40	Daniel 1
5	60	Amos 3–4	5	78:41–72	Daniel 2
6	61	Amos 5	6	79	Daniel 3
7	62	Amos 6–7	7	80	Daniel 4
8	63	Amos 8–9	8	81	Daniel 5
9	64	Jonah 1–2	9	82	Daniel 6
10	65	Jonah 3–4	10	83	Daniel 7
11	66	Micah 1–2	11	84	Daniel 8
12	67	Micah 3–4	12	85	Daniel 9
13	68:1–18	Micah 5–6	13	86	Daniel 10
14	68:19–35	Micah 7	14	87	Daniel 11–12
15	69:1–18	Nahum 1–2	15	88	Ezekiel 1
16	69:19–36	Nahum 3	16	89:1–18	Ezekiel 2–3
17	70	Hab. 1:1–2:1	17	89:19–52	Ezekiel 4–5
18	71	Hab. 2:2–20	18	90	Ezekiel 6
19	72	Hab. 3	19	91	Ezekiel 7
20	73:1–17	Zeph. 1:1–2:4	20	92	Ezekiel 8–9
21	73:18–28	Zeph. 2:5–3:20	21	93	Ezekiel 10
22	74	Lamentations 1	22	94	Ezekiel 11
23	75	Lamentations 2	23	95	Ezekiel 12
24	22	Isaiah 52:13–53:12	24	96	Ezekiel 13
25	36	Isaiah 42:1–9	25	97	Ezekiel 14–15
26	71:1–11	Isaiah 49:1–6	26	98	Ezekiel 16:1–34
27	69:6–14	Isaiah 50:4–9	27	99	Ezekiel 16:35–63
28	78:15–26	Exodus 12:1–14	28	100	Ezekiel 17
29	40:1–16	Genesis 22:1–18	29	101	Ezekiel 18
30	130	Job 14:1–17	30	102:1–11	Ezekiel 19
31	118:14–24	Isaiah 25:6–9	*SEE CHURCH CALENDAR GUIDE ON PAGE 5.		

MAY	PSALM	LESSON	JUN	PSALM	LESSON
1	102:12-28	Ezekiel 20:1-32	1	119:89-104	Isaiah 3-4
2	103	Ezekiel 20:33-49	2	119:105-120	Isaiah 5
3	104:1-18	Ezekiel 21	3	119:121-128	Isaiah 6
4	104:19-35	Ezekiel 22	4	119:129-144	Isaiah 7
5	105:1-22	Ezekiel 23	5	119:145-160	Isaiah 8
6	105:23-45	Ezekiel 24	6	119:161-176	Isaiah 9:1-10:4
7	106:1-23	Ezekiel 25-26	7	120	Isaiah 10:5-34
8	106:24-48	Ezekiel 27	8	121	Isaiah 11-12
9	47	Luke 24:44-53	9	122	Isaiah 13
10	107:1-22	Ezekiel 28	10	123	Isaiah 14
11	107:23-43	Ezekiel 29:1-30:19	11	124	Isaiah 15-16
12	108	Ezekiel 30:20-31:18	12	125	Isaiah 17-18
13	109:1-15	Ezekiel 32	13	126	Isaiah 19-20
14	109:16-31	Ezekiel 33	14	127	Isaiah 21
15	110	Ezekiel 34	15	128	Isaiah 22
16	111	Ezekiel 35:1-36:15	16	129	Isaiah 23
17	112	Ezekiel 36:16-38	17	130, 131	Isaiah 24
18	113	Ezekiel 37	18	132	Isaiah 25
19	104:24-35	Genesis 11:1-9	19	133	Isaiah 26
20	114	Ezekiel 38	20	134	Isaiah 27
21	115	Ezekiel 39	21	135	Isaiah 28
22	116	Ezekiel 40	22	136	Isaiah 29
23	117	Ezekiel 41-42	23	137	Isaiah 30
24	118:1-13	Ezekiel 43	24	138	Isaiah 31
25	118:14-29	Ezekiel 44	25	139	Isaiah 32
26	150	Isaiah 6:1-7	26	140	Isaiah 33
27	119:1-16	Ezekiel 45	27	141	Isaiah 34
28	119:17-40	Ezekiel 46	28	142	Isaiah 35
29	119:41-56	Ezekiel 47-48	29	143	Isaiah 36
30	119:57-72	Isaiah 1	30	144	Isaiah 37:1-20
31	119:73-88	Isaiah 2			

JUL	PSALM	LESSON	AUG	PSALM	LESSON
1	145	Isaiah 37:21–38	1	25	Proverbs 3:13–35
2	146	Isaiah 38	2	26	Proverbs 4–5
3	147	Isaiah 39	3	27	Proverbs 6
4	148	Isaiah 40	4	28	Proverbs 7
5	149	Isaiah 41	5	29	Proverbs 8–9
6	150	Isaiah 42	6	30	Proverbs 10
7	1	Isaiah 43	7	31	Proverbs 11
8	2	Isaiah 44	8	32	Proverbs 12
9	3	Isaiah 45	9	33	Proverbs 13
10	4	Isaiah 46–47	10	34	Proverbs 14
11	5	Isaiah 48	11	35	Proverbs 15
12	6	Isaiah 49	12	36	Proverbs 16
13	7	Isaiah 50	13	37	Proverbs 17
14	8	Isaiah 51	14	38	Proverbs 18
15	9	Isaiah 52:1–12	15	39	Proverbs 19
16	10	Isaiah 52:13–53:12	16	40	Proverbs 20
17	11	Isaiah 54	17	41	Proverbs 21
18	12	Isaiah 55	18	42	Proverbs 22
19	13	Isaiah 56	19	43	Proverbs 23
20	14	Isaiah 57	20	44	Proverbs 24
21	15	Isaiah 58	21	45	Proverbs 25
22	16	Isaiah 59	22	46	Proverbs 26
23	17	Isaiah 60	23	47	Proverbs 27
24	18:1–19	Isaiah 61	24	48	Proverbs 28
25	18:20–50	Isaiah 62	25	49	Proverbs 29
26	19	Isaiah 63:1–14	26	50	Proverbs 30
27	20	Isaiah 63:15–64:12	27	51	Proverbs 31
28	21	Isaiah 65	28	52	Ruth 1–2
29	22	Isaiah 66	29	53	Ruth 3–4
30	23	Proverbs 1	30	54	Song 1:1–2:7
31	24	Proverbs 2:1–3:12	31	55	Song 2:8–3:11

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SEP	PSALM	LESSON	OCT	PSALM	LESSON
1	56	Song 4:1–5:1	1	81	Job 19
2	57	Song 5:2–6:1	2	82	Job 20
3	58	Song 6:2–7:10	3	83	Job 21
4	59	Song 7:11–8:14	4	84	Job 22
5	60	Ecclesiastes 1	5	85	Job 23
6	61	Ecclesiastes 2	6	86	Job 24–25
7	62	Ecclesiastes 3	7	87	Job 26–27
8	63	Ecclesiastes 4	8	88	Job 28
9	64	Ecclesiastes 5–6	9	89:1–18	Job 29–30
10	65	Ecclesiastes 7	10	89:19–52	Job 31
11	66	Ecclesiastes 8	11	90	Job 32–33
12	67	Ecclesiastes 9	12	91	Job 34–35
13	68:1–18	Ecclesiastes 10	13	92	Job 36–37
14	68:19–35	Ecclesiastes 11	14	93	Job 38:1–40:2
15	69:1–18	Ecclesiastes 12	15	94	Job 40:3–41:34
16	69:19–36	Job 1	16	95	Job 42
17	70	Job 2	17	96	Deut. 1
18	71	Job 3	18	97	Deut. 2
19	72	Job 4–5	19	98	Deut. 3
20	73:1–17	Job 6–7	20	99	Deut. 4:1–43
21	73:18–28	Job 8	21	100	Deut. 4:44–5:33
22	74	Job 9–10	22	101	Deut. 6–7
23	75	Job 11	23	102:1–11	Deut. 8
24	76	Job 12	24	102:12–28	Deut. 9
25	77	Job 13	25	103	Deut. 10
26	78:1–20	Job 14	26	104:1–18	Deut. 11
27	78:21–40	Job 15	27	104:19–35	Deut. 12:1–28
28	78:41–72	Job 16	28	105:1–22	Deut. 12:29–14:29
29	79	Job 17	29	105:23–45	Deut. 15:1–16:17
30	80	Job 18	30	106:1–23	Deut. 16:18–18:22
			31	106:24–48	Deut. 19–20

NOV	PSALM	LESSON	DEC	PSALM	LESSON
1	149	Revelation 7:9-17	1	50	Isaiah 2:1-5
2	107:1-22	Deut. 21	2	123	Neh 5
3	107:23-43	Deut. 22	3	124	Neh. 6:1-7:4
4	108	Deut. 23:1-25:4	4	125	Neh. 7:5-73
5	109:1-15	Deut. 25:5-26:19	5	126	Neh. 8
6	109:16-31	Deut. 27	6	127	Neh. 9
7	110	Deut. 28	7	128	Neh. 10
8	111	Deut. 29	8	72	Isaiah 11:1-10
9	112	Deut. 30	9	129	Neh. 11:1-2;12:27-47
10	113	Deut. 31:1-29	10	130, 131	Neh. 13
11	114	Deut. 31:30-32:47	11	132	Zech 1:1-17
12	115	Deut. 32:48-34:12	12	133, 134	Zechariah 1:18-2:13
13	116	Haggai 1	13	135	Zechariah 3-4
14	117	Haggai 2	14	136	Zechariah 5-6
15	118:1-13	Ezra 1	15	85	Isaiah 35:1-10
16	118:14-29	Ezra 2:1-2; 3:1-13	16	137	Zechariah 7
17	119:1-16	Ezra 4	17	138	Zechariah 8
18	119:17-40	Ezra 5	18	139	Zechariah 9
19	119:41-56	Ezra 6	19	140	Zechariah 10
20	119:57-72	Ezra 7	20	141	Zechariah 11
21	119:73-88	Ezra 8	21	142	Zechariah 12
22	119:89-104	Ezra 9	22	24	Isa 7:10-17
23	119:105-120	Ezra 10	23	143	Zechariah 13
24	119:121-128	Malachi 1	24	144	Zechariah 14
25	119:129-144	Malachi 2:1-16	25	96	Isa 9:1-7
26	119:145-160	Malachi 2:17-4:6	26	145	Esther 1-2
27	119:161-176	Neh. 1	27	146	Esther 3-4
28	120	Neh. 2	28	147	Esther 5:1-6:13
29	121	Neh. 3	29	148	Esther 6:14-8:17
30	122	Neh. 4	30	149	Esther 9:1-19
*SEE CHURCH CALENDAR GUIDE ON PAGE 5.			31	150	Esther 9:20-10:3

The leader may give a homily or short reflection.



JUBILATE

O be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;
serve the Lord with gladness,
and come before his presence with a song.
Be assured that the Lord, he is God;
it is he that made us, and not we ourselves;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving,
and into his courts with praise;
be thankful unto him, and speak good of his name
for the Lord is gracious, his mercy is everlasting,
and his truth endures from generation to generation.

- OR -



VENITE

O come, let us sing unto the Lord;
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving
and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.
For the Lord is a great God
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are all the depths of the earth
and the heights of the hills are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands prepared the dry land.
O come, let us worship and fall down,
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.

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.



APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin
Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,
died and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he
is seated at the right hand of the Father
and he will 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.



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 trespasses; As we forgive those that trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For
thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and
ever. Amen.

DAILY COLLECTS

SUNDAY | *For Strength to Await Christ's Return*

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 Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MONDAY | *A Collect for the Renewal of Life*

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.

TUESDAY | *A Collect for Peace*

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 defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries, through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WEDNESDAY | *A Collect for Grace*

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.

THURSDAY | *A Collect for Guidance*

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.

FRIDAY | *A Collect for Endurance*

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.

SATURDAY | *A Collect for Sabbath Rest*

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.

Spend some time praying for God's purposes in the world and for needs known to you.

Occasional Prayers can be found on page 38.



INTERCESSION *(Prayer of St. Chrysostom)*

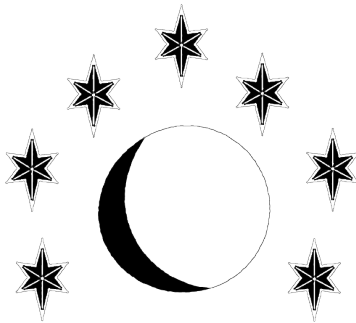
Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time, with one accord to make our common supplications to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his name you will grant their requests: fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.



GRACE

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all evermore. Amen.





COMPLINE



OPENING

The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night
and a perfect end. Amen.



ANTIPHONS

Our help is in the Name of the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.

O God, make speed to save us;
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.
For you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.
Keep me, O Lord, as the apple of your eye.
Hide me under the shadow of your wings.



CONFESSION

Almighty Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed.
Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
because of your great goodness.
According to your many mercies, put away our offences,
wash us thoroughly from wickedness,
and cleanse us from our sins,
for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.



PARDON THROUGH THE CROSS

Grant, we beseech you, merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace; that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



SCRIPTURE READINGS

Read Today's Psalm.

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.**

Read Today's Lesson.



This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Spend a few minutes reflecting on the passage.

 SCRIPTURE READINGS

JANUARY		FEBRUARY		MARCH		APRIL	
1	Mark 1:1–31	1	Luke 2:1–21	1	Luke 15:11–32	1	Acts 4:23–5:11
2	Mark 1:32–45	2	Luke 2:22–52	2	Luke 16	2	Acts 5:12–42
3	Mark 2:1–22	3	Luke 3:1–22	3	Luke 17:1–19	3	Acts 6:1–15
4	Mark 2:23–3:12	4	Luke 3:23–38	4	Luke 17:20–37	4	Acts 7:1–53
5	Mark 3:13–35	5	Luke 4:1–22	5	Luke 18:1–17	5	Acts 7:54–8:8
6	Matthew 2:1–12	6	Luke 4:23–44	6	Luke 18:18–43	6	Acts 8:9–40
7	Mark 4:1–34	7	Luke 5:1–16	7	Luke 19:1–27	7	Acts 9:1–19a
8	Mark 4:35–5:20	8	Luke 5:17–39	8	Luke 19:28–48	8	Acts 9:19b–43
9	Mark 5:21–43	9	Luke 6:1–19	9	Luke 20:1–26	9	Acts 10:1–23
10	Mark 6:1–29	10	Luke 6:20–49	10	Luke 20:27–47	10	Acts 10:24–48
11	Mark 6:30–56	11	Luke 7:1–17	11	Luke 21:1–19	11	Acts 11:1–18
12	Mark 7:1–23	12	Luke 7:18–35	12	Luke 21:20–38	12	Acts 11:19–12:5
13	Mark 7:24–8:10	13	Luke 7:36–50	13	Luke 22:1–23	13	Acts 12:6–25
14	Mark 8:11–9:1	14	Matthew 6:1–21	14	Luke 22:24–46	14	Acts 13:1–12
15	Mark 9:2–29	15	Luke 8:1–21	15	Luke 22:47–71	15	Acts 13:13–43
16	Mark 9:30–50	16	Luke 8:22–56	16	Luke 23:1–25	16	Acts 13:44–14:7
17	Mark 10:1–31	17	Luke 9:1–27	17	Luke 23:26–56	17	Acts 14:8–28
18	Mark 10:32–52	18	Luke 9:28–62	18	Luke 24:1–35	18	Acts 15:1–29
19	Mark 11:1–26	19	Luke 10:1–24	19	Luke 24:36–53	19	Acts 15:30–16:5
20	Mark 11:27–12:12	20	Luke 10:25–42	20	Acts 1	20	Acts 16:6–40
21	Mark 12:13–34	21	Luke 11:1–28	21	Acts 2:1–41	21	Acts 17:1–15
22	Mark 12:35–13:13	22	Luke 11:29–54	22	Acts 2:42–3:26	22	Acts 17:16–34
23	Mark 13:14–37	23	Luke 12:1–34	23	Acts 4:1–22	23	Acts 18:1–23
24	Mark 14:1–25	24	Luke 12:35–53	24	Mark 11:1–11	24	Acts 18:24–19:10
25	Mark 14:26–52	25	Luke 12:54–13:9	25	John 12:1–11	25	Acts 19:11–41
26	Mark 14:53–72	26	Luke 13:10–35	26	John 12:37–50	26	Acts 20:1–16
27	Mark 15	27	Luke 14:1–24	27	Matt. 26:1–25	27	Acts 20:17–38
28	Mark 16:1–8	28	Luke 14:25–34	28	John 13:1–15	28	Acts 21:1–16
29	Luke 1:1–25	29	Luke 15:1–10	29	John 19:1–37	29	Acts 21:17–36
30	Luke 1:26–56	*SEE CHURCH CALENDAR GUIDE ON PAGE 5.		30	John 19:38–42	30	Acts 21:37–22:21
31	Luke 1:57–80			31	John 20:1–18		

MAY		JUNE		JULY		AUGUST	
1	Acts 22:22–23:11	1	1 Cor. 8	1	Philippians 1	1	Romans 8
2	Acts 23:12–35	2	1 Cor. 9	2	Philippians 2	2	Rom. 9:1–29
3	Acts 24	3	1 Cor. 10	3	Phil. 3:1–4:1	3	Rom. 9:30–10:21
4	Acts 25	4	1 Cor 11	4	Phil 4:2–23	4	Romans 11
5	Acts 26	5	1 Cor. 12	5	Col. 1:1–20	5	Romans 12
6	Acts 27:1–38	6	1 Cor. 13	6	Col. 1:21–2:7	6	Romans 13
7	Acts 27:39–28:31	7	1 Cor. 14:1–19	7	Col. 2:8–19	7	Romans 14
8	Galatians 1	8	1 Cor. 14:20–40	8	Col. 2:20–3:11	8	Romans 15
9	Acts 1:1–11	9	1 Cor. 15:1–34	9	Col. 3:12–4:1	9	Romans 16
10	Galatians 2	10	1 Cor. 15:35–58	10	Col. 4:2–18	10	Jude
11	Galatians 3	11	1 Cor. 16	11	Philemon	11	1 Peter 1:1–12
11	Galatians 4	12	2 Cor. 1:1–2:11	12	1 Timothy 1	12	1 Peter 1:13–25
13	Galatians 5	13	2 Cor. 2:12–3:18	13	1 Timothy 2	13	1 Peter 2:1–12
14	Galatians 6	14	2 Cor. 4	14	1 Timothy 3	14	1 Peter 2:13–25
15	1 Thess. 1	15	2 Cor. 5	15	1 Timothy 4	15	1 Peter 3
16	1 Thess. 2:1–16	16	2 Cor. 6	16	1 Timothy 5:1–6:2a	16	1 Peter 4
17	1 Thess. 2:17–3:13	17	2 Cor. 7	17	1 Timothy 6:2b–21	17	1 Peter 5
18	1 Thess. 4	18	2 Cor. 8	18	2 Timothy 1	18	2 Peter 1
19	Acts 2:1–21	19	2 Cor. 9	19	2 Timothy 2	19	2 Peter 2
20	1 Thessalonians 5	20	2 Cor. 10	20	2 Timothy 3	20	2 Peter 3
21	2 Thess. 1	21	2 Cor. 11	21	2 Timothy 4	21	Matt. 1
22	2 Thess. 2	22	2 Cor. 12:1–13	22	Titus 1	22	Matt. 2
23	2 Thess. 3	23	2 Cor. 12:14–13:14	23	Titus 2	23	Matt. 3
24	1 Cor. 1	24	Ephesians 1	24	Titus 3	24	Matt. 4
25	1 Cor. 2	25	Ephesians 2	25	Romans 1	25	Matt. 5:1–26
26	John 3:1–6	26	Ephesians 3	26	Romans 2	26	Matt. 5:27–48
27	1 Cor. 3	27	Ephesians 4	27	Romans 3	27	Matt. 6:1–18
28	1 Cor. 4	28	Eph. 5:1–21	28	Romans 4	28	Matt. 6:19–34
29	1 Cor. 5	29	Eph. 5:22–6:9	29	Romans 5	29	Matthew 7
30	1 Cor. 6	30	Eph. 6:10–24	30	Romans 6	30	Matthew 8
31	1 Cor. 7			31	Romans 7	31	Matthew 9

SEPTEMBER		OCTOBER		NOVEMBER		DECEMBER	
1	Matt. 10:1–25	1	Matt. 27:1–26	1	Luke 6:20–36*	1	Matthew 24:29–44
2	Matt. 10:26–42	2	Matt. 27:27–56	2	John 5:19–46	2	Revelation 2
3	Matt. 11	3	Matt. 27:57–28:20	3	John 6:1–21	3	Revelation 3
4	Matt. 12:1–21	4	Hebrews 1	4	John 6:22–40	4	Revelation 4
5	Matt. 12:22–50	5	Hebrews 2	5	John 6:41–71	5	Revelation 5
6	Matt. 13:1–33	6	Heb. 3:1–4:13	6	John 7:1–24	6	Revelation 6
7	Matt. 13:34–58	7	Heb. 4:14–5:10	7	John 7:25–52	7	Revelation 7
8	Matt. 14:1–21	8	Heb. 5:11–6:20	8	John 8:12–38	8	Matthew 3:1–12*
9	Matt. 14:22–36	9	Hebrews 7	9	John 8:39–59	9	Revelation 8–9
10	Matt. 15:1–20	10	Hebrews 8	10	John 9	10	Revelation 10
11	Matt. 15:21–39	11	Hebrews 9:1–14	11	John 10:1–21	11	Revelation 11
12	Matt. 16:1–12	12	Hebrews 9:15–28	12	John 10:22–42	12	Revelation 12
13	Matt. 16:13–28	13	Hebrews 10:1–18	13	John 11:1–27	13	Revelation 13
14	Matt. 17	14	Heb. 10:19–39	14	John 11:28–57	14	Revelation 14
15	Matt. 18:1–20	15	Hebrews 11	15	John 12:1–26	15	Matthew 11:2–19
16	Matt. 18:21–35	16	Hebrews 12	16	John 12:27–50	16	Revelation 15
17	Matt. 19	17	Hebrews 13	17	John 13:1–20	17	Revelation 16
18	Matt. 20:1–19	18	James 1	18	John 13:21–38	18	Revelation 17
19	Matt. 20:10–34	19	James 2	19	John 14	19	Revelation 18
20	Matt. 21:1–22	20	James 3	20	John 15	20	Revelation 19
21	Matt. 21:23–46	21	James 4	21	John 16:1–15	21	Revelation 20
22	Matt. 22:1–14	22	James 5	22	John 16:16–33	22	Matthew 1:18–25
23	Matt. 22:15–46	23	John 1:1–18	23	John 17	23	Revelation 21
24	Matt. 23	24	John 1:19–34	24	John 18:1–27	24	Revelation 22
25	Matt. 24:1–28	25	John 1:35–51	25	John 18:28–40	25	Luke 2:1–20
26	Matt. 24:29–51	26	John 2	26	John 19:1–27	26	1 John 1:1–2:17
27	Matt. 25:1–30	27	John 3:1–21	27	John 19:28–42	27	1 John 2:18–3:10
28	Matt. 25:31–46	28	John 3:22–36	28	John 20	28	1 John 3:11–4:21
29	Matt. 26:1–35	29	John 4:1–26	29	John 21	29	1 John 5
30	Matt. 26:36–75	30	John 4:27–54	30	Revelation 1	30	2 John
		31	John 5:1–18			31	3 John



NUNC DIMITTIS

Lord, now let your servant depart in peace
according to your word.

For my eyes have seen your salvation;
**which you have prepared
before the face of all people;**
to be a light to lighten the Gentiles,
and to be the glory of your people Israel.

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.**



ANTIPHON

Preserve us, O Lord, while waking
and guard us while sleeping;
that awake we may watch with Christ,
and asleep we may rest in peace.



APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin
Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,
died and was buried; he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
and sits at the right hand of the Father
and he will 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.



DAILY COLLECTS

SUNDAY | *A Collect for Resurrection Hope*

Lord God, whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ triumphed
over the powers of death and prepared for us our place in
the new Jerusalem: grant that we, who have this day given
thanks for his resurrection, may praise you in that City of
which he is the light, and where he lives and reigns for ever
and ever. Amen.

MONDAY | *A Collect for Peace*

O God, the source of all holy desires, all good counsels,
and all just works: give to your servants that peace which
the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey
your commandments, and that we, being defended from
the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and
quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.

TUESDAY | *A Collect for Aid Against Perils*

Lighten our darkness, we beseech you, O Lord; and by your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

WEDNESDAY | *A Collect for Protection*

O God, the life of all who live, the light of the faithful, the strength of those who labour, and the repose of the dead: we thank you for the blessings of the day that is past, and humbly ask for your protection through the coming night. Bring us in safety to the morning hours; through him who died and rose again for us, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

THURSDAY | *A Collect for Freedom From Worry*

O Lord, who has pity for all our weakness: put away from us worry and every anxious fear, that having ended the labours of our day in your sight, and committing our tasks, ourselves, and all we love into your keeping, we may, now that night comes, receive from you the priceless gift of sleep; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FRIDAY | *A Collect for Faith*

Lord Jesus Christ, by your death you took away the sting of death: grant to us your servants so to follow in faith where you have led the way, that we may at length fall asleep peacefully in you and wake up in your likeness; for your tender mercies' sake. Amen.

SATURDAY | *A Collect for the Eve of Worship*

O God, the source of eternal light: shed forth your unending day upon us who watch for you, that our lips may praise you, our lives may bless you, and our worship on the morrow give you glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Occasional Prayers can be found on page 38.



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 trespasses, As we forgive those that trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever
and ever. Amen.



COLLECT

Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through the
silent hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by
the changes and chances of this fleeting world, may rest in
your eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



ANTIPHON

In peace we will lie down and sleep;
for you alone, Lord, make us dwell in safety.
Abide with us, Lord Jesus,
for the night is at hand and the day is now past.
As the night watch looks for the morning,
so do we look for you, O Christ.



COMMENDATION

The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy
Spirit, bless us and keep us, this night and forevermore.
Amen.



FAMILY PRAYER

Morning & Evening

Our homes are essential and often overlooked places of discipleship and formation in Christ. This is especially true for children and families. Our daily rhythms of prayer, work, play, worship, and rest shape our children's hearts and minds. We hope these simple liturgies will help your family create structured spaces to daily seek God together.

Routines are helpful and formative for children. We would encourage you to find a regular time (morning or evening) when you can pray together. However, family life can be complicated and messy so remember to be gracious and patient with yourselves: the practice of family prayer is a tool to help us, not a law to rule us. It is important to bring your children along slowly, especially if regular family prayer is a new discipline in your home.

The Children's Ministry team has created a guide for leading these services and encouraging children to participate. Please contact Will Gray (will@sjvan.org) for this additional resource.

Morning Family Prayer



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 trespasses, As we forgive those that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.



MORNING COLLECT

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.



SCRIPTURE LESSON

{refer to pp. 11–16}

Families with older children can read a short passage of Scripture from the daily lectionary or a book of the Bible that you choose to read through together. Families with younger children can read a story from a good children's Bible.



DAILY COLLECT

{refer to pp. 19-20}



PRAYERS

Use these questions to help guide your prayers to God.

SUNDAY	<i>What are you looking forward to?</i>
MONDAY	<i>What is something you are worried about?</i>
TUESDAY	<i>Who needs God's protection or comfort?</i>
WEDNESDAY	<i>How can you love your family and friends?</i>
THURSDAY	<i>Who needs to hear about Jesus?</i>
FRIDAY	<i>What do you need help with?</i>
SATURDAY	<i>Where did you see God at work this week?</i>

Occasional Prayers can be found on page 38.



O God, Most High and Holy, Three in One, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; we offer to you this day ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice. To you be all praise and glory. Amen.

GRACE

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.



Evening Family Prayer



OPENING

The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end. Amen.



CONFESSION

Almighty Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed.

Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
because of your great goodness.

According to your many mercies, put away our
offences, wash us thoroughly from wickedness,
and cleanse us from our sins,
for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.



PARDON THROUGH THE CROSS

Grant, we beseech you, merciful Lord, to your faithful
people pardon and peace; that they may be cleansed
from all their sins, and serve you with a quiet mind;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



SCRIPTURE LESSON

{refer to pp. 25–27}



DAILY COLLECT

{refer to pp. 29–30}



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 trespasses, As we forgive those that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.



PRAYERS

SUNDAY	<i>How did God give you rest today?</i>
MONDAY	<i>Where did you see God's peace?</i>
TUESDAY	<i>Where did you see God's kingdom growing?</i>
WEDNESDAY	<i>How did God protect you today?</i>
THURSDAY	<i>How did God guide you?</i>
FRIDAY	<i>How did God give you strength?</i>
SATURDAY	<i>Where did you see God at work this week?</i>



ANTIPHONS

In peace we will lie down and sleep;
for you alone, Lord, make us dwell in safety.
Abide with us, Lord Jesus,
for the night is at hand and the day is now past.
As the night watch looks for the morning,
so do we look for you, O Christ.
Preserve us, O Lord, while waking
and guard us while sleeping,
That awake we may watch with Christ,
and asleep we may rest in peace.



COMMENDATION

The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night, and at the
last a perfect end; and the blessing of God Almighty, the
Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with us this night,
and for evermore. Amen.



Occasional Prayers

FOR MISSION

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 Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR A SPIRIT OF EVANGELISM

Almighty God our Savior, you desire that none should perish, and you have taught us through your Son that there is great joy in heaven over every sinner who repents: Grant that our hearts may ache for a lost and broken world. May your Holy Spirit work through our words, deeds, and prayers, that the lost may be found and the dead made alive, and that all your redeemed may rejoice around your throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP

Lord of all power and might, who has commanded your Church to preach the Word and make disciples of all nations: In flame us with the fire of your love, that we may give ourselves, our time and our money, as faithful stewards of the gospel, to the honour and glory of your holy name; who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. Amen.

FOR THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL

O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who after his ascension did send upon the first disciples your promised gift of the Holy Spirit: Regard, we pray you, the present need of your Church, and grant us by the same Spirit to be endued with power from on high, that we may bear effectual witness to the truth of your holy gospel; so that they who serve you may be strengthened and encouraged, and they who serve you not may be convicted and converted; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TO LOVE OUR NEIGHBOUR

O Eternal God, who has taught us in your holy Word that love is the fulfilling of the law: Pour into our hearts that best of all your gifts, that loving our neighbour as ourselves we may live as children of the day and of the light; for the glory of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR MINISTRY

Almighty God, who have given to us gifts differing according to the measure of your grace: Enable us each one, we beseech you, to exercise the ministry which we have received of you in the body of Christ with simplicity, diligence, and cheerfulness; that being bound together in brotherly affection, and showing honour one to another, we may faithfully serve your Church and glorify your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

TO CAST AWAY THE WORKS OF DARKNESS

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which thy 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 quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, now and ever. Amen.

FOR THE INHERITANCE OF THE MEEK

Merciful and most loving God, by whose will and bountiful gift Jesus Christ our Lord humbled himself that he might exalt mankind; and became flesh that he might restore in us the most celestial image; and was born of the Virgin that he might uplift the lowly: Grant unto us the inheritance of the meek, perfect us in your likeness, and bring us at last to rejoice in beholding your beauty, and with all your saints to glorify your grace; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TO DIE TO SIN

O God, who for our redemption gave your only begotten Son to die upon the Cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the devil and the power of death: Grant us grace to die daily to sin, that we may live with him in the joy of his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

FOR CONTRITION

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

FOR JUDGEMENT

O great and glorious God, holy and immortal, who searches out the policies of nations and try the hearts of men: Come, we pray you, in judgement, upon the nations of the world; come and bring to destruction all that is contrary to your holy will for mankind, and cause the counsels of the wicked to perish. Come, O Lord, into our hearts, and root out from them that you see, and we cannot see, to be unlike the Spirit of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR PATIENCE

O God, by whose command the order of time runs its course: Forgive, we pray, the impatience of our hearts; make perfect that which is lacking in our faith; and, while we await the fulfillment of your promises, grant us to have a good hope because of your word; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ROOM FOR JESUS

O Father, who has declared your love to men by the birth of the Holy Child at Bethlehem: Help us to welcome him with gladness and to make room for him in our common days; so that we may live at peace with one another and in goodwill with all your family; through the same your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR THE DISCOURAGED AND DOWNCAST

O God, almighty and merciful, you heal the broken-hearted, and turn the sadness of the sorrowful to joy, Let your fatherly goodness be upon all whom you have made. Remember in pity all those who are this day destitute, homeless, elderly, infirm, or forgotten. Bless the multitude of your poor. Lift up those who are cast down. Mightily befriend innocent sufferers, and sanctify to them the endurance of their wrongs. Cheer with hope all who are discouraged and downcast, and by your heavenly grace preserve from falling those whose poverty tempts them to sin. Though they be troubled on every side, suffer them not to be distressed; though they are perplexed, save them from despair. Grant this, O Lord, for the love of him who for our sakes became poor, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

FOR GUIDANCE

O God, by whom the meek are guided in judgment, and light rises up in darkness for the godly: Grant us, in all our doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask what you would have us do; that the Spirit of wisdom may save us from all false choices, and that in your light we may see light, and in your straight path may not stumble; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR RENEWAL

Almighty and everlasting God, who did form your Church to be of one heart and one soul in the power of the resurrection and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit: Renew her evermore in her first love; and grant to your people such a measure of your grace that their life may be hallowed, their way directed, and their work made fruitful to the good of your Church and the glory of your holy name; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOR COMFORT AND STRENGTH

O God, who by the glorious resurrection of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ has destroyed death, and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that we, being raised together with him, may know the comfort and strength of his presence, and rejoice in hope of your everlasting glory; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom be dominion and praise for ever and ever. Amen.

