**Prayers for the Morning**

God said, ‘Let there be light’, and there was light, and God saw the light was good, and he separated light from darkness. So evening came, and morning came; it was the first day.

*Genesis 1:3–5*

This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

 *Psalm 118:24*

Let us confess our sins to the Father and seek his pardon and peace.

**Almighty and merciful God,**

**we have sinned against you**

**in thought, word and deed.**

**We have not loved you with all our heart;**

**and we have not loved others as Christ loves us.**

**We are truly sorry.**

**In your mercy, forgive us.**

**Help us to amend our lives;**

**that we may delight in your will**

**and walk in your ways,**

**to the glory of your name. Amen.**

May God our Father,

who by our Lord Jesus Christ

has reconciled the world to himself

and forgives the sins of all who truly repent,

pardon and deliver us from all our sins,

and grant us the grace and power of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

O Lord, open our lips,

**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 shall be for ever. Amen.**

*Silent prayer/reflection on the coming day.*

Early in the morning

my prayer comes before you.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

You speak in my heart and say

‘Seek my face’;

your face, Lord, will I seek.

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart

be acceptable in your sight, O Lord,

my strength and my redeemer.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

**A Reading from the Bible**

*(A list of readings from the lectionary is made available or you may prefer to use your own reading plan)*

**A Time for reflection**

*1* Blessed be the Lord the / God of / Israel :

for he has come to his / people and / set them / free.

*2* The Lord has raised up for us a / mighty / Saviour :

born of the / house of his / servant / David.

*3* Through his holy prophets God promised of old •

to save us / from our / enemies :

from the / hands of / all who / hate us.

*4* To show mercy / to our / forebears :

and to re/member his / holy / covenant.

*5* This was the oath God swore to our / father / Abraham :

to set us free from the / hands / of our / enemies,

*6* Free to worship him / without / fear :

holy and righteous before him / all the / days of our / life.

*7* And you, child, shall be called

the prophet of the / Most / High :

for you will go before the / Lord • to pre/pare his / way,

*8* To give his people knowledge / of sal/vation :

by the for/giveness / of their / sins.

*9* In the tender compassion / of our / God :

the dawn from on / high shall / break up/on us,

*10* To shine on those who dwell in darkness •

and the / shadow of / death :

and to guide our feet / into the / way of / peace.

**Glory to the Father, and / to the / Son :**

**and / to the / Holy / Spirit;**

**as it was in the be/ginning, is / now :**

**and shall be for / ever. / A–/men.**

*The Apostles’ Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,**

**creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s 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 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.**

*Time for your own prayers:*

Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Lord, hear us.

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

 *The Lord’s Prayer*

*The Collect for the Day*

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord,

to know you is eternal life,

to serve you is perfect freedom:

defend us in all assaults of our enemies,

that we, surely trusting in your protection,

may not fear the power of any adversaries;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Eternal God and Father,

by your power we are created

and by your love we are redeemed:

guide and strengthen us by your Spirit,

that we may give ourselves to you

in love and service of one another;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

the love of God,

and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit

be with us all, evermore. **Amen.**

The Lord bless us and protect us from evil

and keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

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