



MORNING PRAYER

DIALOGUE

O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth shall declare your praise.

O Source of Life, we give thanks to you for this new day and the gifts of food and water. May we be humble and thankful in accepting your good gifts, as we meditate on your Son's sacrifice for our salvation.

May God's love and blessings flow into our lives and flow out through us to our neighbors, churches, communities, and all creation.

**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**

PSALMODY

I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.
My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad.

O Magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His name together.

O taste and see that the LORD is good; happy are those who take refuge in Him.

The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous, and His ears are open to their cry.

The LORD is near to the brokenhearted, and saves the crushed in spirit.

The LORD redeems the life of His servants, none of those who take refuge in Him will
be condemned.

Our soul waits for the LORD; He is our help and shield.

Our heart is glad in Him, because we trust in His holy name.

Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

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

Lenten Verses

Yet, even now, says the LORD, return to me with all your heart,
With fasting, with weeping, and with mourning:
Rend your hearts and not your clothing.
Return to the LORD, your God, for He is gracious and merciful,
Slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your holy spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.**

Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

**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**

LESSON

A time of silence follows the reading. The leader then continues:

In many and various ways God spoke to his people of old by the prophets.

But now in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son.

LENTEN READING

Is such a fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD?

Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, and the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.

Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and He will say, Here I am.

LENTEN READING - CONTINUED

If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

If you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.

The LORD will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong;

And you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail.

**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**

PRAYERS

Heavenly Father, giver of life and health: comfort and relieve your sick servants and give your power of healing to those who minister to their needs, that (...) for whom our prayers are offered may be strengthened in their weakness and have confidence in your loving care; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

O Lord, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us in safety to this new day; preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome in adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

PRAYERS

Almighty GOD, by our baptism into the death and resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, you turn us from the old life of sin. Grant that we who are reborn to new life in Him may live in righteousness and holiness all our days, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time to make our common prayers to you, and you have promised through your Son that where two or three are gathered together in His name, you will be there in the midst of them. 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**

PRAYERS

God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.**

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Amen.

BLESSING

The Lord almighty bless us and direct our days and our deeds in His peace.

Amen

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