

MORNING PRAYER FOR FAMILIES

Introduction

You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created. (Revelation 4:11)

Confession

Seek the Lord while he may be found,

Call upon him while he is near.

Turn back to the Lord, who will have mercy on us;

To our God who will freely pardon us. (Isaiah 55:6–7)

Let us confess our sins to almighty God.

Silence may be kept for confession.

**Most merciful God,
we humbly admit that we need your help.
We confess that we have wandered from your way:
we have done wrong,
and we have failed to do what is right.
You alone can save us.**

**Have mercy on us:
Wipe out our sins and teach us to forgive others.
Bring forth in us the fruit of the Spirit
that we may live as disciples of Christ.
This we ask
in the name of Jesus our Saviour. Amen.**

God forgives the sins of all who truly repent. As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our sins from us in Christ Jesus our Saviour. **Amen.**

Invitatory

Open our lips, O Lord;

And we shall declare your praise.

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory to God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:

As in the beginning, so now, and for ever. Amen.

Let us praise the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

Monday

Psalm 5:1–3

- ¹ Listen to my words, O Lord,
consider my lament.
- ² Hear my cry for help, my King and my God,
for to you I pray.
- ³ In the morning, Lord, you hear my voice;
in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait expectantly.

Tuesday

Psalm 95:1–7 (Venite)

- ¹ Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.
- ² Let us come before him with thanksgiving
and extol him with music and song.
- ³ For the Lord is the great God,
the great King above all gods.
- ⁴ In his hand are the depths of the earth,
and the mountain peaks belong to him.
- ⁵ The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands formed the dry land.
- ⁶ Come, let us bow down in worship,
let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;
- ⁷ for he is our God
and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care.

Wednesday

Psalm 24:1–6

- ¹ The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it,
the world, and all who live in it;
- ² for he founded it on the seas
and established it on the waters.
- ³ Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord?
Who may stand in his holy place?
- ⁴ The one who has clean hands and a pure heart,
who does not trust in an idol or swear by a false god.
- ⁵ They will receive blessing from the Lord
and vindication from God their Saviour.
- ⁶ Such is the generation of those who seek him,
who seek your face, God of Jacob.

Thursday

Psalm 100 (Jubilate)

¹ Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

² Know that the Lord is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

³ Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and praise his name.

⁴ For the Lord is good and his love endures for ever;
his faithfulness continues through all generations.

Friday

Psalm 67

¹ May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face shine on us

² so that your ways may be known on earth,
your salvation among all nations.

³ May the peoples praise you, God;
may all the peoples praise you.

⁴ May the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you rule the peoples with equity and guide the nations of the earth.

⁵ May the peoples praise you, God;
may all the peoples praise you.

⁶ The land yields its harvest;
God, our God, blesses us.

⁷ May God bless us still,
so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.

Saturday

Psalm 150

¹ Praise the Lord. Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty heavens.

² Praise him for his acts of power;
praise him for his surpassing greatness.

³ Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet,
praise him with the harp and lyre,

⁴ praise him with tambourine and dancing,
praise him with the strings and pipe,

⁵ praise him with the clash of cymbals,
praise him with resounding cymbals.

⁶ Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

Praise the Lord.

Glory to God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:

As in the beginning, so now, and for ever. Amen.

Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks to God our Father for all his gifts so freely given to us.

Silence may be kept for thanksgiving.

For the beauty and wonder of your creation in earth and sky and sea,

We thank you, Lord.

For our daily food and drink, our homes and families, and our friends,

We thank you, Lord.

For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,

We thank you, Lord.

For health and strength to work, and leisure to rest and play,

We thank you, Lord.

For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity

We thank you, Lord.

For all who truly seek after truth, liberty, and justice,

We thank you, Lord.

For the communion of saints, in all times and places

We thank you, Lord.

Above all, we give you thanks for the great mercies and promises given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord;

To him be praise and glory, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

or

Gracious God, we humbly thank you for all your gifts so freely given to us: for life and health and safety, for power to work, leisure to rest, and for all that is beautiful in creation and human life. But, above all, we praise you for our Saviour Jesus Christ, for his death and resurrection, for the gift of your Spirit, and for the hope of sharing in your glory. Fill our hearts with all joy and peace in believing; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Another Psalm, as appointed by the lectionary, may be read.

A Reading from Holy Scripture

Bible reading(s) as appointed by the lectionary or another reading plan.

or

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. (1 Peter 1:3)

or

Give joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. (Colossians 1:12–14)

or

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now 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)

May your word live in us

And bear much fruit to your glory.

The Apostles' Creed

Let us confess our faith together.

**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 from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
from there 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.**

The Prayers

Lord, hear our prayer.

And let our cry come to you.

Let us pray.

Prayers may be offered for ourselves and others.

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

**Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

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

The Daily Collect

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.**

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

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.**

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.**

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.**

Saturday

Eternal God and Father, by whose power we are created and by whose love we are redeemed: guide and strengthen us by your Spirit, that we may give ourselves to your service, and live this day in love to one another and to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Concluding Sentence

Monday

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may abound in hope. **Amen.** (Romans 15:13)

Tuesday

May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant us to live in such harmony with one another in accord with Christ Jesus, that we may with one voice glorify our God and Father. **Amen.** (Romans 15:5–6)

Wednesday

May the Lord bless us and keep us; the Lord make his face to shine upon us, and be gracious to us; the Lord lift up his countenance upon us, and give us peace. **Amen** (Numbers 6:24–26)

Thursday

May the God of peace equip us with everything good so that we may do his will; and may he work in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever. **Amen.** (Hebrews 13:20,21)

Friday

Glory to God, whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever! **Amen.** (Ephesians 3:20–21)

Saturday

May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus. **Amen.** (Phil 4:7)

EVENING PRAYER FOR FAMILIES

Introduction

Jesus said, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life'. (John 8:12)

Invitatory

Open our lips, O Lord;

And we shall declare your praise.

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory to God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:

As in the beginning, so now, and for ever. Amen

Let us praise the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

Monday

Psalm 93

- ¹ The Lord reigns, he is robed in majesty;
the Lord is robed in majesty and armed with strength;
- ² indeed, the world is established,
firm and secure.
- ³ Your throne was established long ago;
you are from all eternity.
- ⁴ The seas have lifted up, Lord, the seas have lifted up their voice;
the seas have lifted up their pounding waves.
- ⁵ Mightier than the thunder of the great waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea,
the Lord on high is mighty.
- ⁵ Your statutes, Lord, stand firm;
holiness adorns your house for endless days.

Tuesday

Psalm 96:7-13

- ⁷ Ascribe to the Lord, all you families of nations,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- ⁸ Ascribe to the Lord the glory due to his name;
bring an offering and come into his courts.
- ⁹ Worship the Lord in the splendour of his holiness;
tremble before him, all the earth.
- ¹⁰ Say among the nations, 'The Lord reigns'.
The world is firmly established, it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity.

- ¹¹ Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad;
let the sea resound, and all that is in it.
- ¹² Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them;
let all the trees of the forest sing for joy.
- ¹³ Let all creation rejoice before the Lord,
for he comes, he comes to judge the earth.
He will judge the world in righteousness
and the peoples in his faithfulness.

Wednesday

Psalm 134

- ¹ Praise the Lord, all you servants of the Lord
who minister by night in the house of the Lord.
- ² Lift up your hands in the sanctuary
and praise the Lord.
- ³ May the Lord bless you from Zion,
he who is the Maker of heaven and earth.

Thursday

Psalm 36:5–9

- ⁵ Your love, Lord, reaches to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the skies.
- ⁶ Your righteousness is like the highest mountains, your justice like the great deep.
You, Lord, preserve both people and animals.
- ⁷ How priceless is your unfailing love, O God!
People take refuge in the shadow of your wings.
- ⁸ They feast in the abundance of your house;
you give them drink from your river of delights.
- ⁹ For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light we see light.

Friday

Psalm 121

- ¹ I lift up my eyes to the mountains—
where does my help come from?
- ² My help comes from the Lord,
the Maker of heaven and earth.
- ³ He will not let your foot slip—
he who watches over you will not slumber;
- ⁴ indeed, he who watches over Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.
- ⁵ The Lord watches over you—
the Lord is your shade at your right hand;
- ⁶ the sun will not harm you by day,
nor the moon by night.

⁷The Lord will keep you from all harm—
he will watch over your life;
⁸the Lord will watch over your coming and going
both now and for evermore.

Saturday

Psalm 23

¹The Lord is my shepherd,
I lack nothing.
²He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,
³he refreshes my soul.
He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.
⁴Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil,
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.
You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.
⁶Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

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or

For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ. (2 Corinthians 4:5–6)

or

You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you. Trust in the Lord for ever, for the Lord, the Lord himself, is the Rock eternal. (Isaiah 26:3–4)

or

May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Thessalonians 5:23)

May your word live in us

And bear much fruit to your glory.

Canticle (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 in the sight of all nations:
a light for revelation to the Gentiles,
and the glory of your people Israel.’ (Luke 2:29–32)

The Prayers

Lord, hear our prayer.

And let our cry come to you.

Let us pray.

Prayers may be offered for ourselves and others.

The Lord’s Prayer

**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.**

**Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

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

The Daily Collect

Monday

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 Saviour. **Amen.**

Tuesday

Lighten our darkness, Lord, we pray: and by your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Wednesday

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 Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Thursday

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.

Friday

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

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

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

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The 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.**

NOTES

An adult may lead the service by saying the words in plain type, while the rest of the household responds with the words in bold.

Psalms may be read responsively: the leader reads the first line of each verse, and the rest of the household responds with the following line(s).

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