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THE ORDER FOR
Morning and Evening Prayer

FOR DAILY USE
THROUGHOUT THE YEAR



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The Litany

1 Prayer of approach to God

God the Father, creator of heaven and earth,

have mercy on us.

God the Son, redeemer of the world,

have mercy on us.

God the Holy Spirit, the strengthener,

have mercy on us.

Holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, three persons and one God,

have mercy on us.

2 Prayers for deliverance

Lord, remember not our offences, nor the offences of our forefathers; spare us, good Lord, spare your people whom you have redeemed with your precious blood.

Spare us, good Lord.

From all evil and mischief; from sin; from the craft and assaults of the devil; from your wrath; and from everlasting damnation,

good Lord, deliver us.

From all spiritual blindness; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all uncharitableness,

good Lord, deliver us.

From all deadly sin; and from the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,

good Lord, deliver us.

From all false doctrine, heresy, and schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt of your word and commandment,

good Lord, deliver us.

From earthquake and tempest; from drought, fire, and flood; from civil strife and violence; from war and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared,

good Lord, deliver us.

3 *Prayer recalling Christ's saving work*

By the mystery of your holy incarnation; by your holy birth; by your circumcision and obedience to the law; by your baptism, fasting, and temptation,

good Lord, deliver us.

By your agony and bitter grief; by your cross and passion; by your precious death and burial; by your glorious resurrection and ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Spirit,

good Lord, deliver us.

In our times of trouble; in our times of prosperity; in the hour of death, and on the day of judgment,

good Lord, deliver us.

4 *Prayers of intercession*

Receive now our prayers, Lord God. May it please you to rule and govern your holy church universal and lead it in the right way.

Hear us, good Lord.

for our country

Strengthen your servant Elizabeth our Queen in true worship and holiness of life; be her defender and keeper, that she may always seek your honour and glory.

Hear us, good Lord.

Bless and defend all who strive for our safety and protection, and shield them in all dangers and adversities.

Hear us, good Lord.

Grant wisdom and insight to those who govern us, and to judges and magistrates the grace to execute justice with mercy.

Hear us, good Lord.

for the church

Enlighten all bishops, priests, and deacons, with true knowledge and understanding of your word, that in their preaching and living they may declare it clearly and show its truth.

Hear us, good Lord.

* Bless your servants preparing to be deacons or priests; pour your grace upon them, that they may fulfil their ministry for the building up of your church and the glory of your holy name.

Hear us, good Lord.

Encourage and prosper your servants who spread the gospel in all the world, and send out labourers into the harvest.

Hear us, good Lord.

Bless and keep your people, that all may find and follow their true vocation and ministry.

Hear us, good Lord.

Give us a heart to love and reverence you, that we may diligently live according to your commandments.

Hear us, good Lord.

To all your people give growth in grace to listen to your word, to receive it gladly, and to bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.

Hear us, good Lord.

Bring into the way of truth all who have erred and are deceived.

Hear us, good Lord.

Strengthen those who stand firm in the faith; encourage the fainthearted; raise up those who fall; and finally beat down Satan under our feet.

Hear us, good Lord.

for all people

To all nations grant unity, peace and concord; and to everyone in your world give dignity, food, and shelter.

Hear us, good Lord.

* at ordinations

Bless your servant[s] now to be ordained to the ministry of [deacons and priests]; pour . . .

Grant us abundant harvests; strength and skill to conserve the resources of the earth; and wisdom to use them well.

Hear us, good Lord.

Enlighten with your Spirit all places of education and learning.

Hear us, good Lord.

Come to the help of all who are in danger, necessity, and trouble; protect all who travel by land, air, or water; and show your pity on all prisoners and captives.

Hear us, good Lord.

Strengthen and preserve all women who are in childbirth, and all young children; and comfort the aged and lonely.

Hear us, good Lord.

Defend and provide for the widowed and the fatherless, the refugees and the homeless, and all who are desolate and oppressed.

Hear us, good Lord.

Heal those who are sick in body or mind; and give skill and compassion to all who care for them.

Hear us, good Lord.

Forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers; and turn their hearts.

Hear us, good Lord.

Grant us true repentance; forgive our sins, negligences, and ignorances; and strengthen us by your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your holy word.

Hear us, good Lord.

If the service of Holy Communion follows, the Litany may end here.

5 Concluding prayers

Son of God, we ask you to hear us.

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Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us your peace.

Lord, have mercy on us.

Christ, have mercy on us.

Lord, have mercy on us.

**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 for ever. Amen.**

The minister may here use other authorized prayers; he may ask the prayers of the congregation for particular persons and needs; he may read the collect of the day.

A prayer of Saint Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace to bring before you with one accord our common supplications, and you promise that when two or three are gathered together in your name you will grant their requests; fulfil now, Lord, the desires and petitions of your servants, as may be most expedient for them, granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

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 ever-
more. Amen.**

NOTES

- 1 The Litany may be said or sung as a separate service; or instead of the last part of Morning or Evening Prayer; or before The Holy Communion.
- 2 When The Holy Communion follows the Litany, §5 of The Litany and the Intercession of The Holy Communion may be omitted.

PRAYER
AT THE END OF THE DAY

1 *The minister says*

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

‡2 *When the Confession is not said at Evening Prayer, it is said here.*

It may be preceded by a pause for self-examination.

The forms provided for Evening Prayer (page 20 or page 44) may be used, or the following

Lord Jesus, you came to call sinners to repentance,
have mercy on us.

Lord Jesus, sent to heal those who are burdened in soul,
have mercy on us.

Lord Jesus, now seated at the Father's right hand to intercede for us,
have mercy on us.

3 *Then the minister says*

Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

and all say together

**Glory to God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:
as in the beginning, so now, and for ever. Praise the Lord!**

‡4 *This Hymn, or another, may be sung here*

- 1 Hail, gladdening Light, of his pure glory poured
Who is the immortal Father, heavenly, blest,
Holiest of Holies, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- 2 Now we are come to the sun's hour of rest,
The lights of evening round us shine,
We hymn the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit divine.

- 3 Worthiest art thou at all times to be sung
With undefiled tongue,
Son of our God, giver of life, alone!
Therefore in all the world thy glories, Lord, they own.
- 5 One or more of the Psalms 4, 91, and 134 is said or sung.

Psalm 4

- 1 Answer me when I call O | God of · my | righteousness:
when I was hard-pressed you set me free
be gracious to me | now and | hear my | prayer.
- 2 Sons of men
how long will you turn my | glory · to my | shame:
how long will you love what is worthless
and | seek | after | lies?
- 3 Know that the Lord has shown me ◡
his | wonder·ful | kindness:
when I call to the | Lord | he will | hear me.
- 4 Tremble and | do no | sin:
commune with your own heart up|on ◡
your | bed · and be | still.
- 5 Offer the sacrifices | that are | right:
and | put your | trust · in the | Lord.
- 6 There are many who say
‘Who will | show us · any | good?:
the light of your countenance O | Lord has | gone | from us.’
- 7 Yet you have given my | heart more | gladness:
than they have when their corn | wine and | oil in|crease.
- 8 In peace I will lie | down and | sleep:
for you alone Lord | make me | dwell in | safety.
Glo|ry to | God: Father | Son and | Holy | Spirit;
As in the be|ginning · so | now: and for | ever | A|men.

Psalm 91

- 1 He who dwells in the shelter of the | Most | High:
who abides under the | shadow | of the · A|lmighty,

- 2 He will say to the Lord
 ‘You are my refuge | and my | stronghold:
 my | God in | whom I | trust.’
- 3 For he will deliver you from the | snare · of the | hunter:
 and | from the · des|troying | curse.
- 4 He will cover you with his wings
 and you will be safe | under · his | feathers:
 his faithfulness will | be your | shield · and de|fence.
- 5 You shall not be afraid of any | terror · by | night:
 or of the | arrow · that | flies by | day,
- 6 Of the pestilence that walks a|bout in | darkness:
 or the | plague · that des|troys at | noonday.
- 7 A thousand may fall beside you
 and ten thousand at your | right | hand:
 but | you it | shall not | touch;
- 8 Your own | eyes shall | see:
 and look on the re|ward | of the · un|godly.
- 9 The Lord him|self · is your | refuge:
 you have | made the · Most | High your | stronghold.
- 10 Therefore no | harm · will be|fall you:
 nor will any | scourge come | near your | tent.
- 11 For he will com|mand his | angels:
 to | keep you · in | all your | ways.
- 12 They will bear you | up · in their | hands:
 lest you dash your | foot a|gainst a | stone.
- 13 You will tread on the | lion · and the | adder:
 the young lion and the serpent ◡
 you will | trample | under | foot.
- 14 ‘He has set his love upon me
 and therefore I | will de|liver him:
 I will lift him out of danger ◡
 be|cause · he has | known my | name.
- 15 When he calls upon me | I will | answer him:
 I will be with him in trouble
 I will | rescue him · and | bring him · to | honour.

16 'With long | life · I will | satisfy him:
and | fill him · with | my sal|vation.'

Glo|ry to | God: Father | Son and | Holy | Spirit;
As in the be|ginning · so | now: and for | ever | A|men.

Psalm 134

1 Come bless the Lord all you | servants · of the | Lord:
you that by night | stand · in the | house of · our | God.

2 Lift up your hands toward the holy place ◡
and | bless the | Lord:

may the Lord bless you from Zion
the | Lord · who made | heaven · and | earth.

Glo|ry to | God: Father | Son and | Holy | Spirit;
As in the be|ginning · so | now: and for | ever | A|men.

The following arrangement of Psalms is also suitable:
Sunday, 91; Monday, 86; Tuesday, 143.1-11; Wednesday, 31.1-6
and 130; Thursday, 16; Friday, 88; and Saturday, 4 and 134.

6 The following, or some other Reading from the Bible

Sunday The servants of the Lamb shall see his face, and his name shall be on their foreheads. And night shall be no more; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they shall reign for ever and ever.

Revelation 22.4-5

Monday God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ; who died for us so that whether we wake or sleep we might live with him.

1 Thessalonians 5.9-10

Tuesday Be sober, be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, be firm in your faith, knowing that the same experience of suffering is required of your brotherhood throughout the world.

1 Peter 5.8-9

Wednesday Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no opportunity to the devil.
Ephesians 4.26-27

Thursday May the God of peace himself sanctify you wholly; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
1 Thessalonians 5.23

Friday You, O Lord, are in the midst of us, and we are called by your name; leave us not.
Jeremiah 14.9

Saturday Hear O Israel: the Lord our God is one Lord; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words which I command you this day shall be upon your heart; and you shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you arise.
Deuteronomy 6.4-7

After the Reading the congregation may respond

Thanks be to God.

and/or the following may be said or sung

Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit. [Alleluia, alleluia.]

Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit. [Alleluia, alleluia.]

You have redeemed us, Lord, God of truth.

I commend my spirit. [Alleluia, alleluia.]

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

Into your hands, Lord, I commend my spirit. [Alleluia, alleluia.]

7 Then the Cantic. the Song of Simeon (Luke 2.29ff) is said or sung

Save us, Lord, while we are awake; protect us while we are asleep;

that we may keep watch with Christ and rest with him in peace.

- 1 Lord, now you let your servant | go in | peace:
your | word has | been fulfilled. .
- 2 My own eyes have | seen the · sal·vation:
which you have prepared in the | sight of | ev'ry | people:
- 3 a light to re·veal you · to the | nations:
and the | glory · of your | people | Israel.
Glory to God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:
as in the beginning, so now and for ever. Amen.

[Save us, Lord, while we are awake; protect us while we are asleep;
that we may keep watch with Christ and rest with him in peace.]

- †8 Intercessions may follow here according to need and local custom.
- 9 The service ends with one or more of the following prayers

In your mercy, Lord,
dispel the darkness of this night.
Let your household so sleep in peace
that at the dawn of a new day
they may with joy waken in your name;
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

This prayer may be used if it has not been used at Evening Prayer

Lighten our darkness, Lord, we pray: and in 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.**

Lord, be the guest of this *house*;
keep far from it all the deceits of the evil one.
May your holy angels watch over us
as guardians of our peace.
And may your blessing be always upon us,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God,
who at this evening hour rested in the sepulchre,
and sanctified the grave to be a bed of hope to your people:

make us so to abound in sorrow for our sins,
 which were the cause of your passion,
 that when our bodies lie in the dust
 we may live with you, through the saving merits of your
 cross;
 for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
 one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

As watchmen look for the morning
 so we wait eagerly for you, O Lord.
 Come with the dawning of the day
 and make yourself known to us in the breaking of the
 bread,
 for you are our God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Suitable on Sunday

God our Father,
 as we have celebrated today the mystery of the Lord's
 resurrection,
 grant our humble prayer;
 free us from all harm,
 that we may sleep in peace and rise in joy to sing your
 praise;
 through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Suitable on Saturday

Come to visit us, Lord, this night,
 so that by your strength we may rise at daybreak
 to rejoice in the resurrection of Christ your Son;
 who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

10 *The minister concludes the service by saying*

Let us praise the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit;
let us praise and magnify him for ever.
 The almighty and merciful God preserve us and give us his
 blessing. **Amen.**