

# PRAYER OF APPROACH, CONFESSION, & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Gather us, O God, into the household of grace, the fold of your love.

We recognize your holy presence as you invite us to turn to a new day in the power of your Holy Spirit.

Help us to face this day, and all of our days, with the hope and promise made full for us in the person of Jesus Christ.

Creator God, you have made us for yourself,  
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you.  
And yet we do not trust this rest but choose to remain restless in fret and worry and striving. Over and over we are deceived through our own devices. Yet your welcome to us never ceases, your grace is never withdrawn.

Deliver us from our vain striving, bring us to rest in your peace and give us to taste your joy. These, and all of our prayers we lift to you through our Lord Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray saying,

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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 who trespass against us;  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil;  
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever, AMEN...**