

For the Unemployed:

Heavenly Father, we remember before you those who suffer want and anxiety from lack of work. Guide the people of this land so to use our public and private wealth that all may find suitable and fulfilling employment, and receive just payment for their labor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For the Poor and the Neglected:

Almighty and most merciful God, we remember before you all poor and neglected persons whom it would be easy for us to forget: the homeless and the destitute, the old and the sick, and all who have none to care for them. Help us to heal those who are broken in body or spirit, and to turn their sorrow into joy. Grant this, Father, for the love of your Son, who for our sake became poor, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

For those who Influence Public Opinion:

Almighty God, you proclaim your truth in every age by many voices: Direct, in our time, we pray, those who speak where many listen and write what many read; that they may do their part in making the heart of this people wise, its mind sound, and its will righteous; to the honor of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

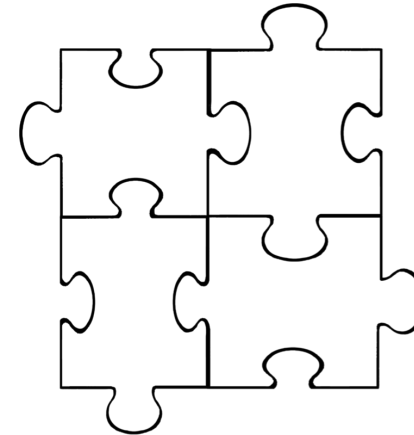
Grace at Meals

Give us grateful hearts, our Father, for all thy mercies, and make us mindful of the needs of others; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

or this

Bless, O Lord, thy gifts to our use and us to thy service; for Christ's sake. **Amen.**

Putting Together the Pieces



Morning Prayer and Compline
Easter Season

When you build a puzzle, a good strategy is to start with the edges. Once you have the framework finished, it is much easier to see how the picture works and the pieces fall into place. Morning Prayer and Compline are similar to edge pieces in a puzzle. If you start and end your day in prayer, the rest of the day comes together a little more easily.

The Daily Office is designed to be done at home, at work, at church in small groups, and even in the car, and doesn't require a priest. In fact, anyone can be the leader. Anyone can read the scripture.

Here are both services, with optional parts in blue. (While the service can be shortened for any occasion, it is especially appropriate if praying with small children, particularly ones who are not yet strong readers or are unable to read.)

Extra tips:

Routine helps. With kids, the first few times are harder because routine takes time. It didn't take long, however, for even our newer readers to start knowing some of the prayers.

A service can be read alone. It can also be more divided if you have more people. A different leader can lead the first half than leads the second half, beginning at the prayers.

You can read the psalm in unison, alternating at the half or whole verse, or you can read it around the table, with each person reading one verse around the circle until the end.

Both the Psalm and the Reading can be found in your Easter Season Calendar.

There are alternative prayers and canticles listed in The Book of Common Prayer if you want to add variety.

When doing intercessions and thanksgiving with children, it is helpful to give them specific questions: What makes you excited today? What are you worried about today? Who are you thankful for today? Who do you think needs extra prayers today?

Additional Prayers:

For a sick person:

O God of heavenly powers, by the might of your

command you drive away from our bodies all sickness

and all infirmity: Be present in your goodness with your

servant M, that *his* weakness may be banished and *his*

strength restored; and that, *his* health being renewed, *he*

may bless your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our

Lord. **Amen.**

For a sick child:

Lord Jesus Christ, Good Shepherd of the sheep, you

gather the lambs in your arms and carry them in your

bosom: We commend to your loving care this child N.

Relieve his pain, guard him from all danger, restore to

him your gifts of gladness and strength, and raise him up

to a life of service to you. Hear us, we pray, for you dear

Name's sake. **Amen.**

For Doctors and Nurses:

Sanctify, O Lord, those whom you have called to the

study and practice of the arts of healing, and to the

prevention of disease and pain. Strengthen them by your

life-giving Spirit, that by their ministries the health of the

community may be promoted and your creation glorified;

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

In the Morning, when ill:

This is another day, O Lord. I know not what it will

bring forth, but make me ready, Lord, for whatever it may

be. If I am to stand up, help me to stand bravely. If I am

to sit still, help me to sit quietly. If I am to lie low, help

me to do it patiently. And if I am to do nothing, let me

do it gallantly. Make these words more than words, and

give me the Spirit of Jesus. **Amen.**

*Lord, you now have set your servant free *
to go in peace as you have promised;
For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior, *
whom you have prepared for all the world to
see:*

*A Light to enlighten the nations, *
and the glory of your people Israel.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the
Holy Spirit: * as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be for ever. Amen.*

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

Leader: Let us bless the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy
Spirit,
bless us and keep us. **Amen.**

Morning Prayer

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

*All: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!***

Leader: Lord, open our lips.

*All: **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 will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.***

Christ our Passover

Alleluia.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; *
therefore let us keep the feast,

Not with old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, *
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Alleluia.

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; *
death no longer has dominion over him.

The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; *
but the life he lives, he lives to God.

So also consider yourselves dead to sin, *
and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia.

Christ has been raised from the dead, *
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

For since by a man came death, *
by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die, *
so in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia.

The Psalm

See Calendar.

At the end of the Psalms is said

***Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the
Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be for ever. Amen.***

The Lessons

See Calendar.

A Reading (Lesson) from
The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Song of the Redeemed

O ruler of the universe, Lord God,
great deeds are they that you have done, *

surpassing human understanding;

Your ways are ways of righteousness and truth, *

O King of all the ages.

Who can fail to do you homage, Lord,

and sing the praises of your Name? *

for you only are the Holy One.

All nations will draw near and fall down before you, *

because your just and holy works have been revealed.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy

Spirit: * as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for

ever. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven
and earth; I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our

Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius

Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended
into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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.

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.

Leader: Lord, hear our prayer;

All: And let our cry come to you.

Leader: Let us pray.

Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through the

hours

of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes

and

chances of this life may rest in your eternal

changeliness;

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

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch,

or

weep this night, and give your angels charge over those

who

sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary,

bless

the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield

the

joyous; and all for your love's sake. **Amen.**

Silence may be kept, and free intercessions and thanksgivings may be

offered.

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

- 10 There shall no evil happen to you, *
neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.
- 11 For he shall give his angels charge over you, *
to keep you in all your ways.
- 12 They shall bear you in their hands, *
lest you dash your foot against a stone.
- 13 You shall tread upon the lion and the adder; *
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent
under your feet.
- 14 Because he is bound to me in love,
therefore will I deliver him; *
I will protect him, because he knows my Name.
- 15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; *
I am with him in trouble;
I will rescue him and bring him to honor.
- 16 With long life will I satisfy him, *
and show him my salvation.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Scripture

See Calendar.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

- V. Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;
R. ***For you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.***
- V. Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye;
R. ***Hide us under the shadow of your wings.***
- Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

The Prayers

Leader: The Lord be with you.

*All: **And also with you.***

Leader: Let us 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 for ever. Amen.

- V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. **And grant us your salvation.**
- V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. **Let your people sing with joy.**
- V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. **For only in you can we live in safety.**
- V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**
- V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. **Your saving health among all nations.**
- V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
- V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, 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 by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Compline

Leader: The Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end. **Amen.**

Our help is in the Name of the Lord:

All: The maker of heaven and earth.

Leader: O God, make speed to save us.

All: O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the

Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now,

and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

Psaln 91

1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High *

abides under the shadow of the Almighty.

2 He shall say to the LORD,

"You are my refuge and my stronghold, *

my God in whom I put my trust."

3 He shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter *

and from the deadly pestilence.

4 He shall cover you with his pinions,

and you shall find refuge under his wings; *

his faithfulness shall be a shield and buckler.

5 You shall not be afraid of any terror by night, *

nor of the arrow that flies by day;

6 Of the plague that stalks in the darkness, *

nor of the sickness that lays waste at mid-day.

7 A thousand shall fall at your side

and ten thousand at your right hand, *

but it shall not come near you.

8 Your eyes only have to behold *

to see the reward of the wicked.

9 Because you have made the LORD your refuge, *

and the Most High your habitation,

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole

body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified:

Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer

before you for all members of your holy Church, that in

their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly

serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Intercessions and Thanksgivings may be offered silently or aloud.

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with

one accord to make our common supplication to you;

and you have promised through your well-beloved Son

that when two or three are gathered together in his Name

you will be 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.**

Leader: Let us bless the Lord, Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God, Alleluia, alleluia.

Leader: 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*