

Morning Prayer (Ordinary Time)

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Opening Prayers

O Lord, open our lips and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Blessed are you, Sovereign God, creator of all, to you be glory and praise forever. You founded the earth in the beginning and the heavens are the work of your hands. In the fullness of time you made us in your image and in these last days you have spoken to us in your Son, Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Blessed be God forever.

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us; let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day, so may the light of your presence, O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you; now and for ever. **Amen.**

Or

As we rejoice in the gift of your presence among us let the light of your love always shine in our hearts, your Spirit ever renew our lives, and your praises ever be on our lips. **Amen**

Bible Readings

A prayer for the unity of the Church

O God whose life is love, Your Son taught us that we should be one, just as you and he are one. Inspire your Church with the gift of unity, we pray that leaving behind all pride and hardness of heart, and reaching out to one another in openness and humility we would come to experience for ourselves the joy of dwelling in harmony and the delight of learning from the wisdom of one another, in Christ our Lord, **Amen**

A prayer for the world and ourselves

God of peace, in whose kingdom the lion shall lie down with the lamb, and swords be beaten into ploughshares, Pour into our hearts that love of peace that takes away all envy and strife. Give us honesty to speak openly of our differences, give us courage to stand up for what is right, and give us discernment that, through careful discussion and wise compromise, we may bring about an order in our world and in our lives that serves the good of all, weak and strong. In Jesus Christ our Lord, **Amen**

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 for ever.

Amen

Blessing

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you, wherever he may send you. May he guide you through the wilderness, protect you through the storm. May he bring you home rejoicing, at the wonders he has shown you. May he bring you home rejoicing, once again into our doors

+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**