



# INTRODUCTION

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There are several liturgies included in this booklet to assist the structuring of your small group.

The first is “Daily Prayer,” and it can be used in morning or evening. There are several prayers that you can use or leave out at your discretion . If you would like, you can use the “Great Litany” to close the service, and there is an italic instruction that indicates where you would switch to that service.

“Compline” is a service done at the end of the day. If you would like, you can use the “Great Litany” to close this service as well, and there is an italic instruction that indicates where you would switch to that service. If you would like to use it, the last page of the service has the text for the song “All Praise to Thee My God This Night” that we often sing at church.

“The Great Litany” can be added to “Daily Prayer” or “Compline,” but it may also stand alone. It is a particularly appropriate liturgy for more penitential seasons or in times when you would like more prayer and less discussion.

The final two liturgies are short versions of Morning Prayer and Evening Prayer. They provide a liturgical structure, but they allow the most space for discussion.



## DAILY PRAYER

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### ENTERING GOD'S PRESENCE

*Begin by reading one of the following verses.*

The hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. *John 4:23*

Send out your light and your truth; let them lead me; let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling! *Psalms 43:3*

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. *Colossians 3:1*

Yours is the day, yours also the night; you have established the heavenly lights and the sun. You have fixed all the boundaries of the earth; you have made summer and winter. *Psalms 74:16-17*

*Then, open with confession saying:*

As we enter God's presence, let's take a moment to search our hearts and confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Allow silence for private confession.*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us  
that we may delight in your will  
and walk in your ways  
to the glory of your name. Amen.

*Follow with this prayer for assurance of pardon.*

Gracious Father, we rejoice that Christ died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God. Seal your pardon to our hearts that, forgiven and cleansed of our sins, we may rise to walk in newness of life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Conclude the time of confession with an acclamation of praise to God.*

Lord, open our lips,

**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 forever. Amen.**

Let us praise the Lord!

**The Lord's name be praised!**

*Then, offer praise to God with Psalm 95.1-7a.*

**Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;**

**let us make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation!**

**Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;**

**let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

**For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.**

**In his hand are the depths of the earth,**

**and the heights of the mountains are his also.**

**The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.**

**Oh come, let us worship and bow down;**

**let us kneel before the Lord our Maker!**

**For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture**

**and the sheep of his hand.**

*or, with Psalm 100.*

**Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!**

**Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!**

**Know that the Lord, he is God!**

**It is he who made us, and we are his;**

**we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

**Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!**

**Give thanks to him; bless his name!**

**For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever,**

**and his faithfulness to all generations.**

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

*Read the passage for the day. After the lesson is read:*

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

*Then, affirm your faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.*

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
And 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 again.  
He ascended 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.

## SPEAKING TO GOD

*After the Creed, invite everyone to join in prayer.*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be 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. Lead us not into  
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

*Then, continue with the following responsive prayers.*

Be exalted, O Lord, above the heavens;

**Let your glory cover the earth.**

Show us your mercy, O Lord;

**And grant us your salvation.**

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

**And make your chosen people joyful.**

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

**For only in you can we live in safety.**

Lord, keep this nation under your care.

**And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

Let your way be known on earth;

**Your saving power among all nations.**

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

**Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

Create in us clean hearts, O God;

**And revive us by your Holy Spirit.**

*Then, say this prayer in the morning.*

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 will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*or, this prayer in the evening.*

Lighten our darkness, O Lord, and in your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*Then, select from the following prayers at your discretion.*

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

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Spirit, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*And, then say one of the following prayers for mission.*

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

O God of all the nations of the earth: Remember the multitudes who have been created in your image but have not known the redeeming work of our Savior Jesus Christ; and grant that, by the prayers and

labors of your holy Church, they may be brought to know and worship you as you have been revealed in your Son; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*You may continue or turn to the Great Litany to conclude the service.*

*Follow with an open time of prayer, or choose a few of the biddings below.*

*Let's pray for our small group to grow in the knowledge and love of God.*

*Let's pray for our neighbors who do not know the light of God's glory revealed in Jesus.*

*Let's pray for (choose a nation) to repent and believe in the Gospel.*

*Let's pray for our international ministry partners:*

*Hood family in Tanzania; Comstock Family in Ecuador; Alex Deuscher and Projekt:Kirche in Germany*

*One Egg in Rwanda; Langham Partnership and the South Asia Bible Commentary; Anglican Relief and Development Fund; As We Forgive Rwandan Initiative*

*Let's pray for our President and all in authority.*

*Let's pray for our local ministry partners, AFAC and AACH.*

*Let's pray for Ascension that we may walk as children of the light, loving what is good, right, and true.*

*Let's pray for the children of our church to grow in wisdom and stature, in favor with God and all people.*

*The prayers are concluded with the following prayer of thanksgiving.*

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,  
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks  
for all your goodness and loving-kindness  
to us and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation,  
and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives,  
by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you  
in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

*Then, conclude with one of the following blessings.*

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. **Amen.**

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.**



# COMPLINE

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## OPENING

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

Our help is in the Name of the Lord;

**The maker of heaven and earth.**

Let us confess our sins to God.

*Allow silence for private confession.*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned against you**

**in thought, word, and deed,**

**by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;**

**we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,**

**have mercy on us and forgive us**

**that we may delight in your will**

**and walk in your ways**

**to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*Follow with this prayer for assurance of pardon:*

May the Almighty God grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

*One or both of the following Psalms are said.*

### *Psalm 4*

Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness!

You have given me relief when I was in distress.

Be gracious to me and hear my prayer!

**O men, how long shall my honor be turned into shame?**

**How long will you love vain words and seek after lies?**

But know that the LORD has set apart the godly for himself;

the LORD hears when I call to him.

**Be angry, and do not sin;**

**ponder in your own hearts on your beds, and be silent.**



Offer right sacrifices,  
and put your trust in the LORD.

**There are many who say, “Who will show us some good?**

**Lift up the light of your face upon us, O LORD!”**

You have put more joy in my heart  
than they have when their grain and wine abound.

**In peace I will both lie down and sleep;**

**For you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.**

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

**As it was in the beginning, is now,  
and will be forever. Amen.**

*Psalm 91*

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High  
will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

**I will say to the LORD, “My refuge and my fortress,  
my God, in whom I trust.”**

For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler  
and from the deadly pestilence.

**He will cover you with his pinions,  
and under his wings you will find refuge;  
his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.**

You will not fear the terror of the night,  
nor the arrow that flies by day,  
**nor the pestilence that stalks in darkness,  
nor the destruction that wastes at noonday.**

A thousand may fall at your side,  
ten thousand at your right hand,  
but it will not come near you.

**You will only look with your eyes  
and see the recompense of the wicked.**

Because you have made the LORD your dwelling place—  
the Most High, who is my refuge—  
**no evil shall be allowed to befall you,  
no plague come near your tent.**

For he will command his angels concerning you  
to guard you in all your ways.

**On their hands they will bear you up,  
lest you strike your foot against a stone.**

You will tread on the lion and the adder;  
the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot.

**“Because he holds fast to me in love, I will deliver him;  
I will protect him, because he knows my name.**

When he calls to me, I will answer him;  
I will be with him in trouble;  
I will rescue him and honor him.

**With long life I will 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 forever. Amen.**

#### SCRIPTURE LESSON OR STUDY

#### PRAYERS

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;  
**For you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.**

Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye;  
**Hide us under the shadow of your wings.**

Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be 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. Lead us not into  
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

Lord, hear our prayer;

**And let our cry come to you.**

Let us pray.

*Then, select from the following prayers at your discretion.*

Lighten our darkness, O Lord, and in your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

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

Visit this place, O Lord, and drive from it all the snares of the enemy; let your holy angels dwell with us to preserve us in peace; and let your blessing be upon us always; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Continue with the following.*

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.**

*Follow with an open time of prayer.*

*You may continue with the Closing or turn to the Great Litany to conclude the service.*

CLOSING

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

Lord, now let your servant depart in peace,  
according to your word;

**For my eyes have seen your salvation,  
that you have prepared in the sight of all peoples;  
A light for revelation to the Gentiles,  
and for glory to 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 forever. Amen.**

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

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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



“ALL PRAISE TO THEE MY GOD THIS NIGHT”

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All praise to Thee, my God, this night,  
for all the blessings of the light!  
Keep me, O keep me, King of kings,  
beneath Thine own almighty wings.

Forgive me, Lord, for Thy dear Son,  
The ill that I this day have done,  
That with the world, myself, and Thee,  
I, ere I sleep, at peace may be.

O may my soul on Thee repose,  
And with sweet sleep mine eyelids close,  
Sleep that may me more vigorous make  
To serve my God when I awake.

Teach me to live, that I may dread  
The grave as little as my bed.  
Teach me to die, that so I may  
Rise glorious at the judgment day.

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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# THE GREAT LITANY

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God the Father,  
**have mercy upon us.**

God the Son,  
**have mercy upon us.**

God the Holy Spirit,  
**have mercy upon us.**

Holy Blessed and glorious Trinity,  
**have mercy upon us.**

From all unrighteousness;  
from pride, vanity, and hypocrisy;  
from envy, hatred, and malice;  
and from all evil desires,  
**good Lord, deliver us.**

From laziness, worldliness, and love of money;  
from hardness of heart,  
and contempt for your word and your laws,  
**good Lord deliver us.**

From sins of body and mind;  
from the deceits of the world, the flesh, and the devil,  
**good Lord deliver us.**

In all times of sorrow;  
in all times of joy;  
in the hour of death,  
and at the day of judgment,  
**good Lord, deliver us.**

By the mystery of your holy incarnation;  
by your birth, childhood, and obedience;  
by your baptism, fasting, and temptation,  
**good Lord, deliver us.**

By your ministry in word and work;  
by your mighty acts of power;  
and by your preaching of the kingdom,  
**good Lord, deliver us.**

By your agony and trial;  
by your cross and passion;  
and by your precious death and burial,  
**good Lord, deliver us.**

By your mighty resurrection;  
by your glorious ascension;  
and by your sending of the Holy Spirit,  
**good Lord, deliver us.**

Hear our prayers, O Lord our God.  
**Hear us, good Lord.**

Govern and direct your holy Church;  
fill it with love and truth;  
and grant it that unity which is your will.  
**Hear us, good Lord.**

Give us boldness to preach the gospel in all the world,  
and to make disciples of all the nations.  
**Hear us, good Lord.**

Enlighten our bishops and all who minister  
with knowledge and understanding,  
that by their teaching and their lives they may proclaim your word.  
**Hear us, good Lord.**

Give your people grace to hear and receive your word,  
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;  
comfort and help the faint-hearted;  
raise up the fallen; and finally beat down Satan under our feet.  
**Hear us, good Lord.**

Guide the leaders of the nations  
into the ways of peace and justice.  
**Hear us, good Lord.**

Guard and strengthen your servant Barack Obama, our President,  
that he may put his trust in you,  
and seek your honor and glory.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

Bless those who administer the law,  
that they may uphold justice, honesty and truth.

**Hear us, good Lord.**

Help and comfort the lonely, the bereaved, and the oppressed.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Heal the sick in body and mind,  
and provide for the homeless, the hungry, the destitute,

**Lord, have mercy.**

Show your pity on prisoners and refugees,  
and all who are in trouble.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Lord, have mercy.**

We give thanks for those who have died in the peace of Christ.  
Grant us with them a share in your eternal kingdom.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.

*The Lord's Prayer may be omitted if it was said earlier in the service.*

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be 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. Lead us not into  
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

O Lord, let your mercy be shown upon us.

**As we put our trust in you.**

Almighty God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the  
multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who  
turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you  
we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**



## SHORT LITURGY: MORNING

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*Begin by reading one of the following verses.*

O Lord, in the morning you hear my voice; in the morning I plead my case to you, and watch. *Psalm 5:3*

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

*Lamentations 3:22-23*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. *1 Peter 1:3*

Let us pray.

**We give you sincere thanks, heavenly Father, for the sleep and rest of the past night, and for the gift of a new day. Grant that we may so pass its hours in the perfect freedom of your service, that when evening comes we may again desire to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Follow with a scripture reading or time of study.*

*Continue with a time of open prayer, and close with the Lord's Prayer.*

Let us pray.

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

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

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.**





## SHORT LITURGY: EVENING

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*Begin by reading one of the following verses.*

Come, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD, who stand by night in the house of the LORD! Lift up your hands to the holy place and bless the LORD!  
*Psalm 134.1-2*

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

*Follow with a scripture reading or time of study.*

*Allow silence for private confession. Then, all together pray:*

Most merciful God,  
**we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us  
that we may delight in your will  
and walk in your ways  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

*Follow with this prayer for assurance of pardon:*

May the Almighty God grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*Continue with a time of open prayer, and close with the Lord's Prayer.*

Let us pray.

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be 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. Lead us not into  
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

O God, the source of eternal light: Shed forth your unending day upon us who watch for you, that our lips may praise you, our lives may bless you, and our worship on the morrow give you glory; 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.**

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

