

# Prayer Guide

November 7-13, 2021



## SUNDAY MORNING

### OPENING SENTENCES

#### **Lam. 3:22-23**

The Lord's unfailing love and mercy never cease,  
fresh as the morning and sure as the sunrise.

#### **Psalm 95:1-7**

Come, let us sing to the Lord!  
Let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving  
and raise a loud shout to the Lord with psalms.

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

The Lord holds the caverns of the earth,  
and sustains the heights of the hills.

The sea belongs to God, who made it  
whose hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For the Lord is our God,  
and we are the people of God's pasture  
and the sheep of God's hand.

Oh, that today you would harken to God's voice!

## **MORNING PRAYER**

Mighty God of mercy, we thank you for the resurrection dawn bringing the glory of our risen Lord who makes every day new. Especially we thank you for

the beauty of your creation...

the new creation in Christ and all gifts of healing and forgiveness...

the sustaining love of family and friends...

the fellowship of faith in your church...

Merciful God of might, renew this weary world, heal the hurts of all your children, and bring about your peace for all in Christ Jesus, the living Lord. Especially we pray for

those who govern nations of the world...

the people in countries ravaged by strife or warfare...

all who work for peace and international harmony...

all who strive to save the earth from destruction...

the church of Jesus Christ in every land...

## **CLOSING PRAYER**

Eternal God,

our beginning and our end,

be our starting point and our haven,

and accompany us in this day's journey.

Use our hands

to do the work of your creation,

and use our lives

to bring others the new life you give this world

in Jesus Christ, Redeemer of all. **Amen.**

## SUNDAY EVENING

### OPENING SENTENCES/PRAYER

Jesus Christ is the light of the world,  
the light no darkness can overcome.  
Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening  
and the day is almost over.  
Let your light scatter the darkness  
and illumine your church.

We give you thanks and praise, O God,  
for you are without beginning and without end.  
Through your Son, Jesus Christ,  
you have created and preserved the world;  
Father of Christ and the giver of the Spirit,  
you rule over all creation.  
The day you have made for the works of light  
and the night for our refreshment and strength.

O Lord of love and source of all good,  
receive our evening sacrifice of praise.

You have guided us through this day  
to the beginning of night;  
grant us, in Christ, an evening filled with peace  
and a night free from sin;  
and when at last we come to our own end,  
bring us into the everlasting life of your kingdom,  
where you live and reign with Jesus Christ, your Son,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

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for you, Lord, have looked with favor on your lowly servant.

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you, the Almighty, have done great things for me  
and holy is your name.  
You have mercy on those who fear you,  
from generation to generation.

You have shown strength with your arm,  
and scattered the proud in their conceit,  
casting down the mighty from their thrones  
and lifting up the lowly.  
You have filled the hungry with good things,  
and sent the rich away empty.

You have come to the aid of your servant Israel,  
to remember the promise of mercy,  
the promise made to our forebears,  
to Abraham and his children forever.

### **PRAYER**

We lift our voices in prayers of praise, holy God, for you have lifted us to new life in Jesus Christ,  
and your blessings come in generous measure. Especially we thank you for  
the privilege of worship and service in this congregation...  
the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ for us...  
food and drink to share in the Lord's name...  
our calling to discipleship...

We hold up before you human needs, God of compassion, for you have come to us in Jesus  
Christ and shared our life so we may share his resurrection. Especially we pray for  
the healing of those who are sick...  
the comfort of the dying...  
the renewal of those who despair...  
the Spirit's power in the church...

### **CLOSING PRAYER**

As you have made this day, O God,  
you also make the night.  
Give light for our comfort.  
Come upon us with quietness and still our souls,  
that we may listen for the whisper of your Spirit  
and be attentive to your nearness in our dreams.  
Empower us to rise again in new life  
to proclaim your praise,  
and show Christ to the world,  
for he reigns forever and ever. **Amen.**

## MONDAY MORNING

### OPENING SENTENCES

#### PS. 74:16-17

You created the day and night, O God;  
you set the sun and the moon in their places;  
you set the limits of the earth;  
you made summer and winter.

#### Ps. 100

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands;  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before God's presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord alone is God;  
we belong to the Lord, who made us,  
we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.

Enter God's gates with thanksgiving;  
go into the holy courts with praise;  
give thanks and call upon the name of the Lord.

For good is the Lord,  
whose mercy is everlasting;  
and whose faithfulness endures from age to age.

## **MORNING PRAYER**

We praise you, God our creator, for your handiwork in shaping and sustaining your wondrous creation. Especially we thank you for

the miracle of life and the wonder of living...  
particular blessings coming to us in this day...  
the resources of the earth...  
gifts of creative vision and skillful craft...  
the treasure stored in every human life...

We dare to pray for others, God our Savior, claiming your love in Jesus Christ for the whole world, committing ourselves to care for those around us in his name. Especially we pray for

those who work for the benefit of others...  
those who cannot work today...  
those who teach and those who learn...  
people who are poor...  
the church in Europe...

## **CLOSING PRAYER**

As you cause the sun to rise, O God,  
bring the light of Christ to dawn in our souls  
and dispel all darkness.

Give us grace to reflect Christ's glory;  
and let his love show in our deeds,  
his peace shine in our words,  
and his healing in our touch,  
that all may give him praise, now and forever. **Amen.**

## MONDAY EVENING

### OPENING SENTENCES/PRAYER

Light and peace in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

We praise you, O Lord our God, Ruler of the universe,  
by whose word the shadows of evening fall.  
Your wisdom opens the gates of morning;  
your understanding orders the changes of time and seasons;  
your will controls the stars as they travel through the skies.  
You are the Creator of both night and day,  
making light recede before darkness,  
and darkness before light.  
You cause day to pass,  
and bring on the night,  
setting day and night apart.  
You are the Lord of hosts.

Living and eternal God, rule over us always,  
to the end of time.  
Blessed are you, O Lord,  
whose word makes evening fall. **Amen.**

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to Abraham and his children forever.

### **EVENING PRAYER**

We rejoice in your generous goodness, O God, and celebrate your lavish gifts  
to us this day, for you have shown your love in giving Jesus Christ for the salvation of the world.

Especially we give thanks for

the labors of those who have served us today...

friends with whom we have shared...

those whom we loved and have loved us...

opportunities for our work to help others...

all beauty that delights us...

Gracious God, we know you are close to all in need, and by our prayers for others we come closer  
to you. We are bold to claim for others your promises of new life in Jesus Christ, as we claim them  
for ourselves. Especially we pray for

those in dangerous occupations...

physicians and nurses...

those who are ill or confined to nursing homes...

those who mourn...

the Roman Catholic Church...

### **CLOSING PRAYER**

Great God, you are one God,  
and you bring together what is scattered  
and mend what is broken.

Unite us with the scattered peoples of the earth  
that we may be one family of your children.

Bind up all our wounds,

and heal us in spirit,

that we may be renewed as disciples

of Jesus Christ, our Master and Savior. **Amen.**

## TUESDAY MORNING

### OPENING SENTENCES

#### Ps. 5:2b-3

I pray to you, O Lord;  
you hear my voice in the morning;  
at sunrise I offer my prayer  
and wait for your answer.

#### Ps. 63:1-8

O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you;  
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,  
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.

Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place,  
that I might behold your power and your glory.

For your loving-kindness is better than life itself;  
my lips shall give you praise.

So will I bless you as long as I live  
and lift my hands in your name.

My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness,  
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,  
when I remember you upon my bed,  
and meditate on you in the night watches.

For you have been my helper,  
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.  
My soul clings to you;  
your right hand holds me fast.

## **MORNING PRAYER**

Eternal God, we rejoice this morning in the gift of life, which we have received by your grace, and the new life you give in Jesus Christ. Especially we thank you for

the love of our families...

the affection of our friends...

strength and abilities to serve your purpose today...

this community in which we live...

opportunities to give as we have received...

God of Grace, we offer our prayers for the needs of others and commit ourselves to serve them even as we have been served in Jesus Christ. Especially we pray for those closest to us, families, friends, neighbors...

refugees and homeless men, women and children...

the outcast and persecuted...

those from whom we are estranged...

the church in Africa...

## **CLOSING PRAYER**

Eternal God,

Your touch makes this world holy.

Open our eyes to see your hand at work

in the splendor of creation,

and in the beauty of human life.

Help us to cherish the gifts that surround us,

to share your blessings with our sisters and brothers,

and to experience the joy of life in your presence.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord. **Amen.**

## TUESDAY EVENING

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the light no darkness can overcome.  
Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening  
and the day is almost over.  
Let your light scatter the darkness  
and illumine your church.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation.  
In the beginning you separated light from darkness  
and placed all your works in our hands.  
You have give us the light of day  
they we might see your wonders  
in all we say and do;  
you give us the gentle darkness of the night  
that we might rest from our burdens  
and be refreshed in body and spirit.

Break through the darkness of our sins  
with the splendor of your mercy and love.  
Send your light to dispel our fears and anxieties  
and fill us with hope and joy.

Glory, praise, and honor are yours, O God,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
In the power of the Holy Spirit,  
now and forever. **Amen.**

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You have come to the aid of your servant Israel,  
to remember the promise of mercy,  
the promise made to our forebears,  
to Abraham and his children forever.

### **EVENING PRAYER**

Eternal God, we thank you for being with us today, and for every sign of your truth and love in Jesus Christ. Especially we thank you for  
the gift of peace in Christ...  
reconciliation in our relationships...  
each new insight into your love...  
energy and courage to share your love...  
the ministries of the church...

Gracious God, we remember in our own hearts the needs of others, that we may reach up to claim your love for them, and reach out to give your love in the the name of Christ. Especially we pray for  
racial harmony and justice...  
those imprisoned...  
strangers we have met today...  
friends who are bereaved...  
Orthodox and Coptic churches...

### **CLOSING PRAYER**

God of all who fear you,  
make us one with all your saints  
and with any who are in need.  
Teach us to befriend the weak,  
and welcome the outcast,  
that we may serve the Lord Jesus Christ  
and live to offer him glory.  
In his holy name we pray. **Amen.**

## WEDNESDAY MORNING

### OPENING SENTENCES

#### **Rom. 11:33, 36**

O depth of wealth, wisdom, and knowledge of God!  
How unsearchable are God's judgments,  
how untraceable are God's ways!  
The source, guide, and goal of all that is,  
to God be the glory forever! Amen.

#### **Psalm 51:1-12**

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness;  
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

Wash me through and through from my wickedness  
and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.

Against you only have I sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight.

And so you are justified when you speak  
and upright in your judgment.

Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth,  
a sinner from my mother's womb.

For behold, you look for truth deep within me,  
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure;  
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.

Make me hear of joy and gladness,  
that the body you have broken may rejoice.

Hide your face from my sins  
and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right Spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Give me the joy of your saving help again  
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

### **MORNING PRAYER**

God of all mercies, we praise you that you have brought us to this new day,  
brightening our lives with the dawn of promise and hope in Jesus Christ. Especially we thank you  
for

- the warmth of sunlight, the wetness of rain and snow, and all that nourishes the earth...
- the presence and power of your Spirit...
- the support and encouragement we receive from others...
- those who provide for public safety and well-being...
- the mission of the church around the world...

Merciful God, strengthen us in prayer that we may lit up the brokenness of this world for your  
healing, and share in the saving love of Jesus Christ. Especially we pray for

- those in positions of authority over others...
- the lonely and forgotten...
- children without families or homes...
- agents of caring and relief...
- the church in Asia and the Middle East...

### **CLOSING PRAYER**

Eternal God,  
you never fail to give us each day all that we ever need,  
and even more.

Give us such joy in living  
and such peace in serving Christ,  
that we may gratefully make use of all your blessings,  
and joyfully seek our risen Lord  
in everyone we meet.

In Jesus Christ we pray. **Amen.**

## WEDNESDAY EVENING

### OPENING SENTENCES/PRAYER

Light and peace in Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Thanks be to God.

We give you thanks and praise, O God of endless light,  
through our Lord Jesus Christ.

In him your light shines in our hearts  
and reveals the light that never fades.  
As daylight comes to an end  
and darkness begins to fall,  
we thank you for the light of day,  
created for our work and pleasure,  
and bless you for the gift of this evening light.

All praise to you, O God,  
through Jesus Christ, your Son:  
through him all glory and honor is yours,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the holy church  
now and forever. **Amen.**

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### **PRAYER**

Give us your peace, O God, that we may rejoice in your goodness to us and to all your children,  
and be thankful for your love revealed in Jesus Christ. Especially we thank you for  
people who reveal your truth and righteousness...  
courage to be bold disciples...  
those who show hospitality...  
surprises that have blessed us...  
the unity of the church of Jesus Christ...

Give us your peace, O God, that we may be confident of your care for us and all your children, as  
we remember the needs of others. Especially we pray for  
friends and relatives who are far away...  
neighbors in special need...  
those who suffer hunger and thirst...  
those who work at night while others sleep...  
Episcopal and Methodist churches...

### **CLOSING PRAYER**

God our shepherd,  
you have brought us through this day  
to a time of reflection and rest.  
Calm our souls,  
and refresh us with your peace.  
Keep us close to Christ  
and draw us closer to one another  
in the bonds of his wondrous love.  
We pray through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THURSDAY MORNING

### OPENING SENTENCES

**Rev. 19:6,7**

Alleluia!

For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.

Let us rejoice and exult and give God the glory.

**Psalm 90:1–6, 13-17**

Lord, you have been our dwelling place  
throughout all generations.

Before the mountains were born  
or you brought forth the whole world,  
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

You turn people back to dust,  
saying, "Return to dust, you mortals."

A thousand years in your sight  
are like a day that has just gone by,  
or like a watch in the night.

Yet you sweep people away in the sleep of death—  
they are like the new grass of the morning:

In the morning it springs up new,  
but by evening it is dry and withered.

Relent, Lord! How long will it be?

Have compassion on your servants.

Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love,  
that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.

Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us,  
for as many years as we have seen trouble.

May your deeds be shown to your servants,  
your splendor to their children.

May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us;  
establish the work of our hands for us—  
yes, establish the work of our hands.

## **MORNING PRAYER**

Loving God, as the rising sun chases away the night, so you have scattered the power of death in the rising of Jesus Christ, and you bring us all blessings in him. Especially we thank you for

the Community of Faith in our church...

those with whom we work or share common concerns...

the diversity of your children...

indications of your love at work in the world...

those who work for reconciliation...

Mighty God, with the dawn of your love you reveal your victory over all that would destroy or harm, and you brighten the lives of all who need you. Especially we pray for

families suffering separation...

people different from ourselves...

those isolated by sickness or sorrow...

the victims of violence or warfare...

the church in the Pacific region...

## **CLOSING PRAYER**

O God,

you are the well-spring of life.

Pour into our hearts the living water of your grace,

that we may be refreshed to live this day in joy,

confident of your presence

and empowered by your peace,

in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THURSDAY EVENING

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to remember the promise of mercy,  
the promise made to our forebears,  
to Abraham and his children forever.

### **PRAYER**

We give you our praise and thanks, O God, for all gifts of love we have received from you, and for your persistent mercy in Jesus Christ. Especially we thank you for  
work we have accomplished pleasing to you ...  
the faithful witness of Christian people...  
the example of righteousness we see in parents and teachers...  
the innocence and openness we see in children...  
all works of Christian compassion...

We give you our cares and concerns, O God, because we know you are kind and care for your children in every circumstance. Especially we pray for  
those who struggle with doubt and despair...  
people afflicted with disease...  
those called to special ministries...  
people neglected or abused...  
Baptist, Disciples of Christ, and other free churches...

### **CLOSING PRAYER**

To you, O God  
we give up the burdens of this day,  
trusting your love and mercy.  
To you, O God,  
we surrender ourselves,  
trusting our Risen Lord to lead us always  
in the way of peace,  
today, tomorrow, and forever. **Amen.**

## FRIDAY MORNING

### OPENING SENTENCES

#### Heb. 13:15

Through Jesus let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God,  
the fruit of lips that acknowledge God's name.

#### Psm 97

The Lord reigns, let the earth be glad;  
let the distant shores rejoice.  
Clouds and thick darkness surround him;  
righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.  
Fire goes before him  
and consumes his foes on every side.  
His lightning lights up the world;  
the earth sees and trembles.  
The mountains melt like wax before the Lord,  
before the Lord of all the earth.  
The heavens proclaim his righteousness,  
All who worship images are put to shame,  
those who boast in idols—  
worship him, all you gods!  
Zion hears and rejoices  
and the villages of Judah are glad  
because of your judgments, Lord.  
For you, Lord, are the Most High over all the earth;  
you are exalted far above all gods.  
Let those who love the Lord hate evil,  
for he guards the lives of his faithful ones  
and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.  
Light shines on the righteous  
and joy on the upright in heart.  
Rejoice in the Lord, you who are righteous,  
and praise his holy name.

## **MORNING PRAYER**

Eternal God, we praise you for your mighty love given in Christ's sacrifice on the cross, and the new life we have received by his resurrection. Especially we thank you for

the presence of Christ in our weakness and suffering...

the ministry of Word and Sacrament...

all who work to help and heal...

sacrifices made for our benefit...

opportunities for our generous giving...

God of Grace, let our concern for others reflect Christ's self-giving love, not only in our prayers, but also in our practice. Especially we pray for

those subjected to tyranny and oppression...

wounded and injured people...

those who face death...

those who may be our enemies...

the church in Latin America...

## **CLOSING PRAYER**

Eternal God,

You call us to ventures

of which we cannot see the ending,

by paths as yet untrodden,

through perils unknown.

Give us faith to go out with courage,

not knowing where we go,

but only that your hand is leading us

and your love supporting us;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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### **PRAYER**

Merciful God, we praise you that you give strength for every weakness, forgiveness for our failures, and new beginnings in Jesus Christ. Especially we thank you for

the guidance of your spirit through this day...  
signs of new life and hope...  
people who have helped us...  
those who struggle for justice...  
expressions of love unexpected or undeserved...

Almighty God, you know all needs before we speak our prayers, yet you welcome our concerns for others in Jesus Christ. Especially we pray for

those who keep watch over the sick and dying...  
those who weep with the grieving...  
those who are without faith and cannot accept your love...  
the aged who are lonely, distressed or weak...  
Reformed, Presbyterian, and Lutheran churches...

### **CLOSING PRAYER**

Protect your people, O God,  
and keep us safe  
until the coming of your new dawn  
and the establishment of your righteous rule.  
By your Holy Spirit,  
stir up within us a longing  
for the light of your new day,  
and guide us by the radiance of Jesus Christ  
your Son, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

## SATURDAY MORNING

### OPENING SENTENCES

#### Rev. 4:11

You are worthy, our Lord and God,  
to receive glory and honor and power  
for you created all things,  
and by your will they existed  
and were created.

#### Psm. 54

Save me, O God, by your name;  
vindicate me by your might.  
Hear my prayer, O God;  
listen to the words of my mouth.  
Arrogant foes are attacking me;  
ruthless people are trying to kill me—  
people without regard for God.  
Surely God is my help;  
the Lord is the one who sustains me.  
Let evil recoil on those who slander me;  
in your faithfulness destroy them.  
I will sacrifice a freewill offering to you;  
I will praise your name, Lord, for it is good.  
You have delivered me from all my troubles,  
and my eyes have looked in triumph on my foes.

### MORNING PRAYER

Great and wonderful God, we praise and thank you for the gift of renewal in Jesus Christ.

Especially we thank you for

- opportunities for rest and recreation...
- the regenerating gifts of the Holy Spirit...
- activities shared by young and old...
- fun and laughter...
- every service that proclaims your love...

You make all things new, O God, and we offer our prayers for the renewal of the world and the healing of its wounds. Especially we pray for

- those who have no leisure...
- people enslaved by addictions...
- those who entertain and enlighten...
- those confronted with temptation...
- the church in North America...

## **CLOSING PRAYER**

God our creator,  
yours is the morning and yours is the evening.  
Let Christ the sun of righteousness  
shine forever in our hearts  
and draw us to that light  
where you live in radiant glory.  
We ask this for the sake of Jesus Christ our Redeemer. **Amen.**

## SATURDAY EVENING

### OPENING PRAYER/SENTENCES

Jesus Christ is the light of the world,  
the light no darkness can overcome.  
Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening  
and the day is almost over.  
Let your light scatter the darkness  
and illumine your church.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation.  
In the beginning you separated light from darkness  
and placed all your works in our hands.  
You have give us the light of day  
they we might see your wonders  
in all we say and do;  
you give us the gentle darkness of the night  
that we might rest from our burdens  
and be refreshed in body and spirit.

Break through the darkness of our sins  
with the splendor of your mercy and love.  
Send your light to dispel our fears and anxieties  
and fill us with hope and joy.

Glory, praise, and honor are yours, O God,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
In the power of the Holy Spirit,  
now and forever. **Amen.**

### Luke 1:46-55

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,  
for you, Lord, have looked with favor on your lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed:  
you, the Almighty, have done great things for me  
and holy is your name.  
You have mercy on those who fear you,  
from generation to generation.

You have shown strength with your arm,  
and scattered the proud in their conceit,  
casting down the mighty from their thrones  
and lifting up the lowly.  
You have filled the hungry with good things,  
and sent the rich away empty.

You have come to the aid of your servant Israel,  
to remember the promise of mercy,  
the promise made to our forebears,  
to Abraham and his children forever.

### **PRAYER**

God of glory, we praise you for your presence in our lives, and for all goodness that you shower upon your children in Jesus Christ. Especially we thank you for  
promises kept and hope for tomorrow...  
the enjoyment of friends...  
the wonders of your creation...  
love from our parents, our sisters and brothers, our spouses and children...  
pleasures of living...

God of grace, we are one with all your children, for we are sisters and brothers of Jesus Christ, and we offer our prayers for all whom we love. Especially we pray for  
promises kept and hope for tomorrow...  
the enjoyment of friends...  
the wonder of your creation...  
love from our parents, our sisters and brothers, our spouses and children...  
pleasures of living...

### **CLOSING PRAYER**

Abide with us, O Lord,  
for evening comes and the day is almost over.  
Abide with us, for the days are hasten with them  
Abide with us and with all your faithful people,  
until the daystar rises and the morning light appears,  
and we shall abide with you forever. **Amen.**

**Resources to Learn More About Prayer:**

Praying with the Church by Scot McKnight

What if Jesus Was Serious About Prayer by Skye Jethani

Courage to Pray by Bill Brownson

Pray by Tony Jones

**Resources to Guide Your Prayer:**

The Divine Hours by Phyllis Tickle (there is also a pocket edition with one week of prayers)

The Book of Common Prayer by the Anglican Church (2019 Edition)

Reimagining the Ignation Examen by Mark E. Thibodeaux