

FAMILY PRAYER

based on

The DAILY OFFICE

CONCERNING FAMILY PRAYER

These devotions follow the basic structure of the Daily Office of the Church and are particularly appropriate for individuals or families with young children. These have been taken from the 2019 edition of the Book of Common Prayer. The Anglican Church in North America encourages Churches to incorporate selections (liturgies) in bulletins or other materials for use in church worship services. As such, this booklet falls within the limits of acceptable use and reproduction authorised and encouraged by the Anglican Church in North America. Although the translations here are not as familiar to Lutherans, the structure and form of these offices is common to both traditions. This booklet can be used in combination with any Lutheran or Anglican prayer book or hymnal.

The Reading and the Collect may be read by one person, and the other parts said in unison, or in some other convenient manner. A sermon or devotion may follow the readings.

Appropriate Opening Sentences, Psalms, Readings, and Collects are provided in each service. When desired, however, the Collect of the Day, or any of the Collects appointed in the Daily Office, may be used instead.

The Psalms and Readings may be replaced by those appointed in:
any Sunday and Seasonal Lectionary; or
any Daily Lectionary; or
some other manual of devotion which provides daily selections for the Church Year.

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IN THE MORNING

O Lord, open my lips,

and my mouth shall show forth your praise.

Glory be 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.

PSALM 51:15

Except in Lent, add Alleluia.

PSALM 95

Venite

O come, let us sing unto the Lord; *

let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *

and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God *

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are all the depths of the earth *

and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, *

and his hands prepared the dry land.

O come, let us worship and fall down, *

and 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.

The verses 8-10 may be added during in Lent.

Glory be 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 PSALM OR PSALMS APPOINTED
A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

A period of silence may follow.

A hymn or canticle may be used; the Apostles' Creed may be said.

Prayers may be offered for ourselves and others.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE COLLECT

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to the beginning of this day: Defend us by your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin nor run into any danger; and that, guided by your Spirit, we may do what is righteous in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONCLUDING SENTENCES

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 103:1

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.

2 CORINTHIANS 13:14

AT MIDDAY

O God, make speed to save us;

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be 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.

PSALM 70:1

Except in Lent, add Alleluia.

PSALM 113:1-4

Laudate, pueri

1. **Praise the Lord. Sing praises, you servants of the Lord; *
O praise the Name of the Lord.**
2. **Blessed be the Name of the Lord, *
from this time forth for evermore.**
3. **The Lord's Name be praised *
from the rising up of the sun to the going down
of the same.**
4. **The Lord is high above all nations, *
and his glory above the heavens.**

**Glory be 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.**

Alternatively, a selection from Psalm 119 may be used.

A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

One of the following, or some other suitable passage of Scripture, is read:

From the rising of the sun to its setting my name will be great among the nations, and in every place incense will be offered to my name, and a pure offering. For my name will be great among the nations, says the Lord of Hosts.

MALACHI 1:11

or this

Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

JOHN 15:4-5

or this

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in

Christ Jesus.

PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7

A period of silence may follow.

Prayers may be offered for ourselves and others.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE COLLECT

Blessed Savior, at this hour you hung upon the Cross, stretching out your loving arms: Grant that all the peoples of the earth may look to you and be saved; for your tender mercies' sake.

Amen.

CONCLUDING SENTENCES

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 103:1

IN THE EARLY EVENING

This devotion may be used before or after the evening meal.

O God, make speed to save us;

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glorify be 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.

PSALM 70:1

Except in Lent, add Alleluia.

PHOS HILARON

O Gladsome Light

O gladsome light,

pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven, *

O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

**Now as we come to the setting of the sun,
and our eyes behold the vesper light, ***

we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices, *

O Son of God, O Giver of Life,

and to be glorified through all the worlds.

THE PSALM OR PSALMS APPOINTED A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

A period of silence may follow.

A hymn or canticle may be used; the Apostles' Creed may be said.

Prayers may be offered for ourselves and others.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE COLLECT

Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love. **Amen.**

CONCLUDING SENTENCES

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 103:1

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.

2 CORINTHIANS 13:14

AT THE CLOSE OF DAY

O God, make speed to save us;

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be 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.

PSALM 70:1

Except in Lent, add Alleluia.

PSALM 134

Ecce nunc

1. **Behold now, praise the Lord, ***
all you servants of the Lord,
2. **You that stand by night in the house of the Lord, ***
even in the courts of the house of our God.
3. **Lift up your hands in the sanctuary ***
and sing praises unto the Lord.
4. **The Lord who made heaven and earth ***
give you blessing out of Zion.

Glory be 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.

Alternatively, Psalm 4 or 91 may be used.

A READING FROM HOLY SCRIPTURE

One of the following, or some other suitable passage of Scripture, is read:

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

JEREMIAH 14:9

or this

Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith.

1 PETER 5:8-9

A period of silence may follow.

A hymn or canticle may be used.

Prayers may be offered for ourselves and others.

It is appropriate that prayers of thanksgiving for the blessings of the day, and penitence for our sins, be included.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE COLLECT

Visit this place, O Lord, and drive far from it all 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.**

NUNC DIMITTIS

The Song of Simeon

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

For my eyes have seen your salvation, *
which you have prepared before the face of all people; To
be a light to lighten the Gentiles, *
and to be 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.

LUKE 2:29-32

CONCLUDING SENTENCES

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 103:1

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

COLLECTS AND PRAYERS

A GENERAL INTERCESSION

Be mindful, O Lord, of your people bowed before you, and of those who are absent through age, sickness, or infirmity. Care for the infants, guide the young, support the aged, encourage the faint-hearted, collect the scattered, and bring the wandering to your fold. Travel with the voyagers, defend the widows, shield the orphans, deliver the captives, heal the sick. Support all who are in tribulation, necessity, or distress. Remember for good all those that love us, and those that hate us, and those that have desired us, unworthy as we are, to pray for them. And those whom we have forgotten, do remember them, O Lord. For you are the Helper of the helpless, the Saviour of the lost, the Refuge of the wanderer, the Healer of the sick. You, who knows each person's need, and have heard this prayer, grant to each according to your merciful loving-kindness and your eternal love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A GENERAL 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 honour and glory throughout all ages. **Amen.**

FOR THE SPIRIT OF PRAYER

O Almighty God, you pour out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and of supplication: Deliver us, when we draw near to you, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FOR THOSE WE LOVE

Almighty God, we entrust all who are dear to us to your never-failing care and love, for this life and the life to come, knowing that you are doing for them better things than we can desire or pray for; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FOR THE FAMILY

Merciful Savior, you loved Martha and Mary and Lazarus, hallowing their home with your sacred presence: Bless our home, we pray, that your love may rest upon us, and that your presence may dwell with us. May we all grow in grace and in the knowledge of you, our Lord and Savior. Teach us to love one another as you have commanded. Help us to bear one another's burdens in fulfilment of your law, O blessed Jesus, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FOR CHILDREN

O Lord Jesus Christ, who took little children into your arms and blessed them: Bless the children of this family, that they may grow up in godly fear and love. Give them your strength and guidance day by day, that they may continue in your love and service to their lives' end. Grant this, O blessed Savior, for your own Name's sake. **Amen.**

FOR RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

O Loving Father, we commend to your gracious keeping all who are near and dear to us. Have mercy upon any who are sick, and comfort those who are in pain, anxiety, or sorrow. Awaken all who are careless about eternal things. Bless those who are young and in health, that they may give the days of their strength to you. Comfort the aged and infirm, that your peace may rest upon them. Hallow the ties of kindred, that we may help and not hinder one another in all the good works that you have prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

IN THE MORNING

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

LUTHER'S MORNING PRAYER

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. **Amen.**

AT NOON

Almighty Savior, who at mid-day called your servant Saint Paul to be an apostle to the Gentiles: We pray you to illumine the world with the radiance of your glory, that all nations may come and worship you; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. **Amen.**

FOR QUIET CONFIDENCE

O God of peace, who hast taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and in confidence shall be our strength: By the might of thy Spirit lift us, we pray thee, to thy presence, where we may be still and know that thou art God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

AT NIGHT

O Lord, support us all the day long through this trouble-filled life, until the shadows lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in your mercy grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last. **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR STRENGTH TO AWAIT CHRIST'S RETURN

Sunday Morning

O God our King, by the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ on the first day of the week, you conquered sin, put death to flight, and gave us the hope of everlasting life: Redeem all our days by this victory; forgive our sins, banish our fears, make us bold to praise you and to do your will; and steel us to wait for the consummation of your kingdom on the last great Day; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR RESURRECTION HOPE

Sunday Evening

Lord God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ triumphed over the powers of death and prepared for us our place in the new Jerusalem: Grant that we, who have this day given thanks for his resurrection, may praise you in that City of which he is the light, and where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR THE RENEWAL OF LIFE

Monday Morning

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR PEACE

Monday Evening

O God, the source of all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works: Give to your servants that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments, and that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR PEACE

Tuesday Morning

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

A COLLECT FOR AID AGAINST PERILS

Tuesday Evening

Lighten our darkness, we beseech you, O Lord; and by 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.**

A COLLECT FOR GRACE

Wednesday Morning

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to the beginning of this day: Defend us by your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin nor run into any danger; and that, guided by your Spirit, we may do what is righteous in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR PROTECTION

Wednesday Evening

O God, the life of all who live, the light of the faithful, the strength of those who labor, and the repose of the dead: We thank you for the blessings of the day that is past, and humbly ask for your protection through the coming night. Bring us in safety to the morning hours; through him who died and rose again for us, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR GUIDANCE

Thursday Morning

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST

Thursday Evening

Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love. **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR ENDURANCE

Friday Morning

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the Cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR FAITH

Friday Evening

Lord Jesus Christ, by your death you took away the sting of death: Grant to us your servants so to follow in faith where you have led the way, that we may at length fall asleep peacefully in you and wake up in your likeness; for your tender mercies' sake. **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR SABBATH REST

Saturday Morning

Almighty God, who after the creation of the world rested from all your works and sanctified a day of rest for all your creatures: Grant that we, putting away all earthly anxieties, may be duly prepared for the service of your sanctuary, and that our rest here upon earth may be a preparation for the eternal rest promised to your people in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A COLLECT FOR THE EVE OF WORSHIP

Saturday Evening

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.**

PRAYER FOR THE MISSION

Almighty and everlasting God, who alone works great marvels: Send down upon our clergy and the congregations committed to their charge the life-giving Spirit of your grace, shower them with the continual dew of your blessing, and ignite in them a zealous love of your Gospel; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PRAYER FOR ALL TO FIND CHRIST

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

FOR THE SALVATION OF ALL

Father of all mercies, you revealed your boundless compassion to your apostle Saint Peter in a three-fold vision: Forgive our unbelief, we pray, and so strengthen our hearts and enkindle our zeal, that we may fervently desire the salvation of all people, and diligently labor in the extension of your kingdom; through him who gave himself for the life of the world, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

A PRAYER OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time, with one accord to make our common supplications to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will grant their requests: Fulfil 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.**

THE CONFITEOR

Confession of Sins

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Silence may be kept.

**Almighty God and Father, we confess to you,
to one another, and to the whole company of heaven,
that we have sinned, through our own fault,
in thought, and word, and deed,
and in what we have left
undone.**

**For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,
have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and
by the power of your Holy Spirit
raise us up to serve you in newness of life,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

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

FAMILY RESPONSES BEFORE MEALS

Traditional

The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord,
and you give them their food in due season.

You open wide your hand,
and fill all things living with plenteousness.

Bless us, O Lord, and these your gifts, which we are about to receive from your bounty, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FAMILY RESPONSES AFTER MEALS

Traditional

O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good,

for his mercy endures for ever.

He who gives food to all flesh;

Who gives food to the cattle and feeds the young ravens that call upon him

He has no pleasure in the strength of a horse;

neither does he delight in any man's strength.

But the Lord's delight is in those who fear him

and put their trust in his mercy.

We thank you, Lord God, heavenly Father, for all your benefits, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

