

ORDER for BAPTIST MINISTRY

Midday Prayers

Celebrating the presence of God

Optional:

+ In the name of the Father, and
of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit

*In the midst of the day,
we pause to reflect upon
God's goodness and mercy,
and to commit the day afresh
to his guidance and upholding.*

Gracious God,
whose gift of life fills
each moment with promise,
we give you thanks
for the morning past
and its fulfilment
in your purposes,
and the continued promise
of your presence for all
that lies ahead.

*A pause to acknowledge
any specific thanks and praise*

Acknowledging our humanity

Forgive our wayward steps
and call us afresh to your Way.
In work and recreation,
thought, word and action,
guide our steps
that we might walk
to the rhythm of the Spirit,
greet friend and stranger with
glad hospitality of heart,
and live to your praise and glory
we ask this
in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen

Listening for the Word

A freely chosen reading

or

Rejoice in the Lord always;
again I will say, Rejoice.
Let your gentleness
be known to everyone.
The Lord is near.
Do not worry 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.

Finally, beloved,
whatever is true,
whatever is honourable,
whatever is just,
whatever is pure,
whatever is pleasing,
whatever is commendable,
if there is any excellence
and if there is anything
worthy of praise,
think about these things.
Philippians 4.4-8 NRSV

Bringing our concerns

We pray for those we have met,
carry on our hearts and for whom
we have a concern ...

We pray for all that the afternoon
will hold, the planned and the
unexpected interruptions ...

We pray for our world,
church,
members of this Order
and circle of friends and family ...

Continuing to love and serve

May your grace fill us,
your Spirit uphold us,
and your Word direct our steps.
Amen.

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