

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.

Going to love and serve

Let us go to love and serve,
knowing that,
**we are created
from love,
of love,
for love.**

Optional:

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

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Daily Office: *Creating God*

**Saturday Morning
& Creation**

Becoming present to God

*Through a sign of attentiveness
like lighting a candle and/or*

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

or

All things came into being
through him,
and without him not one thing
came into being. (John 1.3)

or

In him all things in heaven
and on earth were created,
things visible and invisible,
whether thrones or dominions
or rulers or powers—
all things have been created
through him and for him. (Col. 1.16)

Celebrating the presence of God

Triune God,
community of creative
and outpoured love,
gatherer and shaper of dust,
scatterer and weaver of beauty
and meaning:
***we celebrate your gathering
and scattering***

Blessing God,
and maker of all:
of diversity in unity,
of individuality and connectedness,
of form, pattern, light and darkness,
of land and sky,
of streams of living water
and fruitful earth,
of sun and moon and every star,
of fish and bird and every creature,
of female and male to image & bless,
journeying together,
as well as alone:
***we celebrate your gathering
and scattering***

Redeeming God
Mysterious and invisible One,
Revealed and imaged in beloved Son
- Fount of all Wisdom
and full of your Spirit -
Hearing the cry of wistful creation,
Freeing and drawing
all things together,
Working all things together for good:
***we celebrate your gathering
and scattering***

*A pause to name any specific thanks
or praise*

Acknowledging our humanity

Giver of life and all that is good,
all that is very good,
when we have covered our eyes
and stopped our ears
to creation's beauty and cry:

Lord have mercy, **Christ have mercy**

Where we have stayed our hand
from creation's care and flourishing:

Lord have mercy, **Christ have mercy**

Silence

Give us grace
to work and live,
play and dance
on earth today
as grateful and joyful
daughters and sons of God,
walking with
and watching over one another
and all things :

Lord have mercy, **Christ have mercy**

Listening for the Word of God

From *The Common Lectionary*

Canticle - Optional

Reconciliation Song

The Father has rescued us
from the power of darkness
and transferred us into the kingdom
of his beloved Son,
**in whom we have redemption,
the forgiveness of sins.**

He is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn of all creation;
for in him all things
in heaven and on earth
were created,
things visible and invisible,
whether thrones or dominions
or rulers or powers—
**all things have been created
through him and for him.**

He himself is before all things,
**and in him
all things hold together.**

He is the head of the body,
the church;
he is the beginning,
the firstborn from the dead,
**so that he might come to have
first place in everything.**
For in him all the fullness of God
was pleased to dwell,
and through him God was pleased
to reconcile to himself all things,
whether on earth or in heaven,
**by making peace
through the blood of his cross.**

(from *Colossians 1.12-20* NRSV)

Song of God's Grace

Blessed be the God and Father
of our Lord Jesus Christ,
**who has blessed us in Christ
with every spiritual blessing
in the heavenly places,**
just as he chose us in Christ
before the foundation of the world
**to be holy and blameless
before him in love.**
He destined us for adoption
as his children through Jesus Christ,
according to the good pleasure
of his will,
**to the praise of his glorious grace
that he freely bestowed on us
in the Beloved.**

In him we have redemption
through his blood,
the forgiveness of our trespasses,
**according to the riches
of his grace
that he lavished on us.**

With all wisdom and insight
he has made known to us
the mystery of his will,
**according to his good pleasure
that he set forth in Christ,**
as a plan for the fullness of time,
**to gather up all things in him,
things in heaven
and things on earth.**

(*Ephesians 1.3-10* NRSV)

Reflecting on our roots

Living God,
enable us this day by your Spirit
to be pilgrims and companions:
committed to the way of Christ,
faithful to the call of Christ,
discerning the mind of Christ,
offering the welcome of Christ,
growing in the likeness of Christ,
engaging in the mission of Christ,
in the world that belongs to Christ.

Bringing our concerns

God who is gathering
all things together in Christ,
**hear us
as we bring before you
those involved in:**

Everyday caring for creation and
decisions about the environment *

Being creative
through everyday life and work*

Special opportunities for creative
expression through the arts
including music, writing,
and other media *

**a pause for mention of individuals
and groups*