

The 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

Engaging in the mission
of Christ this day,
open our eyes to see his coming,
and guide our feet
to follow in his way.

Amen.

Optional:

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

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Daily Office: Coming Lord

**Tuesday Morning
& Advent**

Becoming present to God

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

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

Ever present God,
***In this place and at this time,
come to us.***

or

Wait for the Lord, his day is near.

***Wait for the Lord:
keep watch, take heart.***
(from Taizé)

or

***O come, thou dayspring,
come and cheer
our spirits by thine advent here.***
(from *O come, O come Immanuel*)

Celebrating the presence of God

Generous God,
we come to you,
the God who comes to us.
We give you praise
that you came in creation,
founding the world and fashioning
human beings in your likeness;
***calling a people into being
and walking alongside them
come what may.***
You came in Jesus Christ
in self-giving love
and in resurrection life.
***You came by your Spirit,
making disciples drunk with grace.***
And you have come to us,
***through friend and stranger,
in joy and in pain,***
opening our eyes
to the reality of Christ
and playing in ten thousand places.

***Help us to celebrate your presence
as we seek to make known
your love to the world,
and as we look with hope
to the new creation
which will break in
when you come again.
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.***

*A pause to name any specific thanks
or praise*

Acknowledging our humanity

God of grace,
we acknowledge before you
That we are not the people
you want us to be,
nor the people we want to be;
***we have marred your image in us,
and tarnished the image
we have of ourselves.***

Come to us with forgiveness
and make whole
that which is broken.
***Fill us afresh with your Spirit
that we might serve you
and your people
with gratitude and joy. Amen.***

Listening for the Word of God

From *The Common Lectionary*

Canticle – Optional

Zechariah's Song | Benedictus
Blessed be the Lord
the God of Israel,
**who has come to his people
and set them free.**
He has raised up for us
a mighty Saviour,
**born of the house
of his servant David.**

Through his holy prophets
God promised of old
**to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all that hate us,**
To show mercy to our ancestors,
**and to remember
his holy covenant.**
This was the oath God
swore to our father Abraham:
**to set us free
from the hands of our enemies,
Free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.**
And you, child, shall be called
the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord
to prepare his way,
**To give his people knowledge
of salvation
by the forgiveness of all their sins.**

In the tender compassion
of our God
**the dawn from on high
shall break upon us,**
To shine on those who dwell
in darkness
and the shadow of death,
**and to guide our feet
into the way of peace.**
Luke 1.68-79 (NRSV)

or

Song of Heaven's Joining with Earth

I saw a new heaven
and a new earth,
**for the first heaven
and the first earth
had passed away
and the sea was no more.**
And I saw the holy city,
new Jerusalem,
**coming down out of heaven
from God,
prepared as a bride
adorned for her husband.**
And I heard a great voice
from the throne saying,
**'Behold, the dwelling of God
is among mortals.**
'He will dwell with them
and they shall be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them.
'He will wipe every tear
from their eyes,
and death shall be no more.
'Neither shall there be mourning,
nor crying, nor pain any more,
**for the former things
have passed away.'**
And the One
who sat upon the throne said,
'Behold, I make all things new.'
Revelation 21.1-5a (NRSV)

Reflecting on our roots

Living God, enable us this day
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

Advent Lord,
We celebrate your coming
as a human being
and the gift of your presence
by your Spirit.
***With longing for your coming again
when this world will be put to right
and swords shall be beaten
into ploughshares,
and nations shall learn war no more,
we pray for signs of your kingdom
as we bring to you
our concerns today.***

We pray for:

- World
- Church
- People