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PCPC PRAYER GUIDE INTRODUCTION

This guide has a simple aim: to help us grow in our love for God through time in His Word and prayer. The Bible teaches that in order to love God, we need a relationship with Him. That relationship has been provided by God Himself, through overcoming the alienation caused by our sin through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God the Son. In union with Christ, we now have intimate access to God as our heavenly Father. Scripture and prayer are the means through which we experience, apply, and enjoy that relationship. As we learn to pray, listen, and obey the gracious overtures of God's Word, we learn to live as God's children—to love and trust Him more fully.

WHY DAILY PRAYER?

Why set aside fixed times every day for prayer? Why not simply pray unprompted, when the stirring comes? Practically speaking, we are creatures attuned to rhythms. We order our lives by sunrises and sunsets, by hours, weeks, seasons, and years. Daily prayer is a way of consecrating our ordinary rhythms to God, ensuring that all of life is offered to Him. C. S. Lewis once wrote, "Relying on God has to begin all over again every day as if nothing had yet been done." And so it must. Our relationship with God should take hold of our schedules as well as our hearts.

Historically, this has been the way of God's people. Consider the testimonies of the psalmists:

"Blessed is the man whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night." (Psalm 1:1-2)

"Evening and morning and at noon I cry out to you..." (Psalm 55:17)

"Seven times a day do I praise you..." (Psalm 119:64)

By the first century, the ritual of daily prayer was formally embedded in Jewish spirituality. There were several hours in the day that marked regular times for prayer. The first detailed miracle in Acts happened because Peter and John were going to the temple "at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour" (Acts 3:1) for three o'clock prayers. Peter's vision in Acts 10 confirming God's grace for the Gentiles occurred as he was observing sixth-hour prayer, his noon devotions (Acts 10:9). The community that gathered after Pentecost devoted themselves daily to "the apostles teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers" (Acts 2:42).

The practice of daily prayer continued through the early church and expanded consistently throughout time and culture wherever the Gospel spread. Along with Sunday worship and the sacraments, daily prayer remains a central way that Christians all over the world express devotion to Christ.

But we might simply hearken back to Jesus himself. Jesus set aside times to pray regularly even as the eternal Son of God. He celebrated his dependence on the Father (John 5:19, 30), and sought sanctuary in solitude with Him (Luke 5:16). If it was necessary for Jesus, who is "very God of very God," how much more for us, who are made to bear His image.

WHY A PRAYER GUIDE?

A common objection to using a liturgy for devotions is that it restricts freedom, deteriorating into heartless formality. However, if you've ever found yourself repeating the same words and phrases over and over again in prayer "spontaneously," then you know that our own minds and experiences are just as restrictive. Guided prayer is not meant to curb freedom but to bolster it, by introducing into our prayer life the language and imagery of the Scriptures.

Here are a few compelling reasons to use a prayer guide:

1. It helps us to pray regularly.

Many people do not pray regularly because they do not know where to begin. A prayer guide takes the pressure off needing to make that decision anew every day. It repeatedly says, "Start here." You do not need a stirring, a reason, a plan, or consistency. Simply, start here," and let God's Word lead you into prayer.

2. It helps us to pray biblically.

In this prayer guide, there is no commentary from gifted Christian authors or pastors. It is uncluttered, so to speak. The elements come either directly from Scripture or from common worship. The majority of time is spent in the Psalms, a book of the Bible meant especially for prayer and worship. One of the encouraging messages reiterated in the Psalms is that you do not have to put on a happy face to live the Christian life. Praying biblically allows us to pray the truth of who we are while growing in the hope of who we might yet become.

3. It helps us to pray communally.

Though we are praying individually, we are doing so together, specifically as a church body. This book is meant for this flock, in this time and place. To know

that others with whom God has joined us are reading and praying the same words encourages us in our common journey. Prayer is a communal work as much as much as an individual one.

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE?

Use this guide however it is helpful to you. For many, that means using it just as it is. For others who are already committed to daily reading plans or Bible studies, that may mean skipping the Scripture readings and only using some of the other portions. For those who are in the habit of family worship, you can adapt the guide to read and pray together as a family.

Here are suggestions for each of the elements:

The Call to Worship

The Call to Worship is God initiating with you through His Word. Read the call, perhaps out loud. Receive God's invitation to worship Him as spoken to you in that moment.

The Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Praise God for who He is as He has shown in His Word and in your life. Thank Him for His presence and gifts in your life.

The Readings

The Psalms follow the readings from the Book of Common Prayer, which covers all the Psalms every 30 days. Get to know the words here and you will better know Jesus Himself. There is no book of the Bible Jesus quoted more often than the Psalms.

The other daily readings for this season are from Luke's Gospel, the Gospel most associated with Jesus' universal kingship. We begin where Luke begins, and continue into the section in which Jesus sets his face toward Jerusalem, preparing us for the coming seasons of Lent and Easter.

The Prayers for the Day and Prayers for the Night

In the morning, begin by saying The Lord's Prayer, the model for prayer that Jesus taught His disciples. If you do not know it, you can find the words in the Appendix in this guide. Each phrase of the Lord's Prayer is filled with grace and challenge. Say the prayer expectantly for the day ahead.

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession are opportunities for you to lay out before God whatever burdens you carry, as well as the burdens carried by others. Ask Him for things. Ask Him for mercy. Ask Him to help you become more like Christ.

The Closing Prayer is a way to conclude. All of the closing prayers draw from the Book of Common Prayer and are unique to either morning or evening.

They are called "collects" because they gather our prayers together and present them before God collectively, as we go about our scattered lives. Pray this prayer as your own, in the confidence that others are praying with you.

The Confession of Sin

The Confession of Sin occurs at night, as we review our days. It is an opportunity to repent for the ways we have missed the mark, and to receive the grace we need for renewal and change. In the Appendix, you will find a longer explanation for the process of self-examination that fits here.

The Words of Assurance

The Words of Assurance are God's promise to forgive, cleanse, accept, and renew you in Christ. Hold onto these as you would anything of great value. Return to them when doubts or disillusionment grow.

The Grace

The Grace is God's blessing on you as you go out into your day or lay your head down to sleep. Receive it as a final word until you return to pray again.

Sundays

Sundays are unique, it is our time to gather and worship as a church family, to celebrate once again the victory of Christ over sin and death. There are only Psalm readings on Sunday because the liturgy of corporate worship is our primary focus. Consider using the Sunday morning liturgy again at night for personal prayer.

As a final word, there are many great reading plans, devotionals, and exercises to encourage in us a life of prayer. This is a way to pray, only one among many that has grown up in the history of God's people. Most important is not the method, but the reality of loving and trusting God. May your relationship with Him grow.

WELCOME TO THE SEASON OF EPIPHANY.

The word *epiphany* comes from a Greek word meaning "disclosure or unveiling" and it was used in the ancient world to designate an official visit of a king or emperor to some city of his realm. In the tradition of the church calendar, Epiphany is a celebration of Jesus' manifestation to the world as Savior and King. John writes in his Gospel that "we have seen His glory," indicating that the truth of Jesus' majesty was not hidden, but publicly revealed for the whole world to experience.

The season of Epiphany begins on January 6th, twelve days after Christmas day, and it continues until Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of the season of Lent. It is a time to reflect on Jesus' universal kingship, His beauty and majesty, and His mission to gather the nations of the world unto Himself. You will find these themes reflected in our prayer guide this season.

The **daily readings** move us verse by verse through Luke's Gospel—the Gospel most associated with Jesus' universal kingship.

Our **calls to worship, closing prayers, and words of grace** focus on God's reign over the nations, as well as our charge to proclaim His glory daily through our words and actions.

The **confessions of sin** help us to repent over the ways in which apathy, self-centeredness, and prejudice have taken root in our hearts and diminished our zeal to worship Christ and serve others.

The **assurances of pardon** remind us that Jesus came not only to us but for us, to unite us to Himself and to exchange our sin and shame for the glory of His righteousness.

The simple message of Epiphany is that the King of creation has come and we are to receive Him in all His glory. In His light we see light and are made by grace to be light to others, that the whole world might worship Jesus the King.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7 ---

Morning Psalms: 146, 147



Evening Psalms: 111-113

MONDAY, JANUARY 8

MORNING PRAYER

Call To Worship

Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples! (1 Chronicles 16:24)

Prayers Of Praise And Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalms: 1-3

Reading the Bible Together: Luke 1:1-25

Prayers For The Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit: grant that all who are baptized into His name may keep the covenant they have made and boldly confess Him as Lord and Savior; who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

Grace

You are the salt of the earth. You are the light of the world.

(Matthew 5:13, 14)

EVENING PRAYER

Call To Worship

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. (Psalm 46:1)

Prayers Of Praise And Thanksgiving

Confession Of Sin

O loving Savior, You have revealed Yourself to me and given me the knowledge of salvation through Your shed blood on the cross. Alas, how neglectful have I been in the performance of my duty and my privilege of bringing the glad tidings of salvation to my fellow sinners! Forgive my sluggishness and indifference. Renew in me compassion, conviction, and courage to proclaim Your Gospel to a broken world. *Amen.*

Personal Examination And Confession

Words Of Assurance

For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

Evening Psalms: 4, 7

Prayers For The Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

My Lord and Savior, bless Your Word wherever it has been proclaimed this day, and let it be a power unto salvation to all who have heard it. Send out Your light and Your truth to all who are without Christ, without God, without hope in the world, and lead them to the knowledge of Your glory in the face of Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

Grace

Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good deeds and give glory to Your Father who is in heaven. (Matthew 5:16)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

From the rising of the sun to its setting, My name will be great among the nations. (Malachi 1:11)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalms: 5-6

Reading the Bible Together: Luke 1:26-56

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit: grant that all who are baptized into His name may keep the covenant they have made and boldly confess Him as Lord and Savior; who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

Grace

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.
(Matthew 5:3)

EVENING PRAYER

Call To Worship

I will praise You, O Lord, among the nations, and sing praises to Your name.
(2 Samuel 22:50)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Confession of Sin

Mighty God, I humble myself for gifts misused, opportunities neglected, and words ill-advised. I confess my folly and inconsiderate ways, my broken resolutions, untrue service, my backsliding steps, my vain thoughts. Bury my sins in the ocean of Jesus' mercy, that His Spirit may pervade every fiber of my being. Then send me out to make Jesus known to the world. *Amen.*

Personal Examination and Confession

Words of Assurance

Says the Lord: "though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool." (Isaiah 1:18)

Evening Psalm: 10-11

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

My Lord and Savior, bless Your Word wherever it has been proclaimed this day, and let it be a power unto salvation to all who have heard it. Send out Your light and Your truth to all who are without Christ, without God, without hope in the world, and lead them to the knowledge of Your glory in the face of Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

Grace

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. (Matthew 5:7)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10 ---

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice, and let them say among the nations, "The Lord reigns!" (1 Chronicles 16:31)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalm: 119:1-24

Reading the Bible Together: Luke 1:57-80

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit: grant that all who are baptized into His name may keep the covenant they have made and boldly confess Him as Lord and Savior; who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

Grace

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. (Matthew 5:4)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

For God alone my soul waits in silence; from Him comes my salvation.
(Psalm 62:1)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Confession of Sin

Father in heaven, it is my calling to love You above all others. But it is my sin that I place myself above You. Forgive me for my contempt of You, for neglecting Your glory, for preferring things before You. Help me to set You above all else in mind and eye. And keep me in a faith that works by love and serves by grace. *Amen.*

Personal Examination and Confession

Words of Assurance

But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. (1 John 1:1-2)

Evening Psalms: 12-14

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

My Lord and Savior, bless Your Word wherever it has been proclaimed this day, and let it be a power unto salvation to all who have heard it. Send out Your light and Your truth to all who are without Christ, without God, without hope in the world, and lead them to the knowledge of Your glory in the face of Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

Grace

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. (Matthew 5:8)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

Come and see what God has done: He is awesome in His deeds toward the children of man. (Psalm 66:5)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalm: 18:1-20

Reading the Bible Together: Luke 2:1-21

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit: grant that all who are baptized into His name may keep the covenant they have made and boldly confess Him as Lord and Savior; who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

Grace

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. (Matthew 5:5)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

O Lord, God of our fathers, You rule over the kingdoms of the nations. In Your hand are power and might. (2 Chronicles 20:6)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Confession of Sin

God of all nations, I praise You that in Christ the barriers that have separated humanity are torn down. Yet, I confess my slowness to open my heart and mind to people of other lands, tongues, and races. Deliver me from the sins of fear and prejudice, that we may move toward the day when all are truly one in Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Personal Examination and Confession

Words of Assurance

And He said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." Then those who were at table with Him began to say among themselves, "Who is this, who even forgives sins?" And He said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace." (Luke 7:48-50)

Evening Psalm: 18:21-50

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

My Lord and Savior, bless Your Word wherever it has been proclaimed this day, and let it be a power unto salvation to all who have heard it. Send out Your light and Your truth to all who are without Christ, without God, without hope in the world, and lead them to the knowledge of Your glory in the face of Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

Grace

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. (Matthew 5:9)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for You judge the people with equity and guide the nations upon earth. (Psalm 67:4)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalms: 16-17

Reading the Bible Together: Luke 2:22-40

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit: grant that all who are baptized into His name may keep the covenant they have made and boldly confess Him as Lord and Savior; who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

Grace

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. (Matthew 5:6)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall worship before You. (Psalm 22:27)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Confession of Sin

O Lord, friend of the helpless, You sent Your Son to proclaim good news to the poor. Forgive me for my carelessness toward those in need, for my bias toward those who make my life easy and comfortable. Give me eyes to see those I ordinarily pass over and a heart willing to receive correction. *Amen.*

Personal Examination and Confession

Words of Assurance

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.... For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. (John 1:14, 16)

Evening Psalm: 22

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

My Lord and Savior, bless Your Word wherever it has been proclaimed this day, and let it be a power unto salvation to all who have heard it. Send out Your light and Your truth to all who are without Christ, without God, without hope in the world, and lead them to the knowledge of Your glory in the face of Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

Grace

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven. (Matthew 5:10)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

Save us, O God of our salvation, and gather and deliver us from among the nations, that we may give thanks to Your holy name and glory in Your praise.
(1 Chronicles 16:35)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalms: 20-21

Reading the Bible Together: Luke 2:41-52

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed Him Your beloved Son and anointed Him with the Holy Spirit: grant that all who are baptized into His name may keep the covenant they have made and boldly confess Him as Lord and Savior; who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

Grace

Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. (Matthew 6:33)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations.
(Psalm 46:10)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Confession of Sin

My Savior, help me. I am so slow to learn, so prone to forget, so weak to climb. I am pained by my graceless heart, my prayerless days, my poverty of love, my sullied conscience, my wasted hours, my unspent opportunities. Make it my chief joy to sit like Mary at Your feet and to abide in You, that Your life may flow through me. *Amen.*

Personal Examination and Confession

Words of Assurance

In this is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. (1 John 4:10)

Evening Psalms: 110, 116, 117

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

My Lord and Savior, bless Your Word wherever it has been proclaimed this day, and let it be a power unto salvation to all who have heard it. Send out Your light and Your truth to all who are without Christ, without God, without hope in the world, and lead them to the knowledge of Your glory in the face of Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

Grace

The Lord is my light and salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? (Psalm 27:1)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 14 ---

Morning Psalms: 148-150



Evening Psalm: 114-115

MONDAY, JANUARY 15

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples! (1 Chronicles 16:24)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalm: 25

Reading the Bible Together: Luke 3:1-22

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: grant that Your people, illumined by Your Word and sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that He may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

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You are the salt of the earth. You are the light of the world.
(Matthew 5:13-14)

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God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. (Psalm 46:1)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Confession of Sin

O loving Savior, You have revealed Yourself to me and given me the knowledge of salvation through Your shed blood on the cross. Alas, how neglectful have I been in the performance of my duty and my privilege of bringing the glad tidings of salvation to my fellow sinners! Forgive my sluggishness and indifference. Renew in me compassion, conviction, and courage to proclaim Your Gospel to a broken world. *Amen.*

Personal Examination and Confession

Words of Assurance

For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

Evening Psalms: 9, 15

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

O Lord, as the night comes upon me, I again flee to You for Your gracious protection, firmly trusting that You will keep me safe against all dangers and evils. Give to me refreshing sleep, that tomorrow I may serve You with renewed strength in my daily calling, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Savior. *Amen.*

Grace

Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good deeds and give glory to Your Father who is in heaven. (Matthew 5:16)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

From the rising of the sun to its setting, My name will be great among the nations. (Malachi 1:11)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalms: 26, 28

Reading the Bible Together: Luke 3:23-38

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: grant that Your people, illumined by Your Word and sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that He may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Grace

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.
(Matthew 5:3)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

I will praise You, O Lord, among the nations, and sing praises to Your name.
(2 Samuel 22:50)

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Confession of Sin

Mighty God, I humble myself for gifts misused, opportunities neglected, and words ill-advised. I confess my folly and inconsiderate ways, my broken resolutions, untrue service, my backsliding steps, my vain thoughts. Bury my sins in the ocean of Jesus' mercy, that His Spirit may pervade every fiber of my being. Then send me out to make Jesus known to the world. *Amen.*

Personal Examination and Confession

Words of Assurance

Says the Lord: "though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool." (Isaiah 1:18)

Evening Psalms: 36, 39

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

O Lord, as the night comes upon me, I again flee to You for Your gracious protection, firmly trusting that You will keep me safe against all dangers and evils. Give to me refreshing sleep, that tomorrow I may serve You with renewed strength in my daily calling, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Savior. *Amen.*

Grace

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. (Matthew 5:7)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17 ---

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice, and let them say among the nations, "The Lord reigns!" (1 Chronicles 16:31)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalm: 38

Reading the Bible Together: Luke 4:1-15

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: grant that Your people, illumined by Your Word and sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that He may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Grace

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. (Matthew 5:4)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

For God alone my soul waits in silence; from Him comes my salvation.
(Psalm 62:1)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Confession of Sin

Father in heaven, it is my calling to love You above all others. But it is my sin that I place myself above You. Forgive me for my contempt of You, for neglecting Your glory, for preferring things before You. Help me to set You above all else in mind and eye. And keep me in a faith that works by love and serves by grace. *Amen.*

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But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. (1 John 1:1-2)

Evening Psalm: 119:25-48

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

O Lord, as the night comes upon me, I again flee to You for Your gracious protection, firmly trusting that You will keep me safe against all dangers and evils. Give to me refreshing sleep, that tomorrow I may serve You with renewed strength in my daily calling, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Savior. *Amen.*

Grace

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. (Matthew 5:8)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

Come and see what God has done: He is awesome in His deeds toward the children of man. (Psalm 66:5)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalm: 37:1-18

Reading the Bible Together: Luke 4:16-30

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: grant that Your people, illumined by Your Word and sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that He may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Grace

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. (Matthew 5:5)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

O Lord, God of our fathers, You rule over the kingdoms of the nations. In Your hand are power and might. (2 Chronicles 20:6)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Confession of Sin

God of all nations, I praise You that in Christ the barriers that have separated humanity are torn down. Yet, I confess my slowness to open my heart and mind to people of other lands, tongues, and races. Deliver me from the sins of fear and prejudice, that we may move toward the day when all are truly one in Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Personal Examination and Confession

Words of Assurance

And He said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." Then those who were at table with Him began to say among themselves, "Who is this, who even forgives sins?" And He said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace." (Luke 7:48-50)

Evening Psalm: 37:19-42

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

O Lord, as the night comes upon me, I again flee to You for Your gracious protection, firmly trusting that You will keep me safe against all dangers and evils. Give to me refreshing sleep, that tomorrow I may serve You with renewed strength in my daily calling, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Savior. *Amen.*

Grace

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.
(Matthew 5:9)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for You judge the people with equity and guide the nations upon earth. (Psalm 67:4)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalm: 31

Reading the Bible Together: Luke 4:31-44

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: grant that Your people, illumined by Your Word and sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that He may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Grace

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. (Matthew 5:6)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall worship before You. (Psalm 22:27)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Confession of Sin

O Lord, friend of the helpless, You sent Your Son to proclaim good news to the poor. Forgive me for my carelessness toward those in need, for my bias toward those who make my life easy and comfortable. Give me eyes to see those I ordinarily pass over and a heart willing to receive correction. *Amen.*

Personal Examination and Confession

Words of Assurance

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. ... For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. (John 1:14, 16)

Evening Psalm: 35

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

O Lord, as the night comes upon me, I again flee to You for Your gracious protection, firmly trusting that You will keep me safe against all dangers and evils. Give to me refreshing sleep, that tomorrow I may serve You with renewed strength in my daily calling, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Savior. *Amen.*

Grace

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven. (Matthew 5:10)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

Save us, O God of our salvation, and gather and deliver us from among the nations, that we may give thanks to Your holy name and glory in Your praise. (1 Chronicles 16:35)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalms: 30, 32

Reading the Bible Together: Luke 5:1-11

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: grant that Your people, illumined by Your Word and sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that He may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with You and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Grace

Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. (Matthew 6:33)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations.
(Psalm 46:10)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Confession of Sin

My Savior, help me. I am so slow to learn, so prone to forget, so weak to climb. I am pained by my graceless heart, my prayerless days, my poverty of love, my sullied conscience, my wasted hours, my unspent opportunities. Make it my chief joy to sit like Mary at Your feet and to abide in You, that Your life may flow through me. *Amen.*

Personal Examination and Confession

Words of Assurance

In this is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. (1 John 4:10)

Evening Psalms: 42-43

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

O Lord, as the night comes upon me, I again flee to You for Your gracious protection, firmly trusting that You will keep me safe against all dangers and evils. Give to me refreshing sleep, that tomorrow I may serve You with renewed strength in my daily calling, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Savior. *Amen.*

GRACE

The Lord is my light and salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? (Psalm 27:1)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

Morning Psalms: 63, 98

Evening Psalm: 103

MONDAY, JANUARY 22

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples! (1 Chronicles 16:24)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalms: 41, 52

Reading the Bible Together: Luke 5:12-26

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the good news of His salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of His marvelous works; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Grace

You are the salt of the earth. You are the light of the world.
(Matthew 5:13-14)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. (Psalm 46:1)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Confession of Sin

O loving Savior, You have revealed Yourself to me and given me the knowledge of salvation through Your shed blood on the cross. Alas, how neglectful have I been in the performance of my duty and my privilege of bringing the glad tidings of salvation to my fellow sinners! Forgive my sluggishness and indifference. Renew in me compassion, conviction, and courage to proclaim Your Gospel to a broken world. *Amen.*

Personal Examination and Confession

Words of Assurance

For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

Evening Psalm: 44

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

Father in heaven, open my lips and my hands, and give me a prayerful heart that I may become as salt and light to others. Kindle in me a fervent love for the souls of perishing sinners, and grant Your blessing to all Your church says and does, that Your Kingdom of grace may come to every tribe, tongue, and nation, to the glory of Jesus' name. *Amen.*

Grace

Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good deeds and give glory to Your Father who is in heaven. (Matthew 5:16)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

From the rising of the sun to its setting, My name will be great among the nations. (Malachi 1:11)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalm: 45

Reading the Bible Together: Luke 5:27-39

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the good news of His salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of His marvelous works; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Grace

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.
(Matthew 5:3)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

I will praise You, O Lord, among the nations, and sing praises to Your name.
(2 Samuel 22:50)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Confession of Sin

Mighty God, I humble myself for gifts misused, opportunities neglected, and words ill-advised. I confess my folly and inconsiderate ways, my broken resolutions, untrue service, my backsliding steps, my vain thoughts. Bury my sins in the ocean of Jesus' mercy, that His Spirit may pervade every fiber of my being. Then send me out to make Jesus known to the world. *Amen.*

Personal Examination and Confession

Words of Assurance

Says the Lord: "though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool." (Isaiah 1:18)

Evening Psalms: 47-48

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

Father in heaven, Open my lips and my hands, and give me a prayerful heart that I may become as salt and light to others. Kindle in me a fervent love for the souls of perishing sinners, and grant Your blessing to all Your church says and does, that Your Kingdom of grace may come to every tribe, tongue, and nation, to the glory of Jesus' name. *Amen.*

Grace

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. (Matthew 5:7)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice, and let them say among the nations, "The Lord reigns!" (1 Chronicles 16:31)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalm: 119:49-72

Reading the Bible Together: Luke 6:1-11

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the good news of His salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of His marvelous works; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Grace

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. (Matthew 5:4)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

For God alone my soul waits in silence; from Him comes my salvation.
(Psalm 62:1)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Confession of Sin

Father in heaven, it is my calling to love You above all others. But it is my sin that I place myself above You. Forgive me for my contempt of You, for neglecting Your glory, for preferring things before You. Help me to set You above all else in mind and eye. And keep me in a faith that works by love, and serves by grace. *Amen.*

Personal Examination and Confession

Words of Assurance

But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. (1 John 1:1-2)

Evening Psalms: 49, 53

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

Father in heaven, open my lips and my hands, and give me a prayerful heart that I may become as salt and light to others. Kindle in me a fervent love for the souls of perishing sinners, and grant Your blessing to all Your church says and does, that Your Kingdom of grace may come to every tribe, tongue, and nation, to the glory of Jesus' name. *Amen.*

Grace

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. (Matthew 5:8)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

Come and see what God has done: He is awesome in His deeds toward the children of man. (Psalm 66:5)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalm: 50

Reading the Bible Together: Luke 6:12-26

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the good news of His salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of His marvelous works; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

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EVENING PRAYER

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Personal Examination and Confession

Words of Assurance

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Evening Psalm: 59-60

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

Father in heaven, Open my lips and my hands, and give me a prayerful heart that I may become as salt and light to others. Kindle in me a fervent love for the souls of perishing sinners, and grant Your blessing to all Your church says and does, that Your Kingdom of grace may come to every tribe, tongue, and nation, to the glory of Jesus' name. *Amen.*

Grace

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.
(Matthew 5:9)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for You judge the people with equity and guide the nations upon earth. (Psalm 67:4)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalms: 40, 54

Reading the Bible Together: Luke 6:27-49

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

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Grace

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EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

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Personal Examination and Confession

Words of Assurance

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. ... For from His fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. (John 1:14, 16)

Evening Psalm: 51

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

Father in heaven, open my lips and my hands, and give me a prayerful heart that I may become as salt and light to others. Kindle in me a fervent love for the souls of perishing sinners, and grant Your blessing to all Your church says and does, that Your Kingdom of grace may come to every tribe, tongue, and nation, to the glory of Jesus' name. *Amen.*

Grace

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven. (Matthew 5:10)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27 ---

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

Save us, O God of our salvation, and gather and deliver us from among the nations, that we may give thanks to Your holy name and glory in Your praise. (1 Chronicles 16:35)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalm: 55

Reading the Bible Together: Luke 7:1-17

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the good news of His salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of His marvelous works; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Grace

Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. (Matthew 6:33)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations.
(Psalm 46:10)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Confession of Sin

My Savior, help me. I am so slow to learn, so prone to forget, so weak to climb. I am pained by my graceless heart, my prayerless days, my poverty of love, my sullied conscience, my wasted hours, my unspent opportunities. Make it my chief joy to sit like Mary at Your feet and to abide in You, that Your life may flow through me. *Amen.*

Personal Examination and Confession

Words of Assurance

In this is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. (1 John 4:10)

Evening Psalms: 138-139

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

Father in heaven, open my lips and my hands, and give me a prayerful heart that I may become as salt and light to others. Kindle in me a fervent love for the souls of perishing sinners, and grant Your blessing to all Your church says and does, that Your Kingdom of grace may come to every tribe, tongue, and nation, to the glory of Jesus' name. *Amen.*

Grace

The Lord is my light and salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? (Psalm 27:1)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

Morning Psalms: 24, 29

Evening Psalms: 8, 84

MONDAY, JANUARY 29

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples! (1 Chronicles 16:24)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalms: 56-58

Reading the Bible Together: Luke 7:18-35

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

Almighty and everlasting God, You govern all things both in heaven and on earth. Mercifully hear the supplications of Your people, and in our time grant us Your peace through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Grace

You are the salt of the earth. You are the light of the world.
(Matthew 5:13-14)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. (Psalm 46:1)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Confession of Sin

O loving Savior, You have revealed Yourself to me and given me the knowledge of salvation through Your shed blood on the cross. Alas, how neglectful have I been in the performance of my duty and my privilege of bringing the glad tidings of salvation to my fellow sinners! Forgive my sluggishness and indifference. Renew in me compassion, conviction, and courage to proclaim Your Gospel to a broken world. *Amen.*

Personal Examination and Confession

Words of Assurance

For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

Evening Psalms: 64-65

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

Almighty God, Your answer to the chaos and strife of the world is Your Son, Jesus Christ. Teach us to take refuge in Him, the hope of the world, who alone can wipe away our tears. *Amen.*

Grace

Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good deeds and give glory to Your Father who is in heaven. (Matthew 5:16)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

From the rising of the sun to its setting, My name will be great among the nations. (Malachi 1:11)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalms: 61-62

Reading the Bible Together: Luke 7:36-50

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

Almighty and everlasting God, You govern all things both in heaven and on earth. Mercifully hear the supplications of Your people, and in our time grant us Your peace through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Grace

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.
(Matthew 5:3)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

I will praise You, O Lord, among the nations, and sing praises to Your name.
(2 Samuel 22:50)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Confession of Sin

Mighty God, I humble myself for gifts misused, opportunities neglected, and words ill-advised. I confess my folly and inconsiderate ways, my broken resolutions, untrue service, my backsliding steps, my vain thoughts. Bury my sins in the ocean of Jesus' mercy, that His Spirit may pervade every fiber of my being. Then send me out to make Jesus known to the world. *Amen.*

Personal Examination and Confession

Words of Assurance

Says the Lord: "though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool." (Isaiah 1:18)

Evening Psalms: 68

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

Almighty God, Your answer to the chaos and strife of the world is Your Son, Jesus Christ. Teach us to take refuge in Him, the hope of the world, who alone can wipe away our tears. *Amen.*

Grace

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. (Matthew 5:7)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31 ---

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice, and let them say among the nations, "The Lord reigns!" (1 Chronicles 16:31)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalm: 72

Reading the Bible Together: Luke 8:1-18

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

Almighty and everlasting God, You govern all things both in heaven and on earth. Mercifully hear the supplications of Your people, and in our time grant us Your peace through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Grace

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. (Matthew 5:4)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

For God alone my soul waits in silence; from Him comes my salvation.
(Psalm 62:1)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Confession of Sin

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Personal Examination and Confession

Words of Assurance

But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. (1 John 1:1-2)

Evening Psalms: 119:73-96

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

Almighty God, Your answer to the chaos and strife of the world is Your Son, Jesus Christ. Teach us to take refuge in Him, the hope of the world, who alone can wipe away our tears. *Amen.*

Grace

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. (Matthew 5:8)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1 ---

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

Come and see what God has done: He is awesome in His deeds toward the children of man. (Psalm 66:5)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalms: 70-71

Reading the Bible Together: Luke 8:19-25

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

Almighty and everlasting God, You govern all things both in heaven and on earth. Mercifully hear the supplications of Your people, and in our time grant us Your peace through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Grace

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. (Matthew 5:5)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

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Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Confession of Sin

God of all nations, I praise You that in Christ the barriers that have separated humanity are torn down. Yet I confess my slowness to open my heart and mind to people of other lands, tongues, and races. Deliver me from the sins of fear and prejudice, that we may move toward the day when all are truly one in Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Personal Examination and Confession

Words of Assurance

And He said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." Then those who were at table with Him began to say among themselves, "Who is this, who even forgives sins?" And He said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace." (Luke 7:48-50)

Evening Psalm: 74

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

Almighty God, Your answer to the chaos and strife of the world is Your Son, Jesus Christ. Teach us to take refuge in Him, the hope of the world, who alone can wipe away our tears. *Amen.*

Grace

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. (Matthew 5:9)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for You judge the people with equity and guide the nations upon earth. (Psalm 67:4)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalm: 69

Reading the Bible Together: Luke 8:26-39

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

Almighty and everlasting God, You govern all things both in heaven and on earth. Mercifully hear the supplications of Your people, and in our time grant us Your peace through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Grace

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. (Matthew 5:6)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall worship before You. (Psalm 22:27)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Confession of Sin

O Lord, friend of the helpless, You sent Your Son to proclaim good news to the poor. Forgive me for my carelessness toward those in need, for my bias toward those who make my life easy and comfortable. Give me eyes to see those I ordinarily pass over, and a heart willing to receive correction. *Amen.*

Personal Examination and Confession

Words of Assurance

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. ... For from His fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. (John 1:14, 16)

Evening Psalm: 73

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

Almighty God, Your answer to the chaos and strife of the world is Your Son, Jesus Christ. Teach us to take refuge in Him, the hope of the world, who alone can wipe away our tears. *Amen.*

Grace

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven. (Matthew 5:10)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

Save us, O God of our salvation, and gather and deliver us from among the nations, that we may give thanks to Your holy name and glory in Your praise. (1 Chronicles 16:35)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalms: 75-76

Reading the Bible Together: Luke 8:40-56

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

Almighty and everlasting God, You govern all things both in heaven and on earth. Mercifully hear the supplications of Your people, and in our time grant us Your peace through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Grace

Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. (Matthew 6:33)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations.
(Psalm 46:10)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Confession of Sin

My Savior, help me. I am so slow to learn, so prone to forget, so weak to climb. I am pained by my graceless heart, my prayerless days, my poverty of love, my sullied conscience, my wasted hours, my unspent opportunities. Make it my chief joy to sit like Mary at Your feet and to abide in You, that Your life may flow through me. *Amen.*

Personal Examination and Confession

Words of Assurance

In this is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. (1 John 4:10)

Evening Psalms: 23, 27

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

Almighty God, Your answer to the chaos and strife of the world is Your Son, Jesus Christ. Teach us to take refuge in Him, the hope of the world, who alone can wipe away our tears. *Amen.*

Grace

The Lord is my light and salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? (Psalm 27:1)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4 ---

Morning Psalms: 93, 96

Evening Psalm: 34

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples! (1 Chronicles 16:24)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalms: 80

Reading the Bible Together: Luke 9:1-17

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without You, give us the help of Your grace, that in keeping Your commandments we may please You both in will and deed through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Grace

You are the salt of the earth. You are the light of the world.
(Matthew 5:13-14)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. (Psalm 46:1)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Confession of Sin

O loving Savior, You have revealed Yourself to me and given me the knowledge of salvation through Your shed blood on the cross. Alas, how neglectful have I been in the performance of my duty and my privilege of bringing the glad tidings of salvation to my fellow sinners! Forgive my sluggishness and indifference. Renew in me compassion, conviction, and courage to proclaim Your Gospel to a broken world. *Amen.*

Personal Examination and Confession

Words of Assurance

For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

Evening Psalms: 77, 79

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in Your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to His just and gentle rule through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Grace

Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good deeds and give glory to Your Father who is in heaven. (Matthew 5:16)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6 ---

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

From the rising of the sun to its setting, My name will be great among the nations. (Malachi 1:11)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalm: 78:1-39

Reading the Bible Together: Luke 9:18-36

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without You, give us the help of Your grace, that in keeping Your commandments we may please You both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Grace

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.
(Matthew 5:3)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

I will praise You, O Lord, among the nations, and sing praises to Your name.
(2 Samuel 22:50)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Confession of Sin

Mighty God, I humble myself for gifts misused, opportunities neglected, and words ill-advised. I confess my folly and inconsiderate ways, my broken resolutions, untrue service, my backsliding steps, my vain thoughts. Bury my sins in the ocean of Jesus' mercy, that His Spirit may pervade every fiber of my being. Then send me out to make Jesus known to the world. *Amen.*

Personal Examination and Confession

Words of Assurance

Says the Lord: "though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool." (Isaiah 1:18)

Evening Psalm: 78:40-72

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in Your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to His just and gentle rule; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Grace

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. (Matthew 5:7)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7 ---

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice, and let them say among the nations, "The Lord reigns!" (1 Chronicles 16:31)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalm: 119:97-120

Reading the Bible Together: Luke 9:37-50

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without You, give us the help of Your grace, that in keeping Your commandments we may please You both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Grace

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. (Matthew 5:4)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

For God alone my soul waits in silence; from Him comes my salvation.
(Psalm 62:1)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Confession of Sin

Father in heaven, it is my calling to love You above all others. But it is my sin that I place myself above You. Forgive me for my contempt of You, for neglecting Your glory, for preferring things before You. Help me to set You above all else in mind and eye. And keep me in a faith that works by love and serves by grace. *Amen.*

Personal Examination and Confession

Words of Assurance

But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. (1 John 1:1-2)

Evening Psalms: 81-82

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in Your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to His just and gentle rule; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Grace

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. (Matthew 5:8)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

Come and see what God has done: He is awesome in His deeds toward the children of man. (Psalm 66:5)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalms: 83

Reading the Bible Together: Luke 9:51-62

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without You, give us the help of Your grace, that in keeping Your commandments we may please You both in will and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Grace

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. (Matthew 5:5)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

O Lord, God of our fathers, You rule over the kingdoms of the nations. In Your hand are power and might. (2 Chronicles 20:6)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Confession of Sin

God of all nations, I praise You that in Christ the barriers that have separated humanity are torn down. Yet, I confess my slowness to open my heart and mind to people of other lands, tongues, and races. Deliver me from the sins of fear and prejudice, that we may move toward the day when all are truly one in Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Personal Examination and Confession

Words of Assurance

And He said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." Then those who were at table with Him began to say among themselves, "Who is this, who even forgives sins?" And he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace." (Luke 7:48-50)

Evening Psalms: 85-86

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in Your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to His just and gentle rule through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Grace

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.
(Matthew 5:9)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for You judge the people with equity and guide the nations upon earth. (Psalm 67:4)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalm: 88

Reading the Bible Together: Luke 10:1-16

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

O God, the strength of all who put their trust in You, mercifully accept our prayers; and because in our weakness we can do nothing good without You, give us the help of Your grace, that in keeping Your commandments we may please You both in will and deed through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Grace

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. (Matthew 5:6)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall worship before You. (Psalm 22:27)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Confession of Sin

O Lord, friend of the helpless, You sent Your Son to proclaim good news to the poor. Forgive me for my carelessness toward those in need, for my bias toward those who make my life easy and comfortable. Give me eyes to see those I ordinarily pass over and a heart willing to receive correction. *Amen.*

Personal Examination and Confession

Words of Assurance

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. ... For from His fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. (John 1:14, 16)

Evening Psalms: 91, 92

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in Your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to His just and gentle rule through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Grace

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven. (Matthew 5:10)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10 ---

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

Save us, O God of our salvation, and gather and deliver us from among the nations, that we may give thanks to Your holy name and glory in Your praise. (1 Chronicles 16:35)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalms: 87, 90

Reading the Bible Together: Luke 10:17-24

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

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Personal Examination and Confession

Words of Assurance

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Evening Psalm: 136

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in Your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to His just and gentle rule through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Grace

The Lord is my light and salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? (Psalm 27:1)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11 ---

Morning Psalms: 148-150

Evening Psalm: 114-115

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples! (1 Chronicles 16:24)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalms: 25

Reading the Bible Together: Luke 10:25-37

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

O Lord, You have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing. Send Your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts Your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue. Grant this for the sake of Your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Grace

You are the salt of the earth. You are the light of the world.
(Matthew 5:13-14)

EVENING PRAYER

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Personal Examination and Confession

Words of Assurance

For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

Evening Psalm: 9, 15

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

O Christ, who commanded the apostles to go into all the world, and to preach the Gospel to every creature, let Your name be great among the nations from the rising of the sun to its going down, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Grace

Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good deeds and give glory to Your Father who is in heaven. (Matthew 5:16)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

From the rising of the sun to its setting, My name will be great among the nations. (Malachi 1:11)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalms: 26, 28

Reading the Bible Together: Luke 10:38-42

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

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Grace

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.
(Matthew 5:3)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

I will praise You, O Lord, among the nations, and sing praises to Your name. (2 Samuel 22:50)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Confession of Sin

Mighty God, I humble myself for gifts misused, opportunities neglected, and words ill-advised. I confess my folly and inconsiderate ways, my broken resolutions, untrue service, my backsliding steps, my vain thoughts. Bury my sins in the ocean of Jesus' mercy, that His Spirit may pervade every fiber of my being. Then send me out to make Jesus known to the world. *Amen.*

Personal Examination and Confession

Words of Assurance

Says the Lord: "though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool." (Isaiah 1:18)

Evening Psalm: 36, 39

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

O Christ, who commanded the apostles to go into all the world and to preach the Gospel to every creature, let Your name be great among the nations from the rising of the sun to its going down, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Grace

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. (Matthew 5:7)

APPENDICES

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead, and buried:
He descended into hell;
The third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
And sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost;
The holy catholic church;
The communion of saints;
The forgiveness of sins;
The resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting.
Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy name.
Thy Kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil,
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. *Amen.*

A WAY OF PERSONAL EXAMINATION

Consider God's holiness and grace, manifest in the life of the Son, Jesus Christ.

Pray for God's presence and illumination. Ask God's Spirit to be with you and for your eyes to be open as you consider your day.

Examine yourself prayerfully:

Search me, O God, and know my heart!
Try me and know my thoughts!
And see if there be any grievous way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting! (Psalm 139:23-24)

Note the times throughout the day you have seen God at work in your circumstances and in your heart. Name those ways in which you have resisted God and His will.

Pray in deep gratitude for every sign of God's loving presence, and pray in sorrow, repenting of any place you have resisted His loving will.

Receive the words of assurance for the day, leaning on the promises and mercy of God.

Conclude in prayer, offering yourself body and soul, in your thoughts, words, and actions, as a living sacrifice to God, which is your spiritual worship.

NOTES





It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.

ISAIAH 49:6

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