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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. Though we had caused alienation from God by our sin, God Himself has nevertheless provided for that relationship in His overcoming the alienation through the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, who is 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, and as we learn to listen and obey the gracious overtures of God's Word, we learn to live as God's children, loving and trusting 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 speaking, 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 time of 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. Even being the eternal Son of God, Jesus set aside times to pray regularly. 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 have 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.

Sometimes we may not pray regularly because we may 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 activity as much as much as an individual one.

HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

Use this guide however may be 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's 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 thirty 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 come from smaller books of the Bible, from the sections known as Minor Prophets (Old Testament) and General Epistles (New Testament). We'll shift back and forth between the Testaments after reading each book, so that we gain a better understanding of how longing for Christ was expressed and life with Christ applied. Here's a brief summary of each book:

Hosea: The relationship of God with His people told through the story of covenant marriage and adultery.

1 John: Discerning a true faith in Jesus Christ.

Joel: Addressed originally to the southern kingdom of Judah, God's judgment and call to repentance.

2 John: Warning about false teachers and encouragement to love one another.

3 John: A call to extend hospitality to other Christians passing through the region.

Amos: Addressed originally to the northern kingdom of Israel, a warning for the affluent and complacent who oppress the poor and the promise of help for the marginalized and oppressed.

Jude: Dealing decisively with false teachers.

Obadiah: A judgment against Edom meant to encourage Israelites who had been victims of Edom's hostility.

Jonah: Exposes the wrongness of a religious person who has the right theology but a hard heart, and focuses on the love of God that transcends national boundaries.

The Prayers for the Day and for the Night

In the morning, begin by saying The Lord's Prayer, the model for prayer that Jesus taught His disciples. (You can find the words in the Appendix of 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 those others carry. 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 as 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.

A Note for Families

This prayer guide can be a great tool for times of family worship. We suggest letting any of those who are able take turns reading each portion: one person reads the Call to Worship, another the Confession of Sin, another the Words of Assurance, and so on. This ensures that everyone is involved in both hearing and speaking the Word of God with one another. During the Prayers

of Praise and Thanksgiving and the Prayers of Supplication and Intercession, you may each say something aloud, no matter how short or clumsy (we are all learners!). During the Personal Examination and Confession, take a minute to pray to God personally in the quiet of your own thoughts. This is just one way to use the guide as a family. We encourage you to explore how it might best help your own worship and devotion in your life together.

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 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 6

Morning Psalms: 46 ,97

Evening Psalms: 96, 100

MONDAY, JANUARY 7

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

Awake, awake, put on your strength, O Zion; put on your beautiful garments,
O Jerusalem, the holy city. (Isaiah 52:1)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalm: 103

Reading the Bible Together: Hosea 1

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

O God, by the leading of a star You manifested Your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know You now by faith, to Your presence, where we may see Your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Grace

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. (Romans 12:1)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son.
(Hosea 11:1)

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: 114, 115

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

Our 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 people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned.
(Matthew 4:16)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

Shake yourself from the dust and arise; be seated, O Jerusalem; loose the bonds from your neck, O captive daughter of Zion. For thus says the LORD: "You were sold for nothing, and you shall be redeemed without money." (Isaiah 52:2-3)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalms: 117, 118

Reading the Bible Together: Hosea 2:1-13

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

O God, by the leading of a star You manifested Your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know You now by faith, to Your presence, where we may see Your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Grace

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. (Romans 12:2)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

The more they were called, the more they went away. Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk; I took them up by their arms. (Hosea 11:2-3)

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

"Come now, let us argue it out," 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: 112, 113

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

Our 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

You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. (Matthew 5:14, 16)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings Good News, who publishes peace, who brings Good News of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." (Isaiah 52:7)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalms: 121, 122, 123

Reading the Bible Together: Hosea 2:14-23

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

O God, by the leading of a star You manifested Your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know You now by faith, to Your presence, where we may see Your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Grace

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. (Romans 12:3)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

I led them with cords of kindness and bonds of love, and I became to them as one who eases the yoke on their jaws, and I bent down to them and fed them. (Hosea 11:4)

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: 131, 132

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

Our 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

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."
(John 8:12)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the LORD to Zion. (Isaiah 52:8)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalms: 138, 139

Reading the Bible Together: Hosea 3

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

O God, by the leading of a star You manifested Your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know You now by faith, to Your presence, where we may see Your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Grace

For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. (Romans 12:4-5)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

How can I give you up, O Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender. (Hosea 11:8)

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: 147

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

Our 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 night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. (Romans 13:12)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted His people; He has redeemed Jerusalem. (Isaiah 52:9)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalms: 148, 150

Reading the Bible Together: Hosea 4

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

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Grace

Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. (Romans 12:6-8)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

I will not execute by burning anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim; for I am God and not a man, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath. (Hosea 11:9)

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

Our 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

For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. (2 Corinthians 4:6)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

The LORD has bared His holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God. (Isaiah 52:10)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalms: 98, 99

Reading the Bible Together: Hosea 5

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

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Closing Prayer

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Grace

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good.
(Romans 12:9)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

They shall go after the LORD; He will roar like a lion; when He roars, His children shall come trembling from the west. And I will return them to their homes, declares the LORD. (Hosea 11:10-11)

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 chiefest 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: Psalm 136

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

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Grace

And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. (Revelation 21:22-24)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13

Morning Psalms: 146, 147

Evening Psalms: 111, 112, 113

MONDAY, JANUARY 14

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

Awake, awake, put on your strength, O Zion; put on your beautiful garments,
O Jerusalem, the holy city. (Isaiah 52:1)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalms: 1, 2, 3

Reading the Bible Together: Hosea 6:1-10

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.*

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Evening Psalms: 4, 7

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Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

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

Grace

The people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned.
(Matthew 4:16)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 15

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

Shake yourself from the dust and arise; be seated, O Jerusalem; loose the bonds from your neck, O captive daughter of Zion. For thus says the LORD: "You were sold for nothing, and you shall be redeemed without money." (Isaiah 52:2-3)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalms: 5, 6

Reading the Bible Together: Hosea 6:11 - 7:16

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

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"Come now, let us argue it out," 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: 10, 11

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

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

Grace

You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." (Matthew 5:14, 16)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings Good News, who publishes peace, who brings Good News of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." (Isaiah 52:7)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalm: 119:1-24

Reading the Bible Together: Hosea 8

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

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. (Romans 12:3)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

I led them with cords of kindness and bonds of love, and I became to them as one who eases the yoke on their jaws, and I bent down to them and fed them. (Hosea 11:4)

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, 13, 14

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

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

Grace

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."
(John 8:12)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 17

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the LORD to Zion. (Isaiah 52:8)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalm: 18:1-20

Reading the Bible Together: Hosea 9

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

For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. (Romans 12:4-5)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

How can I give you up, O Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender. (Hosea 11:8)

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

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

Grace

The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. (Romans 13:12)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 18

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted His people; He has redeemed Jerusalem. (Isaiah 52:9)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalms: 16, 17

Reading the Bible Together: Hosea 10

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

Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. (Romans 12:6-8)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

I will not execute by burning anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim; for I am God and not a man, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath. (Hosea 11:9)

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

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: 22

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

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

Grace

For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. (2 Corinthians 4:6)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 19

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

The LORD has bared His holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God. (Isaiah 52:10)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalms: 20, 21

Reading the Bible Together: Hosea 11-12:1

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

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good.
(Romans 12:9)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

They shall go after the LORD; He will roar like a lion; when He roars, His children shall come trembling from the west. And I will return them to their homes, declares the LORD. (Hosea 11:10-11)

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 chiefest 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

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

Grace

And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. (Revelation 21:22-24)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 20

Morning Psalms: 148, 149, 150



Evening Psalms: 114, 115

MONDAY, JANUARY 21

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

Awake, awake, put on your strength, O Zion; put on your beautiful garments,
O Jerusalem, the holy city. (Isaiah 52:1)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalm: 25

Reading the Bible Together: Hosea 12:2-14

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

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. (Romans 12:1)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son.
(Hosea 11:1)

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

Father in heaven, open our lips and our hands, and give us prayerful hearts that we may become as salt and light to others. Kindle in us 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 people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned.
(Matthew 4:16)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

Shake yourself from the dust and arise; be seated, O Jerusalem; loose the bonds from your neck, O captive daughter of Zion. For thus says the LORD: "You were sold for nothing, and you shall be redeemed without money." (Isaiah 52:2-3)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalms: 26, 28

Reading the Bible Together: Hosea 13

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

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. (Romans 12:2)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

The more they were called, the more they went away. Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk; I took them up by their arms. (Hosea 11:2-3)

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

"Come now, let us argue it out," 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

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Grace

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings Good News, who publishes peace, who brings Good News of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." (Isaiah 52:7)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalm: 38

Reading the Bible Together: Hosea 14

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

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Evening Psalm: 119:25-48

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

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Grace

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(John 8:12)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the LORD to Zion. (Isaiah 52:8)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalm: 37:1-18

Reading the Bible Together: 1 John 1

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

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Evening Psalm: 37:19-42

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

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Grace

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 25

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted His people; He has redeemed Jerusalem. (Isaiah 52:9)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalm: 31

Reading the Bible Together: 1 John 2:1-6

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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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

Father in heaven, open our lips and our hands, and give us prayerful hearts that we may become as salt and light to others. Kindle in us 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

For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. (2 Corinthians 4:6)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

The LORD has bared His holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God. (Isaiah 52:10)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalms: 30, 32

Reading the Bible Together: 1 John 2:7-14

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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Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good.
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EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

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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

Father in heaven, open our lips and our hands, and give us prayerful hearts that we may become as salt and light to others. Kindle in us 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

And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. (Revelation 21:22-24)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27

Morning Psalms: 63, 98

Evening Psalm: 103

MONDAY, JANUARY 28

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

Awake, awake, put on your strength, O Zion; put on your beautiful garments,
O Jerusalem, the holy city. (Isaiah 52:1)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalms: 41, 52

Reading the Bible Together: 1 John 2:15-17

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

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. (Romans 12:1)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

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(Hosea 11:1)

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

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was presented in the temple, so we may be presented to You with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Grace

The people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned. (Matthew 4:16)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 29

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

Shake yourself from the dust and arise; be seated, O Jerusalem; loose the bonds from your neck, O captive daughter of Zion. For thus says the LORD: "You were sold for nothing, and you shall be redeemed without money." (Isaiah 52:2-3)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalm: 45

Reading the Bible Together: 1 John 2:18-27

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

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. (Romans 12:2)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

The more they were called, the more they went away. Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk; I took them up by their arms. (Hosea 11:2-3)

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

"Come now, let us argue it out," 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

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was presented in the temple, so we may be presented to You with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Grace

You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." (Matthew 5:14, 16)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 30

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings Good News, who publishes peace, who brings Good News of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." (Isaiah 52:7)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalm: 119:49-72

Reading the Bible Together: 1 John 3:1-10

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

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. (Romans 12:3)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

I led them with cords of kindness and bonds of love, and I became to them as one who eases the yoke on their jaws, and I bent down to them and fed them. (Hosea 11:4)

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 Psalm: 49

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was presented in the temple, so we may be presented to You with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Grace

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."
(John 8:12)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 31

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the LORD to Zion. (Isaiah 52:8)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalm: 50

Reading the Bible Together: 1 John 3:11-24

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

For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. (Romans 12:4-5)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

How can I give you up, O Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender. (Hosea 11:8)

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: 118

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

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Grace

The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. (Romans 13:12)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 1

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted His people; He has redeemed Jerusalem. (Isaiah 52:9)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalms: 40, 54

Reading the Bible Together: 1 John 4:1-6

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

Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. (Romans 12:6-8)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

I will not execute by burning anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim; for I am God and not a man, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath. (Hosea 11:9)

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: 51

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was presented in the temple, so we may be presented to You with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Grace

For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. (2 Corinthians 4:6)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

The LORD has bared His holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God. (Isaiah 52:10)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalm: 55

Reading the Bible Together: 1 John 4:7-21

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

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good.
(Romans 12:9)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

They shall go after the LORD; He will roar like a lion; when He roars, His children shall come trembling from the west. And I will return them to their homes, declares the LORD. (Hosea 11:10-11)

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 chiefest 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

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Grace

And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. (Revelation 21:22-24)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Morning Psalms: 24, 29

Evening Psalms: 8, 84

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

Awake, awake, put on your strength, O Zion; put on your beautiful garments,
O Jerusalem, the holy city. (Isaiah 52:1)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalms: 56, 57

Reading the Bible Together: 1 John 5:1-5

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; though Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Grace

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. (Romans 12:1)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son.
(Hosea 11:1)

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 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 people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned.
(Matthew 4:16)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

Shake yourself from the dust and arise; be seated, O Jerusalem; loose the bonds from your neck, O captive daughter of Zion. For thus says the LORD: "You were sold for nothing, and you shall be redeemed without money." (Isaiah 52:2-3)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalms: 61, 62

Reading the Bible Together: 1 John 5:6-12

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

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Grace

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. (Romans 12:2)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

The more they were called, the more they went away. Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk; I took them up by their arms. (Hosea 11:2-3)

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Personal Examination and Confession

Words of Assurance

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Evening Psalm: 68

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

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Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalm: 72

Reading the Bible Together: 1 John 5:13-21

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: 119:73-96

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

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Grace

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."
(John 8:12)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the LORD to Zion. (Isaiah 52:8)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalm: 71

Reading the Bible Together: Joel 1

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

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Evening Psalm: 74

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

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Grace

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted His people; He has redeemed Jerusalem. (Isaiah 52:9)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalm: 69

Reading the Bible Together: Joel 2:1-11

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: 73

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

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Grace

For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. (2 Corinthians 4:6)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

The LORD has bared His holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God. (Isaiah 52:10)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalms: 75, 76

Reading the Bible Together: Joel 2:12-27

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 Psalms: 23, 27

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

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And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. (Revelation 21:22-24)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Morning Psalms: 93, 96

Evening Psalm: 34

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

Awake, awake, put on your strength, O Zion; put on your beautiful garments,
O Jerusalem, the holy city. (Isaiah 52:1)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalm: 80

Reading the Bible Together: Joel 2:28-3:21

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty
of that abundant life which You have made known to us in your Son our
Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

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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: 77

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 rising of the sun to its going down, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Grace

The people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned.
(Matthew 4:16)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

Shake yourself from the dust and arise; be seated, O Jerusalem; loose the bonds from your neck, O captive daughter of Zion. For thus says the LORD: "You were sold for nothing, and you shall be redeemed without money." (Isaiah 52:2-3)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalm: 78:1-39

Reading the Bible Together: 2 John

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which You have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

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Evening Psalm: 78:40-72

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

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Grace

You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." (Matthew 5:14, 16)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings Good News, who publishes peace, who brings Good News of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." (Isaiah 52:7)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalm: 119:97-120

Reading the Bible Together: 3 John

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which You have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Grace

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. (Romans 12:3)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

I led them with cords of kindness and bonds of love, and I became to them as one who eases the yoke on their jaws, and I bent down to them and fed them. (Hosea 11:4)

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

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 rising of the sun to its going down, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Grace

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."
(John 8:12)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the LORD to Zion. (Isaiah 52:8)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalms: 146, 147

Reading the Bible Together: Amos 1

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which You have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Grace

For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. (Romans 12:4-5)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

How can I give you up, O Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender. (Hosea 11:8)

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

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 rising of the sun to its going down, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Grace

The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. (Romans 13:12)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted His people; He has redeemed Jerusalem. (Isaiah 52:9)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalm: 88

Reading the Bible Together: Amos 2

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which You have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Grace

Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. (Romans 12:6-8)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

I will not execute by burning anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim; for I am God and not a man, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath. (Hosea 11:9)

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

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 rising of the sun to its going down, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Grace

For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. (2 Corinthians 4:6)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

The LORD has bared His holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God. (Isaiah 52:10)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalms: 87, 90

Reading the Bible Together: Amos 3

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which You have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Grace

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good.
(Romans 12:9)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

They shall go after the LORD; He will roar like a lion; when He roars, His children shall come trembling from the west. And I will return them to their homes, declares the LORD. (Hosea 11:10-11)

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 chiefest 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 Psalm: 136

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 rising of the sun to its going down, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Grace

And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. (Revelation 21:22-24)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Morning Psalms: 66, 67

Evening Psalms: 19, 46

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

Awake, awake, put on your strength, O Zion; put on your beautiful garments,
O Jerusalem, the holy city. (Isaiah 52:1)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalm: 89:1-18

Reading the Bible Together: Amos 4

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

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. (Romans 12:1)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son.
(Hosea 11:1)

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: 89:19-52

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. Lead us to take refuge in Him, the hope of the world, who alone can wipe away our tears. *Amen.*

Grace

The people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned.
(Matthew 4:16)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

Shake yourself from the dust and arise; be seated, O Jerusalem; loose the bonds from your neck, O captive daughter of Zion. For thus says the LORD: "You were sold for nothing, and you shall be redeemed without money." (Isaiah 52:2-3)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalms: 97, 99

Reading the Bible Together: Amos 5:1-17

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

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. (Romans 12:2)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

The more they were called, the more they went away. Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk; I took them up by their arms. (Hosea 11:2-3)

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

"Come now, let us argue it out," 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: 94

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

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Grace

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings Good News, who publishes peace, who brings Good News of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." (Isaiah 52:7)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalms: 101, 109

Reading the Bible Together: Amos 5:18-25

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.*

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Words of Assurance

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Evening Psalm: 119:121-144

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

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Grace

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(John 8:12)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the LORD to Zion. (Isaiah 52:8)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalm: 105:1-22

Reading the Bible Together: Amos 6:1-14

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

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Evening Psalm: 105:23-45

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. Lead us to take refuge in Him, the hope of the world, who alone can wipe away our tears. *Amen.*

Grace

The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. (Romans 13:12)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted His people; He has redeemed Jerusalem. (Isaiah 52:9)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalm: 102

Reading the Bible Together: Amos 7

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

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Evening Psalm: 107:1-32

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

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Grace

For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. (2 Corinthians 4:6)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

The LORD has bared His holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God. (Isaiah 52:10)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalm: 107:33-43, 108

Reading the Bible Together: Amos 8

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

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 Psalm: 33

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. Lead us to take refuge in Him, the hope of the world, who alone can wipe away our tears. *Amen.*

Grace

And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. (Revelation 21:22-24)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24 ---

Morning Psalm: 118

Evening Psalm: 145

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

Awake, awake, put on your strength, O Zion; put on your beautiful garments,
O Jerusalem, the holy city. (Isaiah 52:1)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalm: 106:1-18

Reading the Bible Together: Amos 9:1-10

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.*

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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: 106:19-48

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

Most loving Father, whose will it is for us to give thanks for all things, to learn nothing but the loss of You, and to cast all our care on You who care for us: Preserve us from faithless fears and worldly anxieties, that no clouds of this mortal life may hide from us the light of that love which is immortal, and which You have manifested to us in Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Grace

The people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned.
(Matthew 4:16)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

Shake yourself from the dust and arise; be seated, O Jerusalem; loose the bonds from your neck, O captive daughter of Zion. For thus says the LORD: "You were sold for nothing, and you shall be redeemed without money." (Isaiah 52:2-3)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalms: 121, 122, 123

Reading the Bible Together: Amos 9:11-15

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

"Come now, let us argue it out," 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: 124, 125, 126

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

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Grace

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings Good News, who publishes peace, who brings Good News of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns." (Isaiah 52:7)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalm: 119:145-176

Reading the Bible Together: Jude

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

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. (Romans 12:3)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

I led them with cords of kindness and bonds of love, and I became to them as one who eases the yoke on their jaws, and I bent down to them and fed them. (Hosea 11:4)

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: 128, 129, 130

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

Most loving Father, whose will it is for us to give thanks for all things, to learn nothing but the loss of You, and to cast all our care on You who care for us: Preserve us from faithless fears and worldly anxieties, that no clouds of this mortal life may hide from us the light of that love which is immortal, and which You have manifested to us in Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Grace

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."
(John 8:12)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

The voice of your watchmen—they lift up their voice; together they sing for joy; for eye to eye they see the return of the LORD to Zion. (Isaiah 52:8)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalms: 131, 132

Reading the Bible Together: Obadiah

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

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Grace

For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. (Romans 12:4-5)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

How can I give you up, O Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender. (Hosea 11:8)

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: 134, 135

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

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Grace

The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. (Romans 13:12)

FRIDAY, MARCH 1

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

Break forth together into singing, you waste places of Jerusalem, for the LORD has comforted His people; He has redeemed Jerusalem. (Isaiah 52:9)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalms: 140, 142

Reading the Bible Together: Jonah 1

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

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Grace

Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness. (Romans 12:6-8)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

I will not execute by burning anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim; for I am God and not a man, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath. (Hosea 11:9)

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: 141, 143

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

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Grace

For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. (2 Corinthians 4:6)

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

The LORD has bared His holy arm before the eyes of all the nations, and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God. (Isaiah 52:10)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalms: 137, 144

Reading the Bible Together: Jonah 2

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

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Grace

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good.
(Romans 12:9)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

They shall go after the LORD; He will roar like a lion; when He roars, His children shall come trembling from the west. And I will return them to their homes, declares the LORD. (Hosea 11:10-11)

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 chiefest 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 Psalm: 104

Prayers for the Night

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

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Grace

And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. (Revelation 21:22-24)

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

Morning Psalms: 148, 149, 150

Evening Psalms: 114, 115

MONDAY, MARCH 4

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

Awake, awake, put on your strength, O Zion; put on your beautiful garments,
O Jerusalem, the holy city. (Isaiah 52:1)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalm: 25

Reading the Bible Together: Jonah 3

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

O God, who before the passion of Your only-begotten Son revealed His glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of this countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into His likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Grace

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. (Romans 12:1)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son.
(Hosea 11:1)

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 God of all the nations of the earth: Remember the multitudes who have been created in Your image but have not known the redeeming work of our Savior Jesus Christ; and grant that, by the prayers and labors of Your holy Church, they may be brought to know and worship You as You have been revealed in Your Son; who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Grace

The people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned. (Matthew 4:16)

TUESDAY, MARCH 5

MORNING PRAYER

Call to Worship

Shake yourself from the dust and arise; be seated, O Jerusalem; loose the bonds from your neck, O captive daughter of Zion. For thus says the LORD: "You were sold for nothing, and you shall be redeemed without money." (Isaiah 52:2-3)

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Readings

Morning Psalms: 26, 28

Reading the Bible Together: Jonah 4

Prayers for the Day

The Lord's Prayer

Prayers of Supplication and Intercession

Closing Prayer

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Grace

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. (Romans 12:2)

EVENING PRAYER

Call to Worship

The more they were called, the more they went away. Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk; I took them up by their arms. (Hosea 11:2-3)

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

"Come now, let us argue it out," 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

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Grace

You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." (Matthew 5:14, 16)

APPENDIX

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





And the Word became flesh and dwelt
among us, and we beheld His glory,
glory as of the only Son from the
Father, full of grace and truth.

JOHN 1:14 (KJV)

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