

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer;
for refugees, prisoners and all who are in danger:
that we may discern our response to their needs.
Lord, in your mercy.... HEAR OUR PRAYER.

For the churches and ministries we are a part of, that we may be
delivered from hardness of heart, and may show forth your glory in
all that we do. Lord, in your mercy... HEAR OUR PRAYER.

For our enemies and those who wish us harm—those who resist,
those who complain, those who betray [pause to allow specific
persons and situations to come to mind]; and for all whom
we have injured or offended, sometimes without even knowing it.
Lord, in your mercy... HEAR OUR PRAYER.

For ourselves; for the forgiveness of our sins, and for the grace
of the Holy Spirit to amend our lives and relationships. Lord, in your
mercy.... HEAR OUR PRAYER.

For all who commend themselves to our prayers: for our families,
friends and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live
in joy, peace and health. Lord, in your mercy.... HEAR OUR PRAYER.

For great wisdom regarding our next steps in leading communities
of spiritual transformation that discern and do your will.

(Pause for silent prayer. Other petitions may be spoken
by members of the community.)

In the communion of the Holy Spirit and of all the saints,
let us commend ourselves and our communities to the living God
through Christ our Lord. AMEN.

†MEALTIME BLESSING

Lord Jesus, stay with us,

FOR EVENING IS AT HAND AND THE DAY IS PAST;

Be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts
and awaken hope,

THAT WE MAY KNOW YOU AS YOU ARE REVEALED IN
SCRIPTURE AND IN THE BREAKING OF BREAD.

Grant this for the sake of your love.

AMEN.

†BENEDICTION

Eternal Creator of light,

Yours is the morning and yours is the evening.

Draw us to yourself so there will be no darkness within us.

AMEN

Let us go in peace.

THANKS BE TO GOD.

A LITURGY FOR EVENING PRAYER



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A Liturgy for Evening Prayer

†OPENING

From the rising of the sun to its setting,

Let the name of the Lord be praised.

YOU, O LORD, ARE MY LAMP.

MY GOD, YOU MAKE MY DARKNESS BRIGHT.

Light and peace in Jesus Christ our Lord.

THANKS BE TO GOD.

†CANDLE LIGHTING

†PRAYER

We praise and thank you, O God,

FOR YOU ARE WITHOUT BEGINNING AND WITHOUT END.

Through Christ, you created the whole world;

THROUGH CHRIST, YOU PRESERVE IT.

Through Christ you made the day for the works of light

AND THE NIGHT FOR THE REFRESHMENT OF OUR MINDS AND
OUR BODIES.

Keep us now in Christ, grant us a peaceful evening.

A NIGHT FREE FROM SIN, AND BRING US AT LAST TO
ETERNAL LIFE.

Through Christ and in the Holy Spirit,

WE OFFER YOU ALL GLORY, HONOR AND WORSHIP,

now and for ever. AMEN.

PSALM READING – PSALM 131

O Lord, my heart is not lifted up,
my eyes are not raised too high;

I DO NOT OCCUPY MYSELF WITH THINGS
TOO GREAT AND TOO MARVELOUS FOR ME.

But I have calmed and quieted my soul,
like a weaned child with its mother;

MY SOUL IS LIKE THE WEANED CHILD
THAT IS WITH ME.

O Israel, hope in the Lord

FROM THIS TIME ON AND FOREVERMORE.

PSALM PRAYER

SOVEREIGN GOD, YOU HAVE BEEN OUR HELP DURING THE DAY
AND YOU PROMISE TO BE WITH US AT NIGHT. RECEIVE THIS
PRAYER AS A SIGN OF OUR TRUST IN YOU. SAVE US FROM ALL
EVIL, KEEP US FROM HARM, AND GUIDE US IN YOUR WAY. WE
BELONG TO YOU, LORD. PROTECT US BY THE POWER OF YOUR
NAME, IN JESUS CHRIST, WE PRAY. AMEN.

READING FROM SCRIPTURE

(After the reading)

This is the Word of the Lord!

THANKS BE TO GOD.

SILENCE

CANTICLE OF MOSES

Exodus 15:1-17

Leader: I will sing to the Lord,
for he has triumphed gloriously;
Horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.

All: *The Lord is my strength and my might,
and he has become my salvation;
This is my God, and I will praise him,
my father's God, and I will exalt him.*

Leader: The Lord is a warrior;
the Lord is his name.

All: *Who is like you, O Lord, among the gods?
Who is like you, majestic in holiness,
awesome in splendor, doing wonders?*

Leader: In your steadfast love you led the people who
you redeemed;
you guided them by your strength to your holy
abode.

All: *You brought them in and planted them on the
mountain of your own possession,
the sanctuary, O Lord,
that your hands have established.*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lord, in your mercy,

HEAR OUR PRAYER.

For the peace of our world, that a spirit of respect and
forbearance may grow among nations and peoples—starting with
our communities. Lord, in your mercy... HEAR OUR PRAYER.

For the holy church of God, particularly the expressions of the
Body of Christ we are leading—
[here particular churches and ministries can be named]—
that we may be filled with truth and love, and be found without
fault at the day of your coming. Lord, in your mercy...
HEAR OUR PRAYER.

For those in positions of public trust, especially our president and
congressional leaders, that they may serve justice and promote
the dignity and freedom of all people. Lord, in your mercy...
HEAR OUR PRAYER.

For a blessing upon our labors in the fields you have given us to
work, and for the right use of the riches of creation and all the
resources you have entrusted to us. Lord, in your mercy...
HEAR OUR PRAYER.

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