

Daily Devotions for Families and Individuals

These devotions follow the basic structure of the Daily Office of the Church.

When more than one person is present, the Reading and the Collect should be read by one person, and the other parts said in unison, or in some other convenient manner. (For suggestions about reading the Psalms, see page 582.)

For convenience, appropriate Psalms, Readings, and Collects are provided in each service. When desired, however, the Collect of the Day, or any of the Collects appointed in the Daily Offices, may be used instead.

The Psalms and Readings may be replaced by those appointed in

- a) the Lectionary for Sundays, Holy Days, the Common of Saints, and Various Occasions, page 888
- b) the Daily Office Lectionary, page 934
- c) some other manual of devotion which provides daily selections for the Church Year.

In the Morning

From Psalm 51

O Lord, open thou my lips; *
and my mouth shall shew forth thy praise.
Create in me a clean heart, O God; *
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from thy presence; *
and take not thy holy spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation;
and uphold me with thy free spirit.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, *
and to the Holy Ghost:
as it was in the beginning, is now, *
and will be for ever. Amen.

A Reading

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. *1 Peter 1:3*

A period of silence may follow.

A hymn or canticle may be used; the Apostles' Creed may be said.

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 on 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.

Prayers may be offered for ourselves and others.

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 trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Collect

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God,
who hast safely brought us to the beginning of this day:
Defend us in the same with thy mighty power; and grant that
this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of
danger; but that we, being ordered by thy governance, may
do always what is righteous in thy sight; through Jesus Christ
our Lord. *Amen.*

At Noon

From Psalm 113

Praise, O ye servants of the Lord, *

praise the name of the Lord.

Blessed be the name of the Lord *

from this time forth and for evermore.

From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same *

the Lord's name is to be praised.

A Reading

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee:
because he trusteth in thee.

In returning and rest shall ye be saved;
in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength.

Isaiah 26:3; 30:15

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The Collect

Blessed Savior, who at this hour didst hang upon the cross stretching out thy loving arms: Grant that all mankind may look unto thee and be saved; for thy tender mercies' sake. *Amen.*

or this

Lord Jesus Christ, who didst say to thine apostles, Peace I give to you; mine own peace I leave with you: Regard not our sins, but the faith of thy Church, and grant to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Ghost thou livest and reignest, ever, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

In the Early Evening

This devotion may be used before or after the evening meal.

The Order of Worship for the Evening, page 109, may be used instead.

O gracious light,
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun,
and our eyes behold the vesper light,
we sing thy praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Thou art worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,
O Son of God, O Giver of Life,
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

A Reading

For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord;
and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake.
For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness,
hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge
of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 4:5-6

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The Collect

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 thee as thou are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of thy love. *Amen.*

At the Close of Day

Psalm 134

Behold, bless ye the Lord, all ye servants of the Lord, *
which by night stand in the house of the Lord.
Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, *
and bless the Lord.
The Lord that made heaven and earth *
bless thee out of Zion.

A Reading

Thou, O Lord, art in the midst of us, and we are called by thy Name. Leave us not, O Lord our God. *Jeremiah 14:9*

The following may be said

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, *
according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, *
Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, *
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Prayers for ourselves and others may follow. It is appropriate that prayers of thanksgiving for the blessings of the day, and penitence for our sins, be included.

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The Collect

Visit, we beseech thee, O Lord, this place, and drive from it all the snares of the enemy; let thy holy angels dwell herein to preserve us in peace; and may thy blessing be upon us evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
bless us and keep us this night and evermore. *Amen.*