

Option 3*

Our Father in heaven, King of the universe;
all powerful one, all caring and loving, we worship You.
We collectively pray that you will lead us by your Holy Spirit,
that we will know your will, that you will give us peace of mind,
and the confidence to be bold.

We want to hear from you,
so we can open our hearts and minds to serve you,
as your ambassadors in this place.

Our desire is to share you with the community here,
and to see lives transformed by Your power within us;
that you will be glorified.

Thank you – we know you hear our prayers,
And all this we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Prayer of commitment (as a call and response, when in a group)

May your renewing Spirit help us to be makers of peace
pursuers of justice and lovers of mercy.

**We set out on this day to love and serve
as children of our heavenly Father.**

This is who we are and this is how we choose to live.

<Prayers for others and the community might be included here>

Blessing*

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you,
wherever He may send you.

May He guide you through the wilderness,
protect you through the storm.

May He bring you home rejoicing
at the wonders He has shown you.

May He bring you home rejoicing
once again into our doors.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.



Watchet Baptist Church Family Daily Prayer

A pattern for daily prayer as we call on God together
and ask him to reveal himself to us.

This pattern of prayer was written on 10 June 2018, in response to
God's call to pray together - to pray that he would reveal himself to
us. This is our focus in prayer for the summer.

The use of 'us' and 'we' helps us keep our focus on the call to pray
together. Some will be more at home with written prayers than
others, and God will hear our prayers no matter how we pray.

Encouraging this approach is not about limiting our prayers.

It is, however, a way in which we can pray in unity and show that we
are determined to pray with one voice. The prayers that we have
written together have a focus on a desire for God to reveal himself.

We want to hear God's voice, to understand what he's telling us, and
then to act on it. Let's pray that God will reveal himself to us.

How to use: This pattern for prayer can be used in less than five
minutes. Sections marked in <> brackets can be included as appro-
priate. Where using this pattern in a group setting, sections marked
with an asterisk * can be spoken together.

Attentiveness

Light a candle or hold a pebble or go to a place
as a focus in this time with God.

Opening bible verses (choose one of the three options below)

I love the Lord,
for he heard my voice;
he heard my cry for mercy.
Because he turned his ear
to me, I will call on him
as long as I live.
Psalm 116:1-2

Be still and know
that I am God.
Psalm 46:10

The heavens declare
the glory of God;
the skies proclaim
the work of his
hands.
Psalm 19:1

Declaration of Faith* (choose one of the two options below)

We believe and trust in God the Father Almighty.

We believe and trust in Jesus Christ His Son.

We believe and trust in the Holy Spirit.

We believe and trust in the Three in One.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

<A prayer of confession might be included here>

The Lord's Prayer*

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

<Reading(s) from the bible might be included here>

A bible reading plan might be used here, such as the following sample...

Day 1: Psalm 27 & Hebrews 4:14-16

Day 2: Joshua 1 & Acts 2:36-47

Day 3: Proverbs 3:13-26 & Matthew 5

Day 4: Psalm 46 & 1 John 2:3-11

Day 5: Exodus 33:12-17 & John 13:34-35

Day 6: Psalm 19 & John 1:1-14

Day 7: Isaiah 42:1-9 & Colossians 3:1-17

<Prayers for God to reveal himself might be included here>

*These three prayers were written together by the church.
The idea is to use one of the three at this point.*

Option 1*

Almighty & gracious God,
who extends his mercy to all people,

You are our creator Father

and we thank you for your faithfulness.

We come with humble, sorry & repentant hearts,
to seek your will and direction for our part
in your work in our community.

Give us listening ears, open hearts and minds,
and the strength to do your will ,

in the power of your Holy Spirit,

so that your will & not ours shall be manifest,
and your Son Jesus will be glorified.

Through the precious blood of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Option 2*

Eternal Father, our great God,

We praise you as our sovereign Lord.

You have known us from the foundation of the world.

Gentle, creator God, holding our hand,
ever-present, loving, almighty, all-powerful:

help us to be more aware of your presence;

and reveal your plans for this church and community.
Open the eyes of our hearts & show us the path to take.

Protect us, and keep our eyes on Jesus.

Let us see Watchet & the surrounding areas
saved & going on with God.

Revive us again, O Lord. Build Your Kingdom here.

Enable us, by the power of your Holy Spirit.

In the name of Jesus and for the glory of the Father.

And all the people said: Amen.