

Rhythm of prayer: evening

Attentiveness

Heavenly Father, mighty God, stand with me
Christ Jesus, Prince of Peace, sit beside me
Holy Spirit, wonderful counsellor, surround me

Bible verses

*One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of
my life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord
and to seek him in his temple*

Psalm 27:4

*“So I say to you: Ask and it will be given to you;
seek and you will find; knock and the door
will be opened to you. For everyone who asks
receives; the one who seeks finds;
and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.*

Luke 11:9-10

Declaration of Faith

I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!

Mark 9:24

[pause]

Confession

God, whose ways are as hidden
as footsteps upon the waters and as apparent
as the sun shining in its noonday glory;
help us to see where we have reflected your
radiance and where we have obscured it
through fear, indifference or deliberate sin.

Grant us forgiveness for our failings
and so strengthen all goodness in us by your grace
that we might shine as lights
in a dark and unjust world,
to your praise and glory. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father in heaven,
may your name be kept holy.
May your Kingdom come soon.
May your will be done on earth,
as it is in heaven.
Give us today the food we need,
and forgive us our sins,
as we have forgiven those who sin against us.
And don't let us yield to temptation,
but rescue us from the evil one.*

Matthew 6:9-13 (NLT)

Bible reading

Psalm 9:7-10
2 Chronicles 30:13-20
Luke 12:22-34

Collect (a prayer of intention & worship)

Eternal God,
the light of the minds that know you,
the joys of the hearts that love you,
and the strength of the wills that serve you;
grant us so to know you, that we may truly love you,
and so to love you, that we may fully serve you,
whom to serve is perfect freedom,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Gelasian Sacramentary

[pause]

Prayer of commitment

O gracious and holy Father,
give us wisdom to perceive you,
diligence to seek you,
patience to wait for you,
eyes to behold you,
a heart to meditate upon you,
and a life to proclaim you,
through the power of the Spirit
of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Benedict of Nursia

Blessing

May you place yourself in the hands of God
and trust your future to His grace and care.
May you bring Him your brokenness
and let Him exchange it for beauty.
May you give Him the ashes
of your disappointment and despair
and may buds of beauty begin to blossom.
Malcolm Duncan, Niteblessings

