

Rhythm of prayer: afternoon

Attentiveness

Risen Christ, consoling us in grief,
calling us by name, announcing new creation,
We welcome your presence here.

Bible verses

*And we know that in all things God works
for the good of those who love him,
who have been called according to his purpose.
For those God foreknew he also predestined
to be conformed to the image of his Son,
that he might be the firstborn
among many brothers and sisters.*

Romans 8:28-29

*The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn
over all creation. For in him all things were created:
things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible,
whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities;
all things have been created through him and for him.*

Colossians 1:15-17

Declaration of Faith

*Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
We have come to believe and to know
that you are the Holy One of God.*

John 6:68-69

[pause]

Confession

*Then I acknowledged my sin to you
and did not cover up my iniquity. I said,
"I will confess my transgressions to the Lord."
And you forgave the guilt of my sin.*

Psalm 32:5

The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father in heaven,
we pray that your name will always be kept holy.
We pray that your kingdom will come.
We pray that what you want will be done,
here on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us the food we need for each day.
Forgive the sins we have done,
just as we have forgiven
those who did wrong to us.
And do not cause us to be tested;
but save us from the Evil One.*

Matthew 6:9-13 (ICB)

Bible reading

Psalm 118:20-24
Jeremiah 31:31-34
1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Collect (a prayer of intention & worship)

Our God, Father of all humanity, for whom nothing is
too difficult and whose love is unfailing,
Arm us with strength, guard us with peace
and open our eyes to the reality
of your Spirit's power with us
So we that we may walk with confidence
in the light and protection of your presence
and grow in the grace and knowledge
of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

[pause]

Prayer of commitment

*O Lord our God,
grant us grace to desire you with our whole heart;
that so desiring, we make seek and find you;
and so finding, may love you;
and so loving, may hate those sins
from which you have delivered us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Anselm

Blessing

(from Luke 10:25-28)

Living Lord Jesus:

Master and brother, teacher and friend,
You call us to follow You daily,
and to love you with all that we are.
By your Holy Spirit we pray...
redirect our desire
so that our hearts beat for you
remind us of our identity
so that our souls are at home in you
keep us steadfast and obedient
so that our strength brings us back to you
renew our imagination
so that our minds would be always directed to you.
And in all these ways, make us your disciples.
We pray in the name of the Father,
who gives love and compassion beyond measure.
Amen.