

Morning Prayer

Leader: Let us acknowledge the Lord; let us press on to acknowledge him. As surely as the sun rises, he will appear;

*Together: **he will come to us like the winter rains, like the spring rains that water the earth.***

Hosea 6:3

Reader: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

When the wicked advance against me to devour me, it is my enemies & my foes who will stumble and fall.

Though an army besiege me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then I will be confident.

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.

For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent and set me high upon a rock.

Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me; at his sacred tent I will sacrifice with shouts of joy;

I will sing & make music to the Lord.

Psalm 27:1-6

[pause in silence to bring the coming day before the Father]

Thought: From the lighthouse & the sea around harbour walls to the Quantock Hills & slopes of Daw's Castle, from shops, churches and pubs, to school & railway, Watchet is a place of love & loss, pain & grace, hope & fear.

As the people come & go, drawn in by the festival, the Father calls to each one: know my voice, know my love, know my grace, know my hope.

*Together: **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.

& do not cause us to be tested;

but save us from the Evil One.

The kingdom is yours, the power is yours & the glory is yours. Amen.

[pause in silence to ask the Spirit for his guidance today]

*Together: **Living God, enable us this day***

to be pilgrims & companions:

committed to the way of Christ,

faithful to the call of Christ,

discerning the mind of Christ,

offering the welcome of Christ,

growing in the likeness of Christ,

engaging in the mission of Christ,

in the world that belongs to Christ.

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit.

*Together: **We pray that your fruit would be in us:***

love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness,

faithfulness, gentleness, & self-control.

Leader: May the Lord bless us & protect us.

May the Lord smile on us & be gracious to us.

May the Lord show us his favour & give us his peace.

Midday Prayer

Leader: Commit everything you do to the Lord.

Trust him, and he will help you.

**Together: He will make your innocence radiate like the dawn,
and the justice of your cause will shine like the noonday sun.**

Be still in the presence of the Lord, and wait patiently for him to act.

Psalm 37:5-7

Reader: "Look, the time is coming," says the Lord, "when I will make a new agreement. It will be with the people of Israel and the people of Judah. It will not be like the agreement I made with their ancestors. That was when I took them by the hand to bring them out of Egypt. I was a husband to them, but they broke that agreement," says the Lord. "I will make this agreement with the people of Israel," says the Lord. "I will put my teachings in their minds and I will write them on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. People will no longer have to teach their neighbours and relatives to know the Lord. This is because all people will know me, from the least to the most important," says the Lord. "I will forgive them for the wicked things they did. I will not remember their sins anymore."

Jeremiah 31:31-34

[pause in silence to thank Jesus for his care this morning]

*Thought: What God may hereafter require of you,
you must not give yourself the least trouble about.*

Everything He gives you to do, you must do as well as ever you can.

That is the best possible preparation

for what He may want you to do next.

If people would but do what they have to do,

they would always find themselves ready for what came next.

George MacDonald

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& the glory is yours. Amen.**

[pause in silence; ask the Spirit to lead your steps this afternoon]

**Together: Our God, Father of all humanity,
For whom nothing is too difficult & whose love is unending,
Arm us with strength; guard us with peace
& open our eyes to the reality of your Spirit's power with us
So we may walk with confidence
in the light & protection of your presence
& grow in the grace & knowledge
of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

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Evening Prayer

Leader: By day the Lord directs his love,

Together: **at night his song is with me –
a prayer to the God of my life.**

Psalm 42:8

Reader: Then, teaching them more about prayer, [Jesus] used this story: “Suppose you went to a friend’s house at midnight, wanting to borrow three loaves of bread. You say to him, ‘A friend of mine has just arrived for a visit, and I have nothing for him to eat.’ And suppose he calls out from his bedroom, ‘Don’t bother me. The door is locked for the night, and my family and I are all in bed. I can’t help you.’ But I tell you this – though he won’t do it for friendship’s sake, if you keep knocking long enough, he will get up and give you whatever you need because of your shameless persistence.

“And so I tell you, keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. and to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.

Luke 11:5-10

[pause in silence to ask the Father for something for this evening]

Thought: A Christian is one who points at Christ & says, ‘I can’t prove a thing, but there’s something about His eyes and His voice. There’s something about the way He carries His head, His hands, the way He carries His cross – the way He carries me.’

Frederick Buechner

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patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, & self-control.**

Leader: In a world where so many take their worth from their social media following or what the culture says about them, may you be deeply rooted in the reality that you are made in God’s image. May you remember that He decides your worth and He paid deeply for your freedom.

Night Prayer

*Leader: My soul yearns for you in the night;
in the morning my spirit longs for you.*

*Together: **When your judgments come upon the earth,
the people of the world learn righteousness.***

Isaiah 26:9

*Reader: Sing to the Lord, all the earth;
proclaim his salvation day after day.*

*Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvellous deeds among all peoples.*

*For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise;
he is to be feared above all gods.*

*For all the gods of the nations are idols,
but the Lord made the heavens.*

*Splendour and majesty are before him;
strength and joy are in his dwelling place.*

1 Chronicles 16:23-27

[pause in silence to thank the Father for the day he has given us]

*Thought: We have to be candles,
burning between
hope & despair,
faith & doubt,
life & death,
all the opposites.*

*That is the disquieting place
where people must always find us.*

William Brodrick

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[pause in silence to ask the Spirit for his rest]

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Leader: No matter how cold the night, the Father is still present

No matter how black the darkness, Jesus is still the light

No matter how empty the space until the dawn,

the Spirit dwells in it

May this amazing God, Father Son & Holy Spirit, bless you now.

Pause for Prayer

Leader: He says: “Be still, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth.”

Together: **The Lord Almighty is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

Psalm 46:10-11

[pause to thank the Father for his blessings so far today]

Together: **The Lord is my strength and my shield;
my heart trusts in him, and he helps me.
My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise him.**

Psalm 28:7

[pause to thank Jesus for his love]

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Yes, give us success in what we do.**

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Leader: With God’s power working in us, God can do much, much more than anything we can ask or think of. To him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus for all time, forever and ever. Amen.

[pause to ask the Spirit for courage and guidance in the hours ahead]

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