

Rhythm of prayer: morning

Attentiveness

Here I am, Lord.
Be close to me and hear me.
In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit,
Amen.

Bible verses

*The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.*
Lamentations 3:22-23

*O Lord, hear me as I pray;
pay attention to my groaning.
Listen to my cry for help, my King and my God,
for I pray to no one but you.
Listen to my voice in the morning, Lord.
Each morning I bring my requests to you
and wait expectantly.*
Psalm 5:1-3

Declaration of Faith

*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]

Confession

*Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your unfailing love;
according to your great compassion
blot out my transgressions.
Wash away all my iniquity
and cleanse me from my sin.* Psalm 51:1-2

The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one.*
Matthew 6:9-13 (NIV)

Bible readings

Psalm 27:1-6
1 Chronicles 16:8-36
Revelation 5:11-13

Collect (a prayer of intention & worship)

Lord Jesus, our king,
our rescuer and our brother
Shine on us with your light,
breathe over us with your life,
weave into us your love
So we might walk with you
through the streets and lanes of this community
And join in with the work
you are already doing
In the power of the Holy Spirit
and for the glory of the Father we pray.
Amen

[pause]

Prayer of commitment

Living God,
enable us this day
to be pilgrims and 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.
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Blessing

Grant us, Lord,
to know that which is worth knowing,
to love that which is worth loving,
to praise that which can bear with praise,
to hate that which in your sight is unworthy,
to prize what to you is precious,
and, above all, to search out and to do
what is pleasing to you,
though Jesus Christ our Lord.
Thomas à Kempis