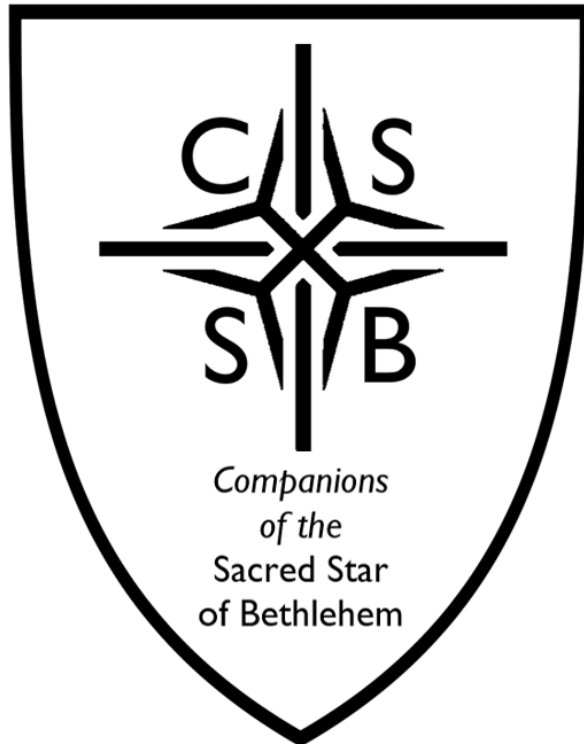


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# Daily Prayer in Ordinary Time

*and on Saints Days*



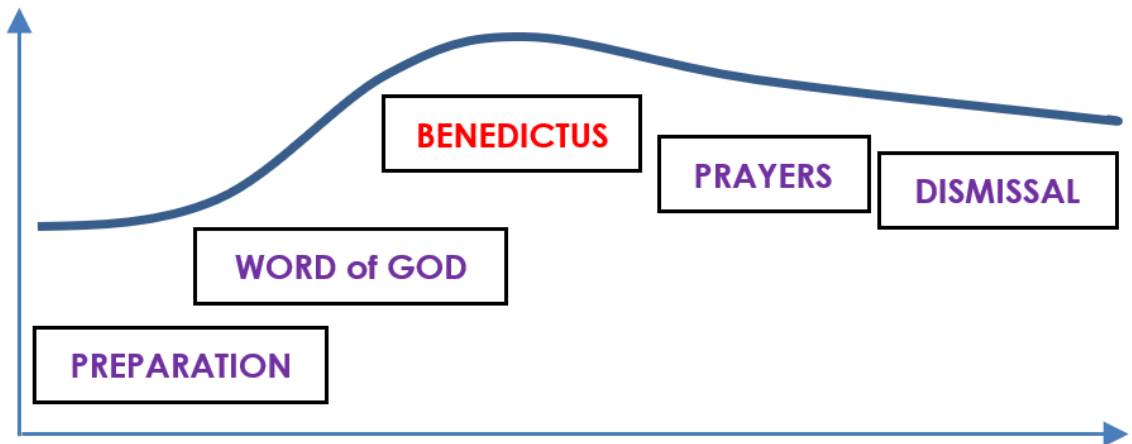
## Introduction to Daily Prayer

The patterns of daily prayer in this booklet embrace the three key elements of **praise**, **intercession** and engagement with **Scripture** which form the heart of the daily praying tradition of the Church.

Daily Prayer provides ways of punctuating each day with praise, prayer and attention to Scripture. Thus, as George Herbert once put it, 'seven whole days, not one in seven' will we praise God, pray for God's world and allow ourselves to be formed and re-formed by God's word.

Although these are flexible orders of prayer that can be used in different ways according to the needs of particular praying people and communities, they will also, through common structures, texts and patterns of Scripture reading, unite those using them into one larger community of prayer. This community extends to all of those who, through the ages and across the nations, have sought to do as Jesus taught us and pray together for the hallowing of God's name and the coming of God's kingdom.

### *The 'shape' of Morning Prayer*



*From the earliest times, Christians have gathered at regular hours to respond to God's word with praise on behalf of the world, and with prayers of intercession for its many needs.*

*The Gospel Canticle (the BENEDICTUS) is usually the spiritual and scriptural focus of Morning Prayer.*

# Morning Prayer on Mondays

## Preparation

All In the name of God: ✠Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier  
**Amen.**

All O Lord, open our lips  
**that we may glorify your holy name.**

This day is a gift to us from the Lord;  
let us pray with one heart and mind:

*A moment of silence is kept for personal prayer*

All **O God, as we rejoice in the gift of this new day,  
so may the light of your presence set our hearts on fire  
with love for you and for one another,  
now and always. Amen.**

Blessed are you, creator of all,  
to you be praise and glory for ever.  
Your dawn renews the face of the earth,  
bringing light and life to all creation.  
As we awake refreshed from rest and sleep,  
open our eyes to behold your presence  
and strengthen our hands to do your will,  
that the world may rejoice and give you praise.  
Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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## The Word of God

### The Psalm set for the day

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**All Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;  
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### **Prayers of Intercession**

*A time of open or silent prayer follows*

*The following prayer may also be said:*

**The Prayer of St Benedict of Nursia (c.550AD)**

**All      O Gracious and holy Father,  
          give us wisdom to perceive you,  
          diligence to seek you, patience to wait for you,  
          and a life to proclaim you,  
          through the power of the Spirit of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

We unite our prayers in the words Jesus gave us:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
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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.**

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**Most loving God, you are our Father in heaven;  
          may we honour and praise your name;  
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Strengthen us in the time of testing, that we may resist all evil.  
For all the tenderness, strength, and love are yours  
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## **Conclusion and Dismissal**

Lord God, you have brought us in safety to the beginning of this new day:  
preserve us with your mighty power  
that we might not fall into sin or be overcome by adversity;  
guide and strengthen us by your Spirit,  
that we may give ourselves to your service,  
and live this day in love to one another and to you,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil and keep us in eternal life.  
**Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

# Morning Prayer on Tuesdays

## Preparation

All In the name of God: ✠Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier  
**Amen.**

All O Lord, open our lips  
**and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

The night has passed and the day lies open before us;  
let us pray with one heart and mind:

*A moment of silence is kept for personal prayer*

All **O God, as we rejoice in the gift of this new day,  
so may the light of your presence set our hearts on fire  
with love for you and for one another,  
now and always. Amen.**

Blessed are you, creator of all,  
to you be praise and glory for ever.  
Your reign of love makes all things new:  
Plant seeds of confidence and gladness in our hearts  
so that, trusting in your word,  
we may live no longer for ourselves  
but for him who died and was raised for us, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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## The Word of God

### The Psalm set for the day

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## The Bible Reading and Reflection

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**All You have set us free to worship you without fear,  
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**Strengthen us in the time of testing, that we may resist all evil.**  
**For all the tenderness, strength, and love are yours**  
**now and for ever. Amen.**

## **Conclusion and Dismissal**

Eternal God and Father,  
you create and redeem us by the power of your love:  
guide and strengthen us by your Spirit,  
that we may give ourselves in love and service  
to one another and to you;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil and keep us in eternal life.  
**Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**



# Morning Prayer on Wednesdays

## Preparation

In the name of God: +Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier  
*All*     **Amen.**

○ Lord, open our lips  
*All*     **and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

The night has passed and the day lies open before us;  
let us pray with one heart and mind:

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*All*     **O God, as we rejoice in the gift of this new day,  
so may the light of your presence set our hearts on fire  
with love for you and for one another,  
now and always. Amen.**

Blessed are you, creator of all,  
to you be praise and glory for ever.  
Set for us this day the banquet of your word;  
invite us to feast on the genius and beauty all around us.  
Then, turn us in humility toward the poor, the oppressed and the weak,  
that we may truly serve you in one another.  
Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*All*     **Blessed be God for ever.**

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**All You show mercy to our ancestors,  
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- 1 ✠ **Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel,  
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# Morning Prayer on Thursdays

## Preparation

All In the name of God: ✠Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier  
**Amen.**

All O Lord, open our lips  
**and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

The night has passed and the day lies open before us;  
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All **O God, as we rejoice in the gift of this new day,  
so may the light of your presence set our hearts on fire  
with love for you and for one another,  
now and always. Amen.**

Blessed are you, creator of all,  
to you be praise and glory for ever.  
You are the God of surprises; throughout the ages  
you have made known your love and power in expected ways and places:  
May we daily perceive the joy and wonder of your abiding presence  
and offer our lives in love and service to one another and to you.  
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## **Conclusion and Dismissal**

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord,  
to know you is eternal life, to serve you is perfect freedom.  
Defend us, your servants, for all assaults of our enemies;  
that we, surely trusting in your defense,  
may not fear the power of any adversaries;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.  
Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

# Morning Prayer on Saints Days

## Preparation

O Lord, open our lips  
*All* **and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Your faithful servants bless you  
*All* **They make known the glory of your kingdom.**

Blessed are you, Sovereign God,  
ruler and judge of all, to you be glory and praise for ever.  
In the darkness of this age that is passing away  
may the light of your presence, which the saints enjoy,  
surround our steps as we journey on.  
May we reflect your glory this day  
and so be made ready to see your face  
in the heavenly city where night shall be no more.  
Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
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Uniting our prayers with the whole company of heaven,  
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**Conclusion and Dismissal**

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect  
in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:  
give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living  
that we may come to those inexpressible joys  
that you have prepared for those who truly love you;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

May Christ, who has opened the kingdom of heaven,  
bring us to reign with him in glory.

**Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

# A Form of Evening Prayer

## Preparation

*All*      O God make speed to save us.  
**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful,  
let us pray with one heart and mind:

*A moment of silence is kept for personal prayer*

*All*      **O God, as our evening prayer rises before you,  
so may your mercy come down upon us  
to cleanse our hearts and set us free to sing your praise  
now and for ever. Amen.**

Blessed are you, creator of all,  
to you be praise and glory for ever.  
At the setting of the sun, we place our trust in you.  
As the night draws near, we give thanks for your presence with us.  
Help us entrust our lives to you  
with the delight and confidence of one who loves and is beloved.  
Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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### **MAGNIFICAT: The Song of Mary**

*The Song of Mary (The Magnificat), taken from Luke's Gospel, contains the words of Mary upon her visitation to her cousin Elizabeth (the mother of John the Baptist). It is one of the eight most ancient Christian hymns, and perhaps the earliest of the Marian hymns. In Western Christianity it is traditionally the Biblical climax of Evening Prayer.*

**All You have done great things, O God, and holy is your name.**

- 1 ✠ **My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.  
He has looked with favor on his lowly servant.**
- 2 **From this day all generations will call me blessed;  
the Almighty has done great things for me  
and holy is his name.**
- 3 **He has mercy on those who fear him,  
from generation to generation.**
- 4 **He has shown strength with his arm  
and has scattered the proud in their conceit,**
- 5 **Casting down the mighty from their thrones  
and lifting up the lowly.**
- 6 **He has filled the hungry with good things  
and sent the rich empty away.**
- 7 **He has come to the aid of his servant Israel,  
to remember his promise of mercy,**
- 8 **The promise he made to our ancestors,  
to Abraham and his children for ever.** *Luke 1.47-55*

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We unite our prayers in the words Jesus gave us:

**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.**

## Conclusion and Dismissal

Lighten our darkness, Lord, we pray,  
and in your great mercy, defend us from all perils and dangers of this night,  
for the love of your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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### Memorial of the Incarnation

The Angel brought good news to Mary:

**The Holy Spirit will descend upon you**

Greetings, Grace-full Mary, the Lord is with you,  
blessed are you among women:

**For you conceived the Son of God,  
the Christ our Redeemer.**

Behold the servant of the Lord:

**Let it be to me just as you have said**

Greetings, Grace-full Mary, the Lord is with you,  
blessed are you among women:

**For you conceived the Son of God,  
the Christ our Redeemer.**

The Word became flesh:

**And lived among us**

Greetings, Grace-full Mary, the Lord is with you,  
blessed are you among women:

**For you conceived the Son of God,  
the Christ our Redeemer.**

Blessed is she who believed:

**Blessed are those**

**who hear the word of God and keep it.**

Lord, fill our hearts with Your love,  
and as You revealed to us by an angel,  
the coming of Your Son in human flesh,  
so lead us through His suffering and death  
to the glory of His resurrection,  
for He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,  
One God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

