

I believe in the Holy Spirit;
a holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. *Amen.*

THE RESPONSES

The Lord be with you.
And with your spirit.
Let us pray.

Lord have mercy upon us.
Christ have mercy upon us.
Lord have mercy upon us.

O Lord, show us your mercy,
and grant us your salvation.
O Lord, save those that rule,
and mercifully hear us when we pray to you.
Endow your ministers with righteousness,
and make your chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save your people,
and bless your inheritance.
Give peace in our time, O Lord,
for you are our help and strength.
O God, cleanse our hearts,
and revive us by your Holy Spirit.

Lighten our darkness, Lord: and by your great mercy defend us from all
peril and danger this night; for the love of your only Son our Savior Jesus
Christ. **Amen.**

2 Corinthians 13:14

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

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Family Prayer (Evening)

“God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.” *Psalms*
46:1

“Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and
petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.” *Philippians 4:6*

“If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in
us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” *1 John 1:8-9*

The Bible encourages us repeatedly to acknowledge and confess our many
sins and evil ways and that we should not try to hide them from Almighty
God our heavenly Father. We are to confess them with a humble, lowly,
penitent and obedient heart so that we may receive forgiveness through
God's infinite goodness and mercy.

We should humbly admit our sins to God at all times, but especially when
we come together to give thanks for the blessings we have received from
him, to offer the praise that is his due, to hear his most holy Word, to ask
him to supply all our needs, and to pray for others as well as ourselves.
Let us then confess our sins to Almighty God and pray together:

CONFESSION:

Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices
and desires of our own hearts.
We have broken your holy laws,
We have left undone what we ought to have done, and
we have done what we ought not to have done.
O Lord, have mercy on us pitiful sinners.
Spare those, O God, who confess their faults.
Restore those who truly repent,
as you have promised through Jesus Christ our Lord.

And grant, O merciful Father, for his sake,
that we may live a godly, righteous and disciplined life,
to the praise of your holy name. *Amen.*

GOD'S FORGIVENESS:

Merciful God, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace; that we
may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory;
for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Continue responsively:

Open our lips, O Lord.

And we shall declare your praise.

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.

Let us praise the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

A PSALM, OR PSALMS TO BE READ.

The Psalms are in the Book of Common Prayer IE, beginning on page 362.

After each psalm, say responsively the Gloria Patri:

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen.

THE SCRIPTURE READINGS

The Scripture readings (Proper Lessons) to be read at Morning and Evening Prayer are listed in the calendar beginning on page xxxiv.

After each reading the reader says:

This is the word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

All pray the Nunc Dimittis ("Now let you depart"):

The Song of Simeon

"Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, according to Your word; For my eyes have seen Your salvation which You have prepared before the face of all peoples, a light to *bring* revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of Your people Israel." *Luke 2:29-32*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

All confess:

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of Heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary;
suffered under Pontius Pilate;
was crucified, dead, and buried;
He descended into hell;
the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from there He shall come again to judge the living and the dead.