

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.

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.**

O Lord our heavenly Father, Almighty and Everlasting God, we praise you for bringing us safely to the beginning of this day: defend us with your mighty power, and grant that we fall into no sin, nor run into any kind of danger, but govern and guide us at all times, so that we may do what is right in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *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 (Morning)

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days." *Psalms 90:14*

"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.**

*people and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David, as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old, that we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us; to show the mercy promised to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant, the oath that he swore to our father Abraham, to grant us that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him all our days. And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people in the forgiveness of their sins, because of the tender mercy of our God, whereby the sunrise shall visit us from on high to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace. Luke 1:68-79*

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.