

ORDERS OF WORSHIP
FOR
DAILY PRAYER

MORNING AND EVENING

Compiled For The People of Lyons-Muir Church
and First UMC Ionia MI
By The Rev. Jonathan Bratt Carle, MDiv., Mmus.
From The Episcopal Book Of Common Prayer
And The Presbyterian Book Of Common Worship

DAILY MORNING PRAYER

I. CENTERING THE HEART AND MIND

Let the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

Psalm 19:14

Observe a moment of silence.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us; but if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:8-9

Observe a moment of silence.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as you have loved us.
We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,
have mercy upon us,
that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Observe a moment of silence.

Almighty God, have mercy upon us, strengthen us in all goodness by the power of the Holy Spirit, and keep us in eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

II. THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

A Psalm of Invocation, 95:1-7

O come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!
For the Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it,
and the dry land, which his hands have formed.
O come, let us worship and bow down,
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!
For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Praying the Psalms

Read one Psalm (begin the first time at Psalm 1) at each time of prayer, picking up where you left off the previous day. In the longer Psalms, read as much as seems good, and place your bookmark.

When you have finished reading the Psalm, observe a moment of silence, then say:

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:
world without end. Amen.

The Readings of the Old Testament

If you need a program of reading, not having one already in place, read a chapter at each time of prayer, going from book to book in this order:

Genesis, Exodus, Isaiah, Ruth, 1 & 2 Samuel, Jeremiah, Deuteronomy, 1 & 2 Kings, Ezra-Nehemiah, Hosea-Micah, Joshua, Nahum-Malachi, Judges, Daniel.

When you have finished the reading for the day, observe a moment of silence, then say:

The word of the LORD: thanks be to God.

The Song of Isaiah, 55:6-11

Seek the Lord while he may be found;
call on him while he is near.
Let the wicked forsake their ways
and the unrighteous their thoughts.
Let them turn to the Lord, and he will have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will freely pardon.
“For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways,” declares the Lord.
“As the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.
As the rain and the snow
come down from heaven,
and do not return to it
without watering the earth
and making it bud and flourish,
so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater,
so is my word that goes out from my mouth:
It will not return to me empty,
but will accomplish what I desire
and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

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:
world without end. Amen.

III. THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

On Sunday: The Apostles' Creed

I BELIEVE

in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.

I BELIEVE

in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day, he rose again.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I BELIEVE

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

On Monday through Saturday: The Great Commandments

HEAR, O ISRAEL,

the Lord our God, the Lord is one.
I will love the Lord my God
with all my heart,
with all my soul,
with all my mind,
and with all my strength.

THE LORD IS HOLY,

therefore I shall be holy:
I shall love my neighbor as myself. Amen.

Deuteronomy 6:4-5, Leviticus 19:2, 18

IV. THE PRAYERS

During the moments of silence, let the words of each prayer guide the meditation of your heart.

May we become more and more aware of God's presence as we pray:

Show us your mercy, O Lord;
And grant us your salvation.

Silence.

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
And let all your people be joyful.

Silence.

Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
For only in you can we live in safety.

Silence.

Lord, keep this nation under your care;
And guide us in the ways of justice and truth.

Silence.

Let your way be known in all the earth,
your saving health among all nations.

Silence.

Let not the needy, merciful God, be forgotten;
Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Silence.

Create in us pure hearts, O God;
And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

Silence.

Sundays

O God, our Heavenly Father, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son: Give us this day such blessings through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your service, by the power of the Holy Spirit working in us what is pleasing in your sight.

Especially, merciful God, we thank you for
the beauty of your creation...
the New Creation in Christ and all gifts of healing and forgiveness...
the sustaining love of family and friends...
the fellowship and faith of your church...

Especially, merciful God, we pray for
those who govern the nations of the world...
the people in countries ravaged by strife or warfare...
all who work for the preservation of human life...
all who strive to save the earth from destruction...
and the Church of Jesus Christ in every land...

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 sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil:
for thine is the kingdom, the power,
and the glory forever. Amen.

Skip to page XIV.

Mondays

Heavenly Creator, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly ask you to guide and govern us by the example of your Incarnate Word, Jesus Christ, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight.

Especially we thank you for
the miracle of life and the wonder of living...
particular blessings coming to us this day...
the resources of the earth...
gifts of creative vision and skillful craft...
the treasure stored in every human life...

Especially we pray for
those who work for the benefit of others...
those who cannot work today...
those who teach and those who learn...
those who are experiencing any kind of poverty...
our congregation of the Body of Christ...

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 sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom, the power,
and the glory forever. Amen.

Skip to page XIV.

Tuesdays

Lover of our souls, you have brought us through the darkness of the night under the shelter of your wings and given us breath and strength for this new day: Bless us therefore with a hunger and thirst for righteousness, that by our thoughts, words, and deeds, the suffering and loneliness of others might be relieved, through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all honor, glory, and praise.

Especially we thank you for
the love of our families...
the love of our friends...
strength and abilities to serve your purpose today...
this community in which we live...
opportunities to give as we have received...

Especially we pray for
those in our circles of acquaintance who are in particular need...
refugees and men, women, and children experiencing homelessness...
the outcast and the persecuted...
all immigrants and strangers among us...
those from whom we are estranged...

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 sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom, the power,
and the glory forever. Amen.

Skip to page XIV.

Wednesdays

Lord God, almighty and everlasting, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity. And in all we do, direct us to fulfill your purpose in our lives by the prompting of the Holy Spirit, our Comforter and Advocate.

Especially we thank you for
the warmth of sunlight, the moisture of rain and snow,
and all that nourishes the earth...
the presence and power of the Holy Spirit...
the support and encouragement we receive from others...
those who provide for the public safety and wellbeing...
the mission of the Church around the world...

Especially we pray for
those in position of authority over others...
the lonely and the forgotten...
children without families or homes...
agents of caring and relief...

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 sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom, the power,
and the glory forever. Amen.

Skip to page XIV.

Thursdays

Sovereign of all creation: to obey you is perfect freedom; for in your love all the life of the world finds health and purpose: As we seek to worship you with our whole heart, make our love more perfect; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Especially we thank you for
the community of faith in our congregation...
those with whom we work or share common concerns...
the diversity of the human family...
indications of your love at work in the world...
those who work for reconciliation...

Especially we pray for
families suffering separation due to illness, incarceration,
or any other cause...
people who are different from ourselves...
those isolated by sickness or sorrow or shame...
the victims of domestic or sexual violence...
the victims of impersonal violence and war...

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 sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom, the power,
and the glory forever. Amen.

Skip to page XIV.

Fridays

Author of life and death, who suffered the Living Word to be incarnate among us for our sakes, and to empty himself of all glory to draw all people to himself in the agony of the Cross: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the Cross, may find it none other than the way of peace and reconciliation, illumined by the Spirit of Truth. Amen.

Especially we thank you for
the presence of Christ in our weakness and suffering...
the ministries of Word and Sacrament...
all who work to help and heal...
sacrifices made for our benefit...
opportunities for our generous giving...

Especially we pray for
those subjected to tyranny and oppression...
wounded and injured people...
those who face death...
those who may be our enemies...

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 sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom, the power,
and the glory forever. Amen.

Skip to page XIV.

Saturdays

Almighty God, who after the creation of the world rested from all your works and sanctified a day of rest for all your creatures: Grant that we, putting away all earthly anxieties, may recall that whether we live or whether we die, we belong to you. Make our hearts glad with your peace, that our rest here on earth may be a foretaste of the eternal rest you have promised to all who love you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Especially we thank you for
opportunities for rest and recreation...
the regenerating gifts of the Holy Spirit...
activities which bring together the young and the old...
fun, play, and laughter...
every service that proclaims and demonstrates your love...

Especially we pray for
those who have no leisure...
those whose home-life provides no sanctuary...
those who are prey to temptation and enslaved by addictions...
those who enlighten the minds of others...

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 sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom, the power,
and the glory forever. Amen.

Morning Hymn

I've never felt a joy so fair
As this that conquers my despair:
The Lord of love by grace has made
A place within my heart for praise!

When I was lost, then Jesus came
To teach my frightened soul his faith.
Now being found, what hurts may come,
This faith will lead and bring me home.

I will not fear the judgment more,
His love, above all else, is sure:
In him all brokenness is sealed,
All woundedness in him is healed.

Jonathan Bratt Carle

Silence.

V. THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING & BLESSING

For the Mission of the Church Universal

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms in love upon the hard wood of the Cross, that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: Sanctify us by the fire of the Holy Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may shepherd those who do not know you into the joy of your grace and everlasting life. Amen.

For the Renewal of Life

O God, eternal Sovereign, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, and the Advocate, the Spirit of Truth. Amen.

Silence.

Glory to God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to HIM from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen.

Ephesians 3:20-21

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

II Corinthians 13:14

DAILY EVENING PRAYER

I. THE SERVICE OF THE LIGHT

Light and peace are in Jesus Christ our Lord:
 thanks be to God!
Jesus Christ is the Light of the World:
 the light no darkness can extinguish!

Seek the LORD, who made the Pleiades and Orion, and turns deep darkness into the morning, and darkens the day into night; who calls for the waters of the sea and pours them out upon the surface of the earth: The LORD is his Name.

Amos 5:8

Here, candles may be lit.

Beloved in Christ, in the presence of Almighty God, let us enter into silence, and with penitent and open hearts confess the sins and hurts of this day, that we may obtain forgiveness and healing by God's infinite goodness and mercy:

Observe a moment of silence.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as you have loved us.
We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy upon us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Observe a moment of silence.

Almighty God, whose steadfast love endures forever, have mercy upon us and strengthen us in all goodness by the power of the Holy Spirit, that we may live with you in the communion of body, mind, and spirit: now and in the age to come. Amen.

A HYMN OF PRAISE: PHOS HILARON¹

O gladsome light,
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun,
and our eyes behold the vesper light,
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,
O Son of God, O Giver of life,
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

II. THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

LORD of all creation, who has set in motion a plan for the Fullness of Time,
open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that as we search the holy scriptures we might encounter your Living Word.
Amen.

Praying the Psalms

*Read one Psalm at each time of prayer, picking up where you left off in the morning.
In the longer Psalms, read as much as seems good, and place your bookmark.*

When you have finished reading the Psalm, observe a moment of silence, then say:

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:
world without end. Amen.

¹ *Phos Hilaron* is Greek for “Light Joyful” or reversed in word order, “Gladsome Light”. This poem is perhaps the most ancient Christian Hymn that is not Scripture or a Confession of Faith. Already in the 4th Century, St. Basil the Great (330-379), bishop of Caesarea Mazaca in Cappadocia (modern-day Turkey) hailed the singing of this hymn as a cherished tradition of the church. The Church of every denomination continues to sing this hymn of praise to Christ and the Holy Trinity at the candle lighting which begins the ancient rite of Evening Prayer.

The Readings of the New Testament

If you need a program of reading, not having one already in place, read a chapter at each time of prayer, going from book to book in this order:

I–II Peter, Hebrews, I–III John, Acts, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Romans, James, I–II Corinthians, Revelation, I–II Timothy, I–II Thessalonians, Colossians, Philemon, Titus, Jude.

When you have finished the reading, observe a moment of silence, then say:

The word of the LORD: Thanks be to God.

The Song of Mary, Luke 1:47:55

My soul magnifies the Lord,
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.
His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.
He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;
he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.
He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever. Amen.

The Readings of the Holy Gospel

If you need a program of reading, not having one already in place, read a chapter at each time of prayer, going from book to book in this order:

John, Mark, Matthew, Luke.

When you have finished the reading, observe a moment of silence, then say:

Praise be to you, our Savior Jesus Christ:
You have given us the words of eternal life!

The Song of Simeon, Luke 2:29-32

Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word;
for my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples:
the light of revelation to the Gentiles,
and the glory of your people Israel.

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:
world without end. Amen.

III. The Affirmation of Faith

On Sundays: The Confession of St. Paul

I WILL SEEK THE MIND OF CHRIST:
who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.
Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Philippians 2:5-11

On Monday through Saturday: A Modern Affirmation²

WE BELIEVE

in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.

WE BELIEVE

in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.

WE BELIEVE

in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need.

WE BELIEVE

that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.

² "A Modern Affirmation", #885 in the back of the current United Methodist Hymnal, can also be found in both hymnals of the prior Methodist church dating from 1966 and 1935. Before that, the "Modern Affirmation" first appeared in 1932 in the "Book of Service" of the Methodist Episcopal Church, North. It was written by Professor Edwin Lewis (1881 – 1959), who was a well-known and respected Methodist Theologian and Professor of Theology at Drew University in New Jersey.

IV. THE PRAYERS

During the moments of silence, let the words of each prayer guide the meditation of your heart.

May we become more and more aware of God's presence as we pray:

That this evening may be holy, good, and filled with the hope of eternal life:
We entreat you, O Lord.

Silence.

That your Spirit may keep us in perfect peace:
We entreat you, O Lord.

Silence.

That there may be concord in your Church and in the whole world:
We entreat you, O Lord.

Silence.

That we may depart this life in your faith and fear, and not be condemned before
the great judgment seat of Christ:
We entreat you, O Lord.

Silence.

That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit in the communion of all your
saints, entrusting one another and all our life to Christ:
We entreat you, O Lord.

Silence.

*After the silence has come to its fullness,
turn to the appropriate day of the week.*

Sundays

Lord God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ triumphed over the powers of death and prepared for us a place in the New Jerusalem: Grant that we, who have this day given thanks for his resurrection, may praise you in that City of which he is the light, where he lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

Especially we thank you for...

the privilege of worship and service in your congregation...
the Good News of Jesus Christ for us...
food and drink to share in the Lord's name...
our calling to discipleship....

Especially we pray for...

the healing of those who are sick...
the comfort of the dying...
the renewal of those who despair...
the Spirit's power to continually awaken the Church...

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 sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil:

For thine is the kingdom, the power,
and the glory forever. Amen.

Skip to page XXIX.

Mondays

O God and Creator of all, whom the whole heavens adore: Let the whole earth also worship you, all nations discern and obey you, all tongues confess and bless you, and people everywhere love and serve you in peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Especially we thank you for...

the labors of those who have served us today...
friends with whom we have shared...
those whom we love and who have loved us...
opportunities for our work to help others...
all beauty that delights us...

Especially we pray for...

those whose work puts them in danger...
physicians and nurses...
those who are ill or confined to their homes...
those who mourn...
our congregation of your Holy Apostolic Church...

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 sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil:

For thine is the kingdom, the power,
and the glory forever. Amen..

Skip to page XXIX.

Tuesdays

O God, the life of all who live, the light of the faithful, the strength of those who labor, and the repose of the dead: We thank you for the blessings of the day that is past, and humbly ask for your protection through the coming night. Bring us in safety to the morning hours; through him who died and rose again for us, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Especially we thank you for...

your presence with us today...

the gift of your peace in Christ...

reconciliation, or the promise of reconciliation,
in our relationships...

each new insight into your love...

energy and courage to share your love...

the ministries of the church in which I employ the Spirit's gifts...

Especially we pray for...

those who worship, speak, and live differently from us...

racial harmony and justice...

those who are imprisoned, and those who guard them...

strangers we have met today...

friends who are bereaved...

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 sins,

as we forgive those who sin against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil:

For thine is the kingdom, the power,

and the glory forever. Amen.

Skip to page XXIX.

Wednesdays

Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love. Amen.

Especially we thank you for...

courage to be your disciples in the Image of God...
people whose lives reveal your truth and righteousness...
those who show hospitality...
surprises that have blessed us...
the unity of those guided by your love...

Especially we pray for...

friends and relatives who are far away...
neighbors who are in special need...
those who suffer hunger, thirst, or homelessness...
those who work at night while others sleep...
the Presbyterian Church, USA, and the United Methodist Church...

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 sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom, the power,
and the glory forever. Amen.

Skip to page XXIX.

Thursdays

Most holy God, the source of all good desires, all right judgements, and all just works: Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, so that our minds may be fixed on the doing of your will, and that we, being delivered from the fear of all enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through the mercies of Christ Jesus our Savior. Amen.

Especially we thank you for...

work we have accomplished that is pleasing to you...

parents, teachers, and all those who guide the young

with love and righteousness...

the innocence and openness we experience in children...

all works of Christian compassion that relieve the suffering of Creation...

Especially we pray for...

those who struggle with doubt and despair...

people afflicted with mental and physical illness...

those called to special ministries

people experiencing neglect or abuse...

refugees and all the victims of human cruelty and war...

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 sins,

as we forgive those who sin against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil:

For thine is the kingdom, the power,

and the glory forever. Amen.

Skip to page XXIX.

Fridays

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. Amen.

Especially we thank you for...
the guidance of the Holy Spirit through this day...
signs of new life and hope...
those who struggle for justice...
expression of love unexpected or undeserved...

Especially we pray for...
those who keep watch over the sick and dying...
those who weep with the grieving...
those who cannot accept your love...
those experiencing loneliness, distress, and frailty...

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 sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom, the power,
and the glory forever. Amen.

Skip to page XXIX.

Saturdays

O God, the source of eternal light: illumine our hearts with the unending brilliance of your power and love as we keep vigil for the coming of Christ, that our lips may praise you, our lives bless you, and our worship on the Lord's Day give you glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all honor, glory, and love. Amen.

Especially we thank you for...

 moments of rest and peace this day and this past week...
 promises kept and hope for the future...
 the wonders of your creation...
 the love between friends, siblings, spouses, and parents and children...
 all good gifts, blessings, and pleasures of this life that help us flourish...

Especially we pray for...

 those who prepare to shepherd the Body of Christ
 on the Day of Resurrection...
 those whose faith and love is known to you alone...
 those we have forgotten...
 those who have lost hope...
 those who would be our enemies...
 the victims of natural disaster...

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 sins,
 as we forgive those who sin against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the kingdom, the power,
and the glory forever. Amen.

Evening Hymn

We Thy saints do praise Thee
While the night is falling,
As at dawning so at even',
Drawn to our high calling.

Simple speech at sunset,
Quiet prayer together:
Thou our cov'ring be til morning,
Thou our life forever.

Be this night an ending
Or rest deeply given,
All in all Thy grace sustains us
On earth as in heaven.

Truth is in Thy mercy;
Mercy crowns Thy Being.
May this truth reign under starlight
Til we wake from sleeping.

Jonathan Bratt Carle

Silence.

V. THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING & BLESSING

Almighty God, Author of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up ourselves to your service,
and by walking before you
in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of
the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15: 13

And may the LORD bless us and keep us:
may the LORD make HIS face to shine upon us
and be gracious unto us;
may the LORD lift up the light of HIS countenance upon us,
and give us peace.

Numbers 6: 24-26

In the Name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.