

A Simple Order for Daily Prayer

[If worshipping with a family or group, have leader read the non-italicized portions.]

Votum (Psalm 124:8), Sentences (John 8:12), Opening Prayer

Our help is in the name of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

Amen!

Jesus said, "I am light of the world, whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life."

[Optionally, light a Christ candle now.]

[If worshipping in a group, the leader may continue with "Let us pray:"]

*Jesus Christ, light of the world,
teach us how to love you and one another
in all we do and say.*

In your name we pray, amen.

[A song or hymn may be sung here.]

Suffrages (traditional)

Show us your mercy, O Lord;
and grant us your salvation.
Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
let your people sing with joy.
Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
and guide us in the way of justice and truth.
Let your way be known upon the earth;
your saving health among all nations.
Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
Create in us clean hearts, O God;
and sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

Scripture Reading(s)

[The reading(s) may be followed by "This is the Word of the Lord/Thanks be to God."]

Meditation

*[After reading the Bible, take a few moments to consider its meaning and guidance.
These questions may be useful; you may also find it helpful to write your thoughts in a journal.]*

What does this passage say about God?

What does it say about humanity?

What does the passage teach about holy and thankful living?

What, in this passage, can be applied to my life?

Prayer & Lord's Prayer

[An extemporaneous prayer may be offered, or the following may be used:]

Most holy God, there is much in this world that we cannot understand, but we do understand that "all things work together for the good of those who love you" and that "nothing can separate us from your love for us in Christ Jesus." Thank you for that!

In your mercy, send your Holy Spirit to heal, to protect, to reconcile, and to guide. Particularly, be with...

[Specific situations and individuals may be mentioned here.]

*[If worshipping in a group, the leader may continue with
"So too, hear us as we pray the words you taught your earliest disciples:"]*

*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 debts, as we forgive our debtors,
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil
for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory
forever. Amen.*

[A song or hymn may be sung here.]

Departure (Ephesians 3:20-21 adpt. in the BCP)

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine,

Glory to God from generation to generation

In the Church and in Christ Jesus, forever and ever.

Amen!