

Read the Holy Scriptures humbly with a meek and lowly heart, to the intent that you may glorify God, and not yourself, with the knowledge of it. And read it not without daily praying to God, that he would direct your reading to good effect.

Archbishop Thomas Cranmer (1489-1556)

Therefore, confident in your holy teaching and promises, and all the more since we are gathered here in your presence and in the name of your Son our Lord Jesus; we fondly plead with you, our good God and Father, that in the name of our only Saviour and Mediator, by your infinite mercy, you would freely forgive our transgressions and so draw and lift our thoughts and desires to you, that from our whole heart we may seek you, and that according to your good pleasure and will, which alone is reasonable.

John Calvin (1509-1564)

The Almighty Lord, which is a most strong tower to all that put their trust in him, to whom all things in heaven, in earth, and under earth, do bow and obey: be now and evermore your defence, and make you know and feel, that there is no other name under heaven given to man, in whom, and through whom, you may receive health and salvation, but only the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

from the Book of Common Prayer (1549)

COMMON PRAYER FOR HOMES

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'BE JOYFUL IN HOPE, PATIENT IN AFFLICTION, FAITHFUL IN PRAYER.'
Romans 12:12

Household Worship – First Order

The following resource is intentionally flexible in form. It may be adapted according to what your church is offering on a Sunday. Some churches provide livestreamed or prerecorded sermons; in which case, much of the following order of service would be adapted for use in homes – see especially, the singing of the Psalms. Other churches provide a full service via livestream or prerecorded video; in which case, the prayers of preparation and concluding communal prayers may help. There may be various other offerings from our churches, and therefore the structure below may be adapted accordingly. Whatever the order of service, the following structure is designed to enable participation, active worshippers who worship in fellowship together.

Starting with Scripture

Read aloud a good introductory sentence of Scripture (e.g., Isa. 55:6-7; Dan. 9:9-10; Acts 17:30-31; Titus 2:13-14; Heb. 4:14-16; 1 John 1:8-9, etc.)

Prayer of Preparation

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Or, another suitable prayer to help focus on our meeting with Almighty God.

Confession of Sins

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the first and greatest commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Lord, have mercy on us: and write your law in our hearts by your Holy Spirit.

Or

Collects from the Holy Communion Service*

Almighty God, who knows our hearts, our desires, and all our secrets: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by your Holy Spirit, that we might perfectly love you, and magnify your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Help us our Lord, as we pray together, and guide us towards our everlasting salvation; that, among all the changes and chances of this life, we may be always defended by your great and ready help; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty Lord and everlasting God; would you guide and govern, both our hearts and bodies, in the ways of your laws and commandments; that through your powerful protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Almighty God, we ask that the words, which we have heard this day with our outward ears, may through your grace be so grafted inwardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living, to the honour and praise of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Our Lord, go before us and give us grace and help in all our doings, that in all our works, started, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy Name, and finally by your mercy receive everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, who knows what we need before we ask: we ask you to have compassion upon our weaknesses; and for those things that we do not know about or pray about, grant us these things, for the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty God, who has promised to hear the prayers of those who ask in your Son's Name: We ask you to incline your ears to us that have just made our prayers and to you; and we ask that those things, which we have faithfully asked according to your will, may be given to us, to help us with our needs, to the set forth your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

* Not including the two collects for the Queen.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father
we have gone our own way,
not loving you as we ought,
nor loving neighbour as ourselves.
We have sinned against you
in thought, word and deed
and in what we have failed to do.
We deserve your condemnation.
Father, forgive us.
Help us to love you and our neighbour,
and to live for your honour and glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Declaration of Forgiveness

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has promised full forgiveness to all who come to him with true repentance and faith in his Son. God forgives us because Jesus is the perfect sacrifice for our sins. **Amen.**

Or,

Read a suitable passage of Scripture which speaks of God's assurance of forgiveness (e.g., Matt. 11:28; 1 Tim. 1:15; Psalm 103:8-12; 1 John 1:8-9; Rom. 10:9-10, etc.)

Or,

Before the service, ask a member of the group to choose a passage of Scripture which speaks of God's assurance, and at this point in the service, have them share why this is a treasured passage to them.

Singing or Saying the Psalms

Here one of the Psalms may be sung (visit psalms.seedbed.com for lyrics and music) or read together (perhaps share the reading of the Psalms among the group).

Scripture Reading

If there is nothing provided by the church, here an appropriate passage of Scripture may be read.

Sermon

If there is nothing provided by the church, here some group discussion may take place concerning the passage of Scripture previously read. Some good Bible study guides may be acquired through Matthias Media (www.matthiasmedia.com.au).

The Creed

Choose a Creed to say together

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ,
his only 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,
he is seated at the right hand of God
the Father Almighty;
from there he shall 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.

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God
the Father, the Almighty
maker of heaven and earth
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and
the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and
glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic
Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of
sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Collect

Choose a suitable Collect to pray (e.g., Seasonal, or Circumstantial, or Other Collects).

A Collect for all conditions of people

Our God, creator and preserver of all mankind: we pray for all people, that you would make
your way known to them, your saving power among all the nations of the world.

Especially we pray for the welfare of your whole church, that it may be guided by your Holy
Spirit, so that all who call themselves Christians may be led in truth and be spiritually united,
in the bond of peace, and in righteousness of life.

We commend to your fatherly goodness all who are sick or sad [especially those N, and N,
...], that you might comfort and relieve them, giving them patience in their sufferings, and a
good outcome through all their afflictions. All this we ask for the sake of Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.

Collects Taken from Morning and Evening Prayer

These collects may be easily modified for use with children, as per the initial examples.

Collect for peace

Our God, you are the author and lover of peace, and in you we have eternal life and live in freedom; defend us from our enemies, so that as we trust you, we would not fear any power that opposes us, through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

... for children

Dear God, you love peace, and you give us peace in life, now and forever. Help us to trust you, and live without being scared, because we know the power of Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Collect for peace

Eternal God, who gives all good desires, all good purposes, and all good works: give us that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may obey your commandments, and be free from fear, so we can live in trust and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

... for children

Eternal God, who gives everything good: give us the peace our world cannot give, so that we can obediently live for you, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

Collects for grace

Lord our heavenly Father, we thank you for bringing us safely to this day: keep us by your mighty power, and help us not to fall into sin or danger, but lead us in all things, so that we may always do what is right in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Eternal God and Father, by whose power we are created and by whose love we are redeemed: 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 your Son our Lord.

Amen.

Collects for aid against all perils

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 Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Be present, merciful God, and protect us through the hours of this night: that we, who are tired through the changes and chances of this passing world, may rest on your eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Intercessions

If there is nothing provided by the church, here some intercessions may be prayed. A good structure consists in prayers for the world (rulers, society, the sick and suffering), the church (ministers, and local needs), and ourselves (family and personal needs). Perhaps the group may share prayer points and pray particularly for one another.

At this present time of crisis, the following or similar prayer would be suitable:

We ask you, faithful Father, through Your Son our Savior, for our Prime Minister (Scott Morrison) and his Government, for our Premier (Gladys Berejiklian), and for all who hold office in this land. Give them wisdom and wise counsel, that they may lead our communities to respond to the present coronavirus crisis with calm and generosity. For those presently suffering with this sickness: grant them the victory of trust and hope, in the bloody cross and the empty tomb of Christ, that they may never lose their faith in your loving purposes. For all who are working to discover the causes and cures of this disease, grant them your wisdom, and the realisation that in you all things are possible. We ask this in the name of him who went about doing good and healing all manner of disease; your Son, Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

Conclude your prayers with the Lord's Prayer

**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 forever. Amen.**

Mutual Edification

Here the group may choose to offer words of edification to one another. Words of encouragement could be shared between members. Words of exhortation related to the Scripture or Sermon could be said. Words of personal testimony could be shared. Various other kinds of Gospel speech could be used here to build each other up in Christ Jesus.

Prayer for God's Blessing

Use one of the below, or any other suitable passage of Scripture to conclude

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

May the Lord bless us, and keep us. May the Lord make his face shine upon us, and be gracious to us. May the Lord turn his face towards us, and give us peace. Amen.

Household Worship – Second Order

Following the broad outline of Morning and Evening Prayer, this pattern of service provides a number of set alternatives from Common Prayer (2012) for each major segment: Approaching God together, Hearing God's Word, Responding to his Word, and Going out to serve.

The gathering may begin with praise and thanksgiving or with penitence. When the reading and exposition of Scripture call for repentance or renewed commitment, it may be better to delay the confession of sin and assurance of God's forgiveness until after the ministry of the Word.

Approaching God together

A psalm of praise and thanksgiving could be read together, followed by spontaneous prayers and praises.

One or more of these sentences of Scripture could be read to encourage personal reflection before saying a prayer for forgiveness and repentance together.

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.
Isaiah 55:6-7

The Lord our God is merciful and forgiving, even though we have rebelled against him; we have not obeyed the Lord our God or kept the laws he gave us.
Daniel 9:9-10

Since we have a great high priest, who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to feel sympathy for our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.
Hebrews 4:14-16

Merciful God,
we humbly admit that we need your help.
We confess that we have wandered from your way:
we have done wrong,
and we have failed to do what is right.
You alone can save us.
Have mercy on us:
wipe out our sins and teach us to forgive others.
Bring forth in us the fruit of the Spirit
that we may live as disciples of Christ.
This we ask in the name of Jesus our Saviour. Amen.
or

Other Collects

For visiting the sick

O most merciful God, who, according to the multitude of your mercies, does so put away the sins of those who truly repent, that you remember them no more: Open your eye of mercy upon this your servant, who most earnestly desires pardon and forgiveness. Renew in him (most loving Father) whatsoever has been decayed by the fraud and malice of the devil, or by his own carnal will and frailness; preserve and continue this sick member in the unity of the Church; consider his contrition, accept his tears, assuage his pain, as shall seem to thee most expedient for him. And forasmuch as he puts his full trust only in your mercy, impute not unto him his former sins, but strengthen him with your blessed Spirit; and, when you art pleased to take him hence, take him unto your favour, through the merits of your most dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collects of thanksgiving to be used at sea

O MOST blessed and glorious Lord God: We your poor creatures, whom you have made and preserved, holding our souls in life, and now rescuing us out of the jaws of death, humbly present ourselves again before thy Divine Majesty, to offer a sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, for that you heard us when we called in our trouble, and did not cast out our prayer, which we made before you in our great distress: Even when we gave all for lost, our ship, our goods, our lives, then did you mercifully look upon us, and wonderfully command a deliverance; for which we, now being in safety, do give all praise and glory to your holy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collects for Other Dates*

Presentation of Christ in the Temple – February 2

Almighty and ever living God, we humbly pray that, as your only Son was presented in the temple as a child in accordance with the Law, so may we be dedicated to you with pure and clean hearts, through him, our Saviour and Redeemer Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Annunciation – March 25

We beseech you, Lord, pour your grace into our hearts; that, as we have known the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his cross and passion we may be brought to the glory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Transfiguration – August 6

Eternal God, our glorious King, whose Son Jesus Christ was seen in splendour by his chosen witnesses: give us, your servants, faith to see in him the true light and to walk in his way, that we may be transformed into his likeness and live with him in glory; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

All Saints Day – November 1

We praise you, heavenly Father, that 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 love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Innocents – December 28

Almighty God, whose loving purposes cannot be frustrated by the wickedness of men, so that even infants may glorify you by their deaths: strengthen us by your grace, that by the innocence of our lives and the constancy of our faith even to death, we may glorify your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

* Not including the collects for the apostolic feast days.

Heavenly Father,
we praise you for adopting us as your children
and making us heirs of eternal life.
In your mercy you have washed us from our sins
and made us clean in your sight.
Yet we still fail to love you
and serve you as we should.
Forgive us our sins and renew us by your grace,
that we may continue to grow as members of Christ,
in whom alone is our salvation. **Amen.**

or

Heavenly Father,
you have loved us with an everlasting love,
but we have often gone our own way,
and rejected your will for our lives.
We are sorry for our sins
and turn away from them.
For the sake of your Son who died for us,
forgive us, cleanse us, and change us.
By your Holy Spirit, enable us to live for you,
and to please you in every way,
for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

One of the following assurances of God's forgiveness could be read out.

God desires that no one should perish,
but that all should turn to Christ and live.
We confess our sins in response to his call.
God pardons those who humbly repent
and truly believe the gospel.
Therefore, we have peace with God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

or

As high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is God's love towards those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west,
so far has he removed our transgressions from us,
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

or

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 our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:8-9*

Hearing God's Word

One of these prayers may be said by the leader to prepare those present to listen to the Bible readings and an exposition of God's Word (either by someone in the group or in some online fashion).

Thank you, Father, for making yourself known to us and showing us the way of salvation through faith in your Son. Teach us through your word and equip us for every good work, for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

or

Thank you, Father, that all Scripture is God-breathed, and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness. Open our hearts to receive your word, that we may know you better and be thoroughly equipped for every good work, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

or

Gracious God, your word is alive and active, sharper than any double-edged sword. Today, when we hear your voice, deliver us from hardness of heart. Help us to put away everything that keeps us from persevering in your way, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Responding to God's Word

A time of questions, discussion, and reflection on the Bible readings and exposition of God's Word could follow here. A confession of sin and an assurance of God's forgiveness could occur here, or the Apostles' Creed could be said together or read by one person on behalf of the group.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to hell.

your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord. **Amen.**

Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Merciful God, it is by your gift alone that your faithful people offer you true and acceptable service; grant that we may so faithfully serve you in this life that we fail not finally to obtain your heavenly promises; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and eternal God, grant that we may grow in faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promised, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Keep your Church, Lord God, with your continual mercy, and because the frailty of man without you cannot but fall, keep us always under your protection, and lead us to everything that makes for our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Lord, let your continual pity cleanse and defend your church, and because it cannot continue in safety without your aid, keep it evermore by your help and goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Lord, we pray that your grace may always uphold and encourage us, and make us continually to be given to all good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

Lord, give your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

Lord God, without you we are not able to please you; mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and merciful God, of your bountiful goodness keep us from everything that may hurt us, that we may be ready in body and soul cheerfully to accomplish whatever you want us to do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Twenty-first Sunday after Trinity

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

**On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
from there 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.**

Various collects could be said here, together with informal thanksgivings and prayers for the world, the local community, the church, the spread of the gospel, the sick, and the needy. The Lord's Prayer could conclude this time of prayer:

**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 forever. Amen.**

Going out to serve

One or other of these prayers of dedication could be used:

Lord Jesus Christ,
**fill us with your Spirit
and send us out with confidence in your word,
to tell the world of your saving acts,
and bring glory to your name. Amen.**

or

**Heavenly Father,
take us and use us
to love and serve you
and all people,
in the power of your Spirit
and in the name of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

or

Gracious God,

you made an eternal covenant with us

through the blood of your Son,

and brought him back from the dead

as the great Shepherd of your sheep.

Equip us with everything good

for doing your will.

Work in us what is pleasing to you,

through Jesus Christ,

to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

may by your mighty aid be defended and strengthened in all dangers and adversities;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Fourth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God, the protector of all who put their trust in you, without whom nothing is

strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy, so that with you as our

ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal that we finally lose not the things

eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake. **Amen.**

Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God, we pray that the course of this world may be so peaceably ordered through

your guidance that your church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus

Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sixth Sunday after Trinity

God our Father, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass man's

understanding: pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you above all

things, may obtain your promises which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ

our Lord. **Amen.**

Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things, graft in our hearts the

love of your Name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and so by your

mercy keep us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God, whose never-failing providence governs all things in heaven and earth: we

humbly ask you to put away from us all hurtful things, and to give us whatever may be

profitable for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Grant us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always such things as are right, that we

who cannot do anything that is good

without you, may in your strength be able to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ

our Lord. **Amen.**

Tenth Sunday after Trinity

Let your merciful ears, Lord God, be open to the prayers of your people; and so that they

may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as will please you; through Jesus

Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

Lord God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: grant us such

a measure of your grace that, running in the way of your commandments, we may obtain

your promises, and share in your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and

constantly give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down on us the abundance of

Household Worship with Children

The Fourth Sunday after Easter

Almighty God, you alone can order the unruly wills and passions of sinful men: grant to your people that they may love what you command and desire what you promise, that so, among the many and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Fifth Sunday after Easter

Heavenly Father, the giver of all good things, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and grant that by your holy inspiration we may think those things that are good, and by your merciful guidance may perform them; through our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Ascension Day

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that as we believe your only begotten Son to have ascended into heaven, so we may also in heart and mind there ascend, and with him continually dwell; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Sunday after Ascension

O God, the king of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: leave us not desolate, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to where our Saviour Christ has gone before, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for evermore. **Amen.**

Pentecost (Whitsunday)

Almighty God, who taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant to us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things and always to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever **Amen.**

Trinity Sunday

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace by the confession of a true faith to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and by your divine power to worship you as One: we humbly pray that you would keep us steadfast in this faith and evermore defend us from all adversities; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The First Sunday after Trinity

Lord God, the strength of all who put their trust in you: mercifully accept our prayers, and because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do nothing good without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in keeping your commandments we may please you both in word and deed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Second Sunday after Trinity

Lord God, the unfailing helper and guide of those whom you bring up in your steadfast fear and love, keep us, we pray, under the protection of your good providence, and give us a continual reverence and love for your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Third Sunday after Trinity

Graciously hear us, Lord God; and grant that we, to whom you have given the desire to pray,

The following outline for Household Worship with Children requires some preparation in advance. Firstly, you will need to know what your church is providing in terms of children's ministry material. Secondly, you need to consider how to adapt the structure below to work well in your household. If this idea is new for your children, start with a shorter 'service', and slowly expand outwards. Remember, even something regular is better than nothing.

Come to God!

Share about God's love for children and how he loves their praise, before praying a short prayer to begin, e.g.,

Dear God, thank you that you have the whole world in your hands and you care for each one of us here today. Please grow us to be more like the Lord Jesus. Amen.

or

Choose a suitable Bible passage to read at the start of your time of family worship.

Sing!

Find one or two good songs to sing (e.g., Colin Buchanan, or Classic Children's Songs, or Christian Hymns) and sing them – perhaps with pre-decided actions, or even asking the children to make up actions.

Ask!

Find an appropriate and good quality catechism (e.g., [Colin Buchanan's 'Catechismo'](#), My First Catechism, New City Catechism, Heidelberg Catechism, etc.) and select a Question and Answer for today. If appropriate make up actions to accompany the question, and the answer. Sometimes it might be fun to make a game of learning the Answer – a quick snack works well as a reward!

Listen!

If your church has provided material for Children's Ministry, then only use the following where it may be helpful.

Ask the children to sit, and to prepare themselves to hear God speak to us in the Bible. A short prayer before this is worth doing regularly, e.g. 1 Sam. 3:10:

Speak Lord, your servant is listening.

Choose an appropriate Children's Bible and continue each week to teach through it.

Pray!

Ask the children if there are any things which could be prayed for our country, our church, or our homes. It may be an appropriate time to say sorry to our God who forgives us because of Jesus.

If the children are able, they may like to pray these prayers. Also, depending on the Season (e.g., Easter), it may be good to pray using one of the Collects, suitably modified for children.

Do!

As above, if your church has provided material for Children's Ministry, then only use the following where it may be helpful.

Depending on the passage read out in the Children's Bible, can you prepare a short activity (drama, game, puzzle, outdoor adventure, etc.) to actively reinforce the lesson from God's Word?

Refresh (and Chat, and Laugh)!

Have a break for a piece of fruit and some water. But before the break, ask one or more children to pray (e.g., to give thanks for something to do with the Bible passage, and to give thanks for the food).

Finish!

Finish up the time with a song, a prayer, or even a catechism challenge!

the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Almighty and eternal God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the church is governed and sanctified: receive our prayer which we offer before you for the many different members of your holy church; that everyone of them in his vocation and ministry may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Merciful God, you have made all people and hate nothing that you have made, nor do you desire the death of a sinner but rather that he should be converted and live: have mercy on your ancient people the Jews, and all who do not know you, or who deny the faith of Christ crucified. Take from them all ignorance, hardness of heart, and contempt of your word; and bring them home to your fold, blessed Lord, so that they may become one flock under one shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Easter Eve

Grant, Lord, that as we have been baptized into the death of your dear Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, so by continually putting to death our sinful desires we may die to sin and be buried with him, and that through the grave and gate of death we may pass to our joyful resurrection; for his sake who died and was buried and rose again for us, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Amen.

The Sunday After Easter
Almighty Father, you have given your only Son Jesus Christ to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant that we may put away the old leaven of corruption and wickedness, and always serve you in sincerity and truth; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Second Sunday After Easter

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us both a sacrifice for sin and also an example of godly life; give us grace that we may always thankfully receive the immeasurable benefit of his sacrifice, and also daily endeavour to follow in the blessed steps of his most holy life; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for evermore. Amen.

The Third Sunday after Easter

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth so that they may return into the way of righteousness: grant to all who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's service that they may renounce those things that are contrary to their profession and follow all such things as are agreeable to it; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you; grant this, for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake. **Amen.**

Ash Wednesday

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing that you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent: create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain from you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

First Sunday in Lent

Lord Jesus Christ, for our sake you fasted forty days and forty nights: give us grace to use such abstinence that, our flesh being subdued to the spirit, we may always obey your will in righteousness and true holiness, to your honour and glory; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, for evermore. **Amen.**

Second Sunday in Lent

Almighty God, we confess that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities that may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts that may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Third Sunday in Lent

We beseech you, almighty God, look on the heartfelt desires of your servants, and stretch forth the right hand of your power to be our defence against all our enemies; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Almighty God, grant that we, who justly deserve to be punished for our sinful deeds, may in your mercy and kindness be pardoned and restored; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Fifth Sunday in Lent

We beseech you, almighty God, to look in mercy on your people: that by your great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Sixth Sunday in Lent

Almighty and everlasting God, in tender love towards mankind you sent your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, to take our nature upon him and to suffer death on the cross, that all mankind should follow the example of his great humility: grant that we may follow the example of his suffering, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Good Friday

Almighty Father, look graciously upon this your family, for which our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and given up into the hands of wicked men, and to suffer death upon

Morning Prayers for Every Day

This order of prayer may be used individually or in small groups of worshippers. In a group setting, consider creative ways to move through this order of service (e.g., a leader may say the unbold text and the whole group say the bold text, children could say certain parts and adults other parts, etc.).

We are here before our Creator and Father, to bring our thanksgiving, to listen to His Holy Word, and to offer our prayers. Let us prepare ourselves by confessing our sins.

Confession:

Seek the Lord while he may be found,
Call upon Him while he is near.
Turn back to the Lord, who will have mercy on us;
To our God who will freely pardon us.

Silence for confession

**Have mercy on us, O God, according to your loving-kindness;
And in your great compassion forgive us all our offences;
For we have sinned against you,
And done what is evil in your sight.
Purge us from our sin and we shall be pure:
Wash us, and we shall be whiter than snow.
Create in us a clean heart, O God:
And make us true in our innermost being.**

God forgives the sins of all who truly repent. As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our sins from us in Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

Blessed is the Lord,
For he has heard our prayer;
Therefore our hearts dance for joy
And with our mouths we shall thank the Lord.

Thanksgiving:

Venite *Psalm 95:1-7*
Come, let us sing to the Lord;
Let us shout for joy to the Rock of our Salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving
And raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
For the Lord is a great God, And a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth,
And the heights of the hills are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it,
And his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,
And 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.

Jubilate Psalm 100

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth.

Serve the Lord with gladness;

Come before Him with joyful songs.

Know that the Lord is God.

It is he who made us, and we are his;

We are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving

And his courts with praise;

Give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the Lord is good and his love endures for ever;

His faithfulness continues through all generations.

Silence for Thanksgiving

A Litany of Thanksgiving

Leader says

Let us give thanks to God our Father for all his gifts so freely given to us:

For the beauty and wonder of your creation in earth and sky and sea,

We thank you, Lord.

For our daily food and drink, our homes and families,

We thank you, Lord.

For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve,

We thank you, Lord.

For health and strength to work, and free time to rest and play,

We thank you, Lord.

For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and faithful in adversity

We thank you, Lord.

For all who truly seek after truth, liberty, and justice,

We thank you, Lord.

For the communion of saints, in all times and places

We thank you, Lord.

Above all, we give you thanks for everything which we have in Christ Jesus our Lord;

To him be praise and glory, with you, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

1st Sunday after Epiphany

Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that we may perceive and know what things we ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to perform them; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

2nd Sunday after Epiphany

Almighty and everlasting God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and grant us your peace all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look on our infirmities; and in all our dangers and necessities stretch out your right hand to help and defend us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

4th Sunday after Epiphany

Lord God, you know us to be set in the midst of so many great dangers that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: grant us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

5th Sunday after Epiphany

Heavenly Father, keep your household the Church continually in your true religion; that those who lean only on the hope of your heavenly grace may always be defended by your mighty power; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

6th Sunday after Epiphany

Almighty Father, whose blessed Son was revealed so that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that having this hope we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he shall appear again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom, where with you, Father, and with the Holy Spirit, he lives and reigns, one God, for evermore. **Amen.**

Septuagesima

Almighty God, creator of all things and giver of every good and perfect gift, hear with favour the prayers of your people, that we who are justly punished for our offences may mercifully be delivered by your goodness, for the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Saviour, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Septuagesima

Lord God, you know that we cannot put our trust in anything that we do: help us to have faith in you alone, and mercifully defend us by your power against all adversity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Quinquagesima

Lord, you have taught us that whatever we do without love is worth nothing: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that

Collects

Weekly Collects

Advent 1

Almighty God, give us grace that we may cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came among us in great humility; that on the last day, when he comes again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Advent 2

Blessed Lord, you have caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning: grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, encouraged and supported by your holy Word, we may embrace and always hold fast the joyful hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Advent 3

Lord Jesus Christ, at your first coming you sent your messenger to prepare the way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise make ready your way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the ways of the righteous, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Advent 4

Raise up your great power, Lord, and come among us to save us; that, although through our sins we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your plentiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through the sufficiency of your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Christmas Day

Almighty God, you have given us your only Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin: grant that we, being born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

New Year's Day

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was circumcised and for man's sake became obedient to the Law: purify our hearts and all our members, so that we may die to all sinful desires and in all things obey your holy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Epiphany

O God, who by the leading of a star manifested your beloved Son to the gentiles: mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may after this life enjoy the splendour of your glorious Godhead; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Psalm¹

At the end of the psalm

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. **Amen.**

The Reading of Holy Scripture

Leader says Prayer for illumination

Lord God, as we read your Holy Word
Give us the Spirit of wisdom and revelation
So that we may know Christ better.
Open our minds and soften our wills
Until our hearts are still before you;
Speak Lord! Your people are listening. **Amen.**

Bible reading – *reader go slow!*

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 power of 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;
from there 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.**

The Prayers

<i>Leader</i>	Lord, hear our prayer
<i>People</i>	And let our cry come to you.
<i>Leader</i>	Let us pray

¹ If you would like to try singing the Psalms, this is a fantastic resource with lyrics and music:
<http://psalms.seedbed.com/>

The Collects *(use the weekly seasonal collect, or circumstantial collect as appropriate)*

Monday

O Lord, our God, we bend the knee to your Majesty. Together with all of your people we offer you our lives on this new day, give us your grace to love and serve you to the praise of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Tuesday

Almighty and everlasting God, we thank you that you have brought us safely to the beginning of this day. Keep us from falling into sin or running into danger, order us in all we do, and guide us to those things which please you; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Wednesday

Maker of all, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: may we be glad for all your works and serve you with reverence and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Thursday

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 from all assaults of the enemy; that we, surely trusting in your defence, may not fear any power that opposes you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Friday

Almighty Father, whose most dear Son received joy only after he first suffered pain, and entered into glory only after he was first crucified: Mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Saturday

Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to you, so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our will, that we may be wholly yours, totally dedicated unto you; and then use us as you want, to your glory, and the wellbeing of your people; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Time for open intercessions

The Lord's Prayer

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.

our Saviour Christ, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Prayer to be said at Night Before Going to Bed

O Merciful Lord God, heavenly father, whether we sleep or wake, live or die, we are always yours. Therefore, I ask you from the heart, that you would take care and charge of me, and protect me through the darkness, indeed kindle the light of your countenance in my heart, that your godly knowledge may daily increase in me, through a right and pure faith, and that I may always be bound to walk and live after your will and pleasure, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. **Amen.** Into your hands I commend my spirit, you have redeemed me Lord God of truth.

A Prayer to be said by Husbands and Wives at Night Before Going to Bed

[H] O Merciful Lord God, heavenly father, whether we sleep or wake, live or die, we are always yours. [W] Therefore, we ask you from the heart, that you would take care and charge of us, and protect us through the darkness, [H] indeed kindle the light of your countenance in our hearts, that your godly knowledge may daily increase in us, [W] through a right and pure faith, and that we may always be bound to walk and live after your will and pleasure, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. **Amen.** Into your hands we commend our spirits, you have redeemed us Lord God of truth.

A Concluding Prayer of St. John Chrysostom

Lord, you have given us grace to agree in these our prayers, and you have promised that when two or three ask together in your name you will grant their requests. Fulfill now, Lord, our desires and prayers as may be best for us. Grant us, in this life, knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come, life eternal. **Amen.**

A Prayer to be said at the Dinner Table

Merciful father, who delights to give his children good gifts, we thank you for supplying our every need today, and especially for the blessing of this food. We are conscious of those who have much less than us, and pause to thank you for the immense privileges you have granted us in this life, and above all for the blessing and privilege of knowing Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

A Prayer for Families

Almighty God our heavenly Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ shared at Nazareth
the life of an earthly home,
bless our homes we pray.
Help parents to impart the knowledge of you and your love,
and children to respond with love and obedience.
May our homes be blessed with peace and joy,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer to be said by Parents before Children begin Study

Dear God, please grant my child(ren) discernment and wisdom, as they increase in knowledge and understanding; that their discoveries about your world may unite with their discoveries about your Word, and enable them to live for you, and please you in every way, through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

A Short Prayer to be said by Children before they begin their Study

Our heavenly Father, who grants wisdom without measure to all who genuinely ask; would you please increase my knowledge and wisdom today, so that – with your grace – I may also increase my desire to live according to the design of your good creation, for the glory of Jesus Christ. Amen.

A Prayer to be said by Children before they begin their Study

O Blessed Lord, the wellspring of all wisdom and knowledge; since it has pleased you to mercifully provide for me to be taught during this period of my life, so that I might have knowledge to live honestly, to behave in godly ways, and to lead the whole course of my life in your holy service: let it be your pleasure also to illuminate my blindness of understanding, so that it might receive the learning that shall be now taught: refresh my memory, yes imprint it into my remembrance, that I may keep it assuredly: and dispose my heart and frame my will, that I may apply my mind to receive it with such affection and desire, to the end that the happiness that you offer me might not perish through my unthankfulness; and that these things may come to pass, let it stand with your gracious pleasure to pour out your Holy Spirit into my heart, indeed your Spirit of understanding; of truth, judgement, and wisdom: whereby I may become apt to learn, and my teacher may enjoy teaching me: and whatsoever study I apply my mind to, I may bring it to the right end (that is) to glorify you in

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 forever. Amen.

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

Prayers for the Home

A Short Prayer to be said in the Morning

Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, we thank you for bringing us safely to this day. Keep us by your mighty power, and grant that we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but lead and govern us in all things, that we may always do what is righteous in your sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer to be said in the Morning

O Merciful Lord God, heavenly father, I render most high glory, praise, and thanks to you, that you have preserved me both this night, and all the time and days of my life hitherto, under your protection: and that I have been sustained in life until this present hour. And I ask you from the heart, that you would receive me this day, and for the rest of my whole life from henceforth, into the ruling and governing of your Holy Spirit: that all manner of darkness of unbelief, infidelity, and of fleshly lusts and affections, may be utterly chased and drive out of my heart: and that I may be justified and saved both body and soul through right and living faith: and so walk in the light of your most godly truth, to your glory and praise, and to the profit and furtherance of my neighbours, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer for Husbands and Wives to be said in the Morning

Our heavenly Father, who knows us better than we know ourselves:
Search us, O God, and know our hearts; test us and know our anxious thoughts.
Glorious Jesus Christ, who for us and our salvation died and rose again:
Rule us, O God, that your beauty and that of your bride might be seen through us today.
O Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who works in us both rebirth and renewal:
Breathe on us, O God, and incline our hearts to keep the law of Christ,
in whose name we pray, **Amen.**

A General Prayer of Confession for the Morning

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 offended, against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done: we have done those things which we ought not to have done: and there is no health in us: but you, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare us, O God, who confess our faults. Restore us who are penitent, according to your promises, declared to mankind, in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful father, for his sake, that we may here live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of your holy Name. Amen

A Short Prayer while Making Coffee or Tea

Our heavenly Father, the Maker of Heaven and Earth; I receive with gratitude this gift of your creation, and ask that you would mercifully use it to strengthen my faith and grow my knowledge of the truth today, in the name of Christ, Amen.

A General Prayer for Thanksgiving

Gracious God,
we humbly thank you
for all your gifts so freely given to us,
for life and health and safety,
for power to work, leisure to rest,
and for all that is beautiful in creation and human life.
But, above all, we praise you
for our Saviour Jesus Christ,
for his death and resurrection,
for the gift of your Spirit,
and for the hope of sharing in your glory.
Fill our hearts with all joy and peace in believing;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer to be said at the Breakfast Table

Almighty God, the mighty creator of all things, and provider of our every need; even as we hunger for the meal you have given us now, would you also deepen our hunger for your Word, that today, we may continue to love you and our neighbour, in Jesus' name. Amen.

A Prayer for Leisure Time

Our father, by whose creativity and wisdom, made this entire universe, and who made us in your image to enjoy the beauty of this world and recreation within its bounds. We praise you for health, and strength, and leisure, and we ask that all our play and fun would be done to your praise and delight, in the name of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer for Rest Time

Dear heavenly father, who knows what we need even before we ask it; through your bountiful grace and kindness, please grant much needed rest and recuperation, to us and to those we love, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord of the Sabbath. Amen.

A Prayer for Parents During a Difficult Day

My heavenly father, who knows the difficulties, stresses, and pressures of life under the sun and this side of our heavenly home: please grant grace; extra grace which will be sufficient for my needs, so that I might live for you and follow in the footsteps of Christ who endured and persevered for my sake. Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy.