

FORMS OF PRAYER  
TO BE USED IN FAMILIES



¶ It is solemnly enjoined upon all Communicants of this Church, who are Heads of Families, that they daily assemble their households, and, after the reading of a portion of God's Word, unite with them in Prayer, extemporaneous or otherwise.

*Morning Prayer*

**O**UR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

¶ Here may follow the Collect for the Day.

**A**LMIGHTY and everlasting God, in whom we live, and move, and have our being; We, thy needy creatures, render thee our humble praises, for thy preservation of us from the beginning of our lives to this day; and especially for having delivered us from the dangers of the past night. For these thy mercies, we bless and magnify thy glorious Name; humbly beseeching thee to accept this our morning sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; for his sake who lay down in the grave, and rose again for us, thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

**A**ND, since it is of thy mercy, O gracious Father, that another day is added to our lives; We here dedicate both our souls and our bodies to thee and thy service, in a sober, righteous, and godly life: In which resolution, do thou, O merciful God, confirm and strengthen us; that, as we grow in age, we may grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our LORD and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

**B**UT, O God, who knowest the weakness and corruption of our nature, and the manifold temptations with which we daily meet; We humbly beseech thee to have compassion on our infirmities, and to give us the constant assistance of thy Holy Spirit; that we may be effectually restrained from sin, and incited to our duty. Imprint upon our hearts such a dread of thy judgments, and such a grateful sense of thy goodness to us, as may make us both afraid and ashamed to offend thee. And, above all, keep in our minds a lively remembrance of that great Day, in which we must be made manifest before the Judgment Seat of Christ, that we every one may receive the things done in the body, according to what we have done, and when, as believers in Christ, either our works shall abide, and we shall be rewarded, or else they shall be burned, and we shall suffer loss. And this we ask for Jesus' sake. *Amen.*

**I**N particular, we implore thy grace and protection for the ensuing day. May we appreciate the fact, that being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our LORD Jesus

Christ; and that by him we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. Let the joy of the LORD be in us, and let our joy be full. May the God of all hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, that we may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost. And so keep us temperate in all things, and diligent in our several callings. Grant us patience under our afflictions; give us grace to be just and upright in all our dealings; quiet and peaceable; full of compassion; and ready to do good to all men, according to our abilities and opportunities. Direct us in all our ways; defend us from all dangers and adversities; and be graciously pleased to take us, and all who are dear to us, under thy fatherly care and protection. These things, and whatever else thou shalt see to be necessary and convenient for us, we humbly beg through the merits and mediation of thy Son Jesus Christ, our LORD and Saviour. *Amen.*

**T**HE grace of our LORD Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*



### Evening Prayer

**O**UR Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass

against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

¶ Here may follow the Collect for the Day.

**M**OST merciful God, who art of purer eyes than to behold iniquity, and hast promised forgiveness to all those who confess and forsake their sins; We come before thee in an humble sense of our own unworthiness, acknowledging our manifold failures and sins. But, O gracious Father, who hast taught us that the blood of Jesus Christ thy Son cleanseth from all sin; and that if we, thy children by faith in Jesus Christ, confess our sins, thou art faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness; forgive us now, we beseech thee, all our sins. Make us deeply sensible of the great evil of them; and work in us an hearty contrition; for the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, our only Saviour and Redeemer. *Amen.*

**A**ND lest, through our own frailty, or the temptations which encompass us, we be drawn again into sin, vouchsafe us, we beseech thee, the direction and assistance of thy Holy Spirit. May he reveal Christ in us more and more, and make us followers of God as dear children. Let the love of Christ constrain us, that we may live not unto ourselves, but unto him who loved us and gave himself for us. And so reform whatever is amiss in the temper and disposition of our souls that no unclean thoughts, unlawful designs, or inordinate de-

sires, may rest there. Purge our hearts from envy, hatred, and malice: that we may never suffer the sun to go down upon our wrath; but may always go to our rest in peace, charity, and good-will, with a conscience void of offence towards thee, and towards men: That so we may be preserved pure and blameless, unto the coming of our LORD and Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

**A**ND accept, O LORD, our intercessions for all mankind. Let the light of thy Gospel shine upon all nations; and may as many as have received it live as becomes it. Be gracious unto thy Church; and grant that every member of the same, in his vocation and ministry, may serve thee faithfully. Bless all in authority over us: and so rule their hearts and strengthen their hands, that they may punish wickedness and vice, and maintain thy true religion and virtue. Send down thy blessings, temporal and spiritual, upon all our relations, friends, and neighbors. Reward all who have done us good, and pardon all those who have done or wish us evil, and give them repentance and better minds. Be merciful to all who are in any trouble; and do thou, the God of pity, administer to them according to their several necessities; for his sake who went about doing good, thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

**T**O our prayers, O LORD, we join our unfeigned thanks for all thy mercies: for our being, our reason, and all other endowments and faculties of soul and body; for our health,

friends, food, and raiment, and all the other comforts and conveniences of life. Above all, we adore thy mercy in sending thy only Son into the world, to redeem us from sin and eternal death, and in giving us the knowledge and sense of our duty towards thee. We bless thee for thy patience with us, notwithstanding our many and great provocations; for all the directions, assistances, and comforts of thy Holy Spirit; for thy continual care and watchful providence over us through the whole course of our lives; and particularly for the mercies and benefits of the past day; beseeching thee to continue these thy blessings to us; and to give us grace to show our thankfulness in a sincere obedience to him, through whose merits and intercession we received them all, thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

**I**N particular, we beseech thee to continue thy gracious protection to us this night. Defend us from all dangers and mischiefs, and from the fear of them; that we may enjoy such refreshing sleep as may fit us for the duties of the coming day; And grant us grace always to live in such a state, that we may never be afraid to die: so that, living and dying, we may be thine, through the merits and satisfaction of thy Son Christ Jesus, in whose Name we offer up our imperfect prayers. *Amen.*

**T**HE grace of our LORD Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

