



MORNING PRAYER FROM PENTECOST THROUGH ORDINARY TIME TO HARVEST

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PRAYERS IN PENTECOST

GATHERING

God's love has been poured into our hearts: Through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

The Lord be with you:

And also with you.

As we rejoice in the gift of this day:
So may the light of your presence, O God,
set our hearts on fire with love for you.

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

BIBLE READING

REFLECTION

CANTICLE: A SONG OF HOPE

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good tidings to the afflicted.

The Lord has sent me to bind up the broken-hearted: to proclaim liberty for the captives, and release for those in prison.

To comfort all who mourn, to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning,

A garment of splendour for the heavy heart. They shall be called trees of Righteousness planted for the glory of the Lord.

A TIME OF PRAYER

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Giver of life and love, we thank you that you invigorate and renew us.

Living in the unity of the Spirit, may we boldly use your gifts to continue your work in the world.

God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but a spirit of power, and of love, and of self-discipline.

May we rekindle the gift of God within us,

O God, stir up within us the gift of the Spirit,

that we may confess Jesus Christ as Lord,

and proclaim the joy of the everlasting gospel wherever we may be.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. **Amen.**

PENTECOST PRAYERS FROM CAFOD

Come, Holy Spirit, come.
Come, Lord, and take over my life.
You are true love, love divine.

Flowing and glowing,
brightness in my darkness,
power in my weakness,
peace in my troubled life.

What beauty and purity,
sweet fragrance and harmony
what splendour and wonder,
such joy and glory, Lord.

You are true love, divine Lord,
come and take possession of my soul.
Come, Holy Spirit, come.
Amen.

Bible Reading

A Time of Prayer

Whirlwind Spirit

Whirlwind Spirit of God,
Roar through our timidities and fears,
Shake the foundations of our ill-placed securities,
Sweep away the cobwebs of our apathy,
Blow down the walls that separate us, one from another.

Then into all our empty spaces, breathe,
re-strengthened courage to challenge injustice,
renewed belief in the urgency of our vocation,
revitalised passion to change our lifestyles,
re-dedication to speak only words that build and unite.

Let gentle breeze and still small voice,
become in us today,
a mighty wind and loud proclamation.

Make of us a Pentecost people!

Amen.

Spirit of Pentecost

Spirit of God

Enlighten our hearts and minds,
that we may see the faces of our sisters and brothers
whose labour provides us with the food we eat,
the clothes we wear and the computers, phones and washing machines we use.

Spirit of God come to us.

Spirit of God,

Embolden us to speak out,
on behalf of those who suffer injustice,
so that they may enjoy the fruits of their labour
and have enough to feed, clothe, nurse, and educate their families.

Spirit of God come to us.

Closing Prayer

Spirit of God

Through the witness of our lives,
standing in solidarity with all peoples,
may we spread the warmth of your love,
the light of your wisdom, and the fire of your justice,
so that all may live in peace and security.

Amen

PENTECOST DAILY PRAYER

Fifty days after Jesus' resurrection the Church celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit. In Celtic Christian tradition there follows a forty-day period of 'walking in the Spirit' during which these worship patterns are used.

Opening prayer

Creator Spirit, come, fresh as the morning dew.
Inflaming Spirit, come, kindle our hearts anew.

A Song of the Spirit

I will gather you from the nations,
I will sprinkle pure water upon you and cleanse you
from all that defiles, I will put a new spirit within you,
and you shall be my people.

We will be your people.

A new heart I will give you
I will remove your heart of stone
and give you a heart of flesh,
I will put a new spirit within you,
and you shall be my people.

We will be your people.

You shall be my people and I shall be your God.
Glory to the Source, Creator,
Redeemer and overflowing Spirit.
Come, Spirit, come.

Bible Reading(s)

Reflection

Spirit of the quiet earth,
Spirit breathing hope to birth,
bring forth in us the fruit of love.

**Spirit, kindle flame that darts,
Spirit, waken song in hearts.**

Spirit blowing through creation,

inspiring deeds for proclamation,
bring forth in us the fruit of life.

**Spirit, kindle flame that darts,
Spirit, waken song in hearts.**

Spirit tearing down our walls,
be the One who speaks and calls,
bring forth in us the fruit of faith.

**Spirit, kindle flame that darts,
Spirit, waken song in hearts.**

Spirit of love, **light us up**
Flame of truth, **light us up.**
Flame of seeing, **light us up.**

God of the call, God of the journey,
you have anointed your servants,
from the Day of Pentecost until now.
Anoint us as you will for the ministries you will.
Here we wait, alert and open,
praying that you will come to us.

A Time of Prayer

Strength-giver may your fibre grow in us.
Fortifier may your praises swell in us.
Indweller, may your presence dwell in us.
O Spirit, be free in us, let us not bind you through fear
of where your disturbing power will lead.
Burst through this brittle shell,
shake us to the foundations, strip us to the core
which is our essence and your love.

Blessing

The blessing of the perfect Spirit be ours, the blessing of the Three be pouring on us,
graciously and generously, hour by hour. **Amen.**

Pentecost Daily Prayers from www.stpeterdebeauvoir.org.uk

Common Worship Daily Prayer for Pentecost

Preparation

O Lord, open our lips.
and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us,
and clothe us with power from on high.

Alleluia. Blessed are you, creator God,
to you be praise and glory for ever.
As your Spirit moved over the face of the waters,
bringing light and life to your creation,
pour out your Spirit on us today,
that we may walk as children of light,
and by your grace reveal your presence.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit
Blessed be God for ever.

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day
so may the light of your presence, O God
set our hearts on fire with love for you;
now and for ever, **Amen.**

God of Jacob when the earth shakes
and the nations are in uproar.
speak, and let the storm be still;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

The Spirit of God fills the whole world. **Alleluia.**

I will take you from the nations,
and gather you from all the countries.

**I will sprinkle clean water upon you,
and you shall be clean from all your uncleanness.**

A new heart I will give you,
and put a new spirit within you,

**And I will remove from your body the heart of stone
and give you a heart of flesh.**

You shall be my people, and I will be your God.

Ezekiel 36.24-26,28b

Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.

He gives power to the faint and strengthens the powerless.

Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted;

**but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.**

Isaiah 40.28-end

Bible Reading

Reflection

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people.

and kindle in us the fire of your love,

being led by the Spirit of God.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people.

Renew the face of your creation, Lord,

pouring on us the gifts of your Spirit,

and kindle in us the fire of your love

being led by the Spirit of God.

For the creation waits with eager longing

For the glorious liberty of the children of God.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people

and kindle in us the fire of your love.

O God the King of glory,

you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us,
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ
is gone before,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Time of Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Being made one in the Spirit, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray.

**Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be your name,
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day 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 for ever. Amen.**

Conclusion

May the Spirit kindle in us
the fire of God's love.

Amen.

Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

PRAYERS CELEBRATING FRIENDSHIP

May God befriend us

In the excitement of new meeting,
MAY GOD BEFRIEND US WITH HOPE.

In the loyalty of companionship,
MAY GOD BEFRIEND US WITH TRUST.

In the grief of missing loved ones,
MAY GOD BEFRIEND US WITH COMFORT.

In the wonder of friendship,
MAY GOD BEFRIEND US WITH JOY.

The hidden gift

Holy Friend of all creation,
we praise you for the hidden gift of friendship,
often invisible or taken for granted,
overlooked in the social labels we use:
the daily bread of our living,
the salt that gives seasoning,
the water of our tears;
a treasure hidden in a field
but precious above rubies

A celebration of friendship

For the friends who walk the way with us,
looking for signposts and helping us over obstacles,
marking the milestones on our journey
WE GIVE THANKS TO THE GOD OF FRIENDSHIP.

For the friends we take for granted:
a steady presence to lean on,
a hand outstretched in our need:
WE GIVE THANKS TO THE GOD OF FRIENDSHIP.

For the friends who play with us
lifting our spirits with humour and fun,
sparking off our imagination and dreams:
WE GIVE THANKS TO THE GOD OF FRIENDSHIP.

For the friends who work alongside us

in the companionship of shared tasks,
building our hopes and plans together:
WE GIVE THANKS TO THE GOD OF FRIENDSHIP.

For the friends who cry with us,
holding us when we are hurting
and embracing us with tender care:
WE GIVE THANKS TO THE GOD OF FRIENDSHIP.

For the friends who break bread with us,
sharing food and conversation,
putting the world to rights and laughing with us:
WE GIVE THANKS TO THE GOD OF FRIENDSHIP.

For the friends who dream with us,
praying and longing together for justice
and working for a vision of new humanity:
WE GIVE THANKS TO THE GOD OF FRIENDSHIP.

BIBLE READING

REFLECTION

To those who are cut off from friends
because they suffer illness or disability
which makes social interaction difficult,
or because unemployment has severed
the daily routine of working with colleagues:
GOD, COMPANION OF ALL, OFFER THE HAND OF FRIENDSHIP.

To those who nurture friendship in unlikely places,
finding support and community
in hospital wards or prison blocks
or deprived areas where the shared struggle
helps community to survive:
GOD, COMPANION OF ALL, OFFER THE HAND OF FRIENDSHIP.

To those who are separated from friends,
where distance has cut former ties,
where work or new relationships cause isolation;
for those moving to new areas,
needing to make connections and build networks:

GOD, COMPANION OF ALL, OFFER THE HAND OF FRIENDSHIP.

To those making friendships during diversity,
crossing barriers of race or culture, class, or age,
finding connections and common ground
that increase understanding and empathy,
and discovering differences that enrich their sharing:

GOD, COMPANION OF ALL, OFFER THE HAND OF FRIENDSHIP.

To those whose friends have turned away,
forgetting to visit or failing to keep in touch
in the stress and pressure of daily life;
or rejecting them because of their way of life,
turning friendship to condemnation and betrayal:

GOD, COMPANION OF ALL, OFFER THE HAND OF FRIENDSHIP.

For those in a church seeking to offer friendship,
looking beyond the familiar group and language
to welcome and befriend the stranger:

GOD, COMPANION OF ALL, OFFER THE HAND OF FRIENDSHIP.

A time of Prayer

A closing blessing

May the blessing of God,
who plays alongside you in creation,
walks with you on your journey,
and inspires you with dreams for the future,
accompany you in love and friendship,
and welcome you home in joy. **AMEN.**

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Prayers for Our World

Opening responses:

Before God, who loves us with great compassion,
We come with our sorrows.

For the damage to this planet,
We are weeping, Creator God.

For the unequal consequences for the poor,
We are weeping, shepherding God.

For the refugees fleeing war and injustice,
We are weeping, travelling God.

For children alone, abducted or astray,
We are weeping, Mothering God.

For the denials and fears within us,
We are weeping, Holy God.

Loving God, take away the fears that freeze us,
and give us the courage to live your compassionate justice.

Bible Reading

Reflection

When it comes to addressing the environmental damage we are inflicting on the planet, many of us freeze, feeling powerless in the face of the enormity of it all, or deny the problem, or take a tiny action, hoping that it will do.

We Will Tread the Earth Lightly.

The value of lamentation is that it can unfreeze us, and lead to action. Lamenting, well-recognised in the Psalms, allows us to grieve together and offer our sorrows to God. Lamenting so often gets left out of our worship, but it is as powerful as praise, and necessary for our souls to grow. So, in this prayer we will lament together, and speak out our sorrow, trusting that God will lighten the path for change.

We will tread the earth lightly.

Lament and Confession:

We lament the damage done to God's world and the poverty of our international relationships.

We offer our sorrow for forgiveness and healing.

Walk beside us as we live with the evidence that the earth is under threat. Share our pain for the way we have avoided the truth and ignored the signs.

And free us from the guilt that binds us.

Walk beside us as we risk the consequences of challenge.

Share our pain for what has been done in selfishness and blindness.

And free us from the guilt that binds us.

Walk beside us as we speak for justice and struggle with change. Share our pain for what has not been done through fear and weakness.

And free us from the guilt that binds us.

Walk beside us as we own our human failure. Share our pain for what has been done in foolishness and ignorance.

And free us from the guilt that binds us.

The forgiveness of Jesus be yours; the strength of the Creator be yours; and the Spirit inspire us.

A Time of Prayer

Closing Prayer

Creator God, with the whole church, we affirm that we are made in God's image, befriended by Christ, empowered by the Spirit.

With people everywhere, we affirm God's goodness at the heart of humanity, planted more deeply than all that is wrong.

With all creation, we celebrate the miracle and wonder of life, the unfolding purposes of God, forever at work in ourselves and the world. **Amen**

Prayers to Love and Serve the World.

With reference to St. Columba, whose day of celebration is the 9th of June.

Call to worship:

Breath of God,
Breath of life,
Breath of deepest yearning

Come, Holy Spirit.

Comforter, Disturber,
Interpreter, Enthuser,

Come, Holy Spirit.

Heavenly Friend,
Lamp-lighter,
revealer of truth,
Midwife of change,

Come, Holy Spirit.

The Lord is here

God's Spirit is with us

Prayer of Approach:

The ever-changing sea, the strong hills, the life-giving air,
the interplay of shadow and sunshine and stars
all announce a Creator's goodness.

Praise to you, O God.

In the craftworker's skill, the designer's ideas,
the insight of artist and writer and musician,
the impatience of the prophet and the patience of the carer,
you have called human beings to partnership in creation.

Praise to you, O God.

Your living Word, carried across the earth by apostle,
saint and martyr, came to our shores with men and women
who, in their common life of work and prayer,
tested the gospel promise and found its truth.
Centuries on, we gather, proof that their seed landed in fertile soil.

Praise to you, O God.

Creator God, you turned Columba from the sound of conflict,
to become a bearer of the gospel of peace,
putting in his mouth the song of the Trinity.
Grant us that same courage, faith, and cheerfulness
that we may recognise our place in the gospel story and live it in our lives.

Amen

We, being many, are one in Christ.
We will celebrate the wholeness of our life together.
Where it is fractured, we will work for reconciliation.
Where it is diminished, we will strive for its fullness.

So, God help us now and always.

Bible Reading

Reflection

Prayers of thanksgiving and intercession:

Creator God, we give thanks
that those who brought the gospel to these lands,
and whose cells and abbeys were close to wind and sea and soil,
heard the Spirit of God in the freshening leaves and the rush of water.
So, we pray for the creation which nourishes and sustains all that lives.
Renew in us the sense of its value,
that we may not squander its riches,
or so bend it to our will that we find we have destroyed it.

O Lord, hear us and help us.

Understanding God,
we give thanks for the place given to learning,
in the communities of work and prayer
from which the gospel spilled into our land,
the knowledge of scripture,
of medicine and healing,
and the schooling of the young.
So, we pray for honesty and openness in learning,
clarity and truthfulness in communication
and a respectful and enquiring spirit as we discover more about the world and its peoples.

O Lord, hear us and help us.

Reconciling God,

we give thanks for the earliest disciples in these lands,
who sought in community the way of generosity,
who confronted warring powers, challenged injustice,
and offered the peace of Jesus Christ to all they met.
So, we pray for a society that deals justly with all its members,
especially the most vulnerable ones, and for all who labour in councils and committees,
who ask questions and write letters, to Love and Serve the World,
and work for communities in which all may live in peace,
and a world in which all are valued.

O Lord, hear us and help us.

Joyful God,
we give thanks for those whose days and nights were shaped by prayer,
and whose utterances were rich in the words of the Psalms.
So, we pray for the stirrings of the Holy Spirit, within us and amongst us,
that we may live our lives in intimacy and kindness,
and know the companionship of Jesus beside us.

O Lord, hear us and help us.

Nurturing God,
we give thanks for the love of beauty and gifted imagination of those
who brought us the gospel, as they decorated the scriptures,
worked in metal and stone and made melodies to delight the heart.
So, we pray for the valuing of the imagination and the encouragement
of creative gifts, even when we find them in unlikely places.

O Lord hear us and help us.

Spirit of the living God,
you breathe in us, on all that is inadequate and fragile.
You make living water spring even from our hurts and fears.
Through you, the valley of fears becomes a place of wellsprings.
So, in an inner life with neither beginning nor end,
your continual presence makes new freshness break through.

We thank you, listening and loving God.

A time of open prayer

Lord of every human heart,
I ask you to speak to my heart,
to my mind: to my imagination.
Help me to know that we are all different,
and also, all connected. Enlarge my awareness.
Free me from prejudice. Allow me to possess a mellow soul.

And in opening my heart to you,
may I also celebrate our shared human diversity,
in all of its beauty, surprise, and promise.

The Gaelic Rune of Hospitality

We saw a stranger yesterday,
we put food in the eating place,
drink in the drinking place,
music in the listening place,
and, with the sacred name of
the triune God, he blessed us,
and our house, our cattle
and our dear ones.

Living God,
bless us as together we go out,
empowered by our longing,
strengthened by our solidarity,
humbled by our need to love and serve the world.

Amen

Wild Goose Worship

Morning Prayer from the Northumbria community (1)

Opening sentences

One thing I have asked of the Lord,
this is what I seek:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life;
to behold the beauty of the Lord
and to seek Him in His temple.

Call: Who is it that you seek?

***Response:* We seek the Lord our God.**

Call: Do you seek Him with all your heart?

***Response:* Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

Call: Do you seek Him with all your soul?

***Response:* Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

Call: Do you seek Him with all your mind?

***Response:* Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

Call: Do you seek Him with all your strength?

***Response:* Amen. Christ, have mercy.**

Declaration of faith

To whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life,
and we have believed and have come to know
that You are the Holy One of God.
Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ,
King of endless glory.

Bible Reading

Reflection/Meditation

Prayers for others

Canticle

Christ, as a light
illumine and guide me.
Christ, as a shield

overshadow me.
Christ under me;
Christ over me;
Christ beside me
on my left and my right.
This day be within and without me,
lowly and meek, yet all-powerful.
Be in the heart of each to whom I speak;
in the mouth of each who speaks unto me.
This day be within and without me,
lowly and meek, yet all-powerful.
Christ as a light;
Christ as a shield;
Christ beside me
on my left and my right.

Blessing

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you,
wherever He may send you.
May He guide you through the wilderness,
protect you through the storm.
May He bring you home rejoicing
at the wonders He has shown you.
May He bring you home rejoicing
once again into our doors.

+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

'Taken from [Morning/Midday/Evening] Prayer from Northumbria Community's Celtic Daily Prayer published by Collins.'

**Wild Goose Worship – A Wee Worship Book
Morning Liturgy A**

Call to worship

In the beginning
before time, before people,
before the world began
God was.

Here and now
among us, beside us
enlisting the people of earth
for the purposes of heaven
God is.

In the future
when we have turned to dust
and all we know has found its fulfilment.
God will be.

Not denying the world but delighting in it
not condemning the world, but redeeming it
through Jesus Christ
by the power of the Holy Spirit

God was.
God is.
God will be.

Prayer

Let us pray.

In you, gracious God
the widowed find a carer.
the orphaned find a parent.
the fearful find a friend.

In you,
the wounded find a healer.
the penitent finds a pardoner.

the burdened find a counsellor.

In you,
the miserly find a beggar,
the despondent find a laughter-maker.
the legalists find a rule breaker.

In you, Jesus Christ
we meet our Maker.
and our match.

And if some need to say 'help me'
and if some need to say 'save me'
and if some need to say 'hold me'
and if some need to say 'forgive me'
then let these be said now.
in confidence
by us.

silence

O Christ
in whose heart is both welcome and warning
say to us,
do to us.
reveal within us.
the things that will make us whole.

And we will wait.
and we will praise you,
Amen

Bible Reading

Hear the Word of God
Our ears are open.

A reading from...

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Reflection

Prayers

Closing Response

For all that God can do within us
for all that God can do without us

Thanks be to God.

For all in whom Christ lived before us
For all in whom Christ lives beside us
For all in whom Christ lives beside us

Thanks be to God.

For all the Spirit wants to bring us,
for where the Spirit wants to send us

Thanks be to God.

Listen

Christ has promised to be with us
in the world as in our worship

Amen

We go to serve him.

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Morning Prayer from the Northumbria Community (2)

+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Opening sentences

One thing I have asked of the Lord,
this is what I seek:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life;
to behold the beauty of the Lord
and to seek Him in His temple.

Call: Who is it that you seek?

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***Response:* Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

Call: Do you seek Him with all your soul?

***Response:* Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

Call: Do you seek Him with all your mind?

***Response:* Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

Call: Do you seek Him with all your strength?

***Response:* Amen. Christ, have mercy.**

Declaration of faith

To whom shall we go?

**You have the words of eternal life,
and we have believed and have come to know
that You are the Holy One of God.**

**Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ,
King of endless glory.**

Scripture Reading(s)

Today's Meditation

Prayers for others

Canticle

Christ, as a light
illumine and guide me.

Christ, as a shield
overshadow me.
Christ under me;
Christ over me;
Christ beside me
on my left and my right.
This day be within and without me,
lowly and meek, yet all-powerful.
Be in the heart of each to whom I speak;
in the mouth of each who speaks unto me.
This day be within and without me,
lowly and meek, yet all-powerful.
Christ as a light;
Christ as a shield;
Christ beside me
on my left and my right.

Blessing

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you,
wherever He may send you.
May He guide you through the wilderness,
protect you through the storm.
May He bring you home rejoicing
at the wonders He has shown you.
May He bring you home rejoicing
once again into our doors.
In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

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Morning prayer for God's Kingdom

Preparation

O Lord, open our lips.
and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us,
and clothe us with power from on high. Alleluia.

Blessed are you, creator God,
to you be praise and glory for ever.
As your Spirit moved over the face of the waters,
bringing light and life to your creation,
pour out your Spirit on us today.
that we may walk as children of light
and by your grace reveal your presence.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever.

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us.
let us pray with one heart and mind.
Silence is kept.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
so may the light of your presence, O God,
set our hearts on fire with love for you;
now and for ever.
Amen.

A psalm is read.

God of Jacob,
when the earth shakes and the nations are in uproar,
speak, and let the storm be still;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

A reading from the bible

Canticle

The Spirit of God fills the whole world. Alleluia.

I will take you from the nations,
and gather you from all the countries.
I will sprinkle clean water upon you,
and you shall be clean from all your uncleanness.
A new heart I will give you,
and put a new spirit within you,
And I will remove from your body the heart of stone,
and give you a heart of flesh.
You shall be my people,
and I will be your God.
(Ezekiel 36.24-26,28b)

Glory to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning is now

and shall be for ever. Amen.

The Spirit of God fills the whole world. Alleluia.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people.

and kindle in us the fire of your love.

All who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God
and fellow heirs with Christ.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people.

Renew the face of your creation, Lord,

pouring on us the gifts of your Spirit,

and kindle in us the fire of your love.

For the creation waits with eager longing,

for the glorious liberty of the children of God.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people

and kindle in us the fire of your love.

A time of prayer

Concluding prayer

Almighty God,
your ascended Son has sent us into the world
to preach the good news of your kingdom:

inspire us with your Spirit.
and fill our hearts with the fire of your love,
that all who hear your Word may be drawn to you,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

PRAYERS FOR UNCERTAIN TIMES

In the midst of whatever follows, O Lord,
let me meet your mercies anew,
and anew, and anew.

Let my hope always be in you.

In the midst of my dismay,
fix my eyes again and again
upon your eternal promises.

Let my hope always be in you.

How this ends—that is up to you.
If the next news is favourable,
I will praise you for the ongoing gift of life.

Let my hope always be in you.

If tomorrow's tidings are worse,
still will I proclaim your goodness,
my heart anchored ever more firmly
in the eternal joys you have set before me.

I praise you for your presence.

And when, whether days or decades from now,
you finally bid me rise and follow you
across the last valley,
I will rejoice in your faithfulness even there.

My trust is in you.

Especially there—praying Thy will be done,
and trusting by faith that it will be done.
That it is being done. Even now.

Give peace to my heart and soul.

A Bible Reading.

A Time of Prayer

Doubts come and go,
You are sure and steadfast.

Weariness overcomes us,

You are sure and steadfast.

When we cannot feel your presence,
You are sure and steadfast.

When we are hurt, angry and lost,
You are sure and steadfast.

Concluding prayer

Even in this disquiet
I am utterly yours, O Christ.
In the midst of this uncertainty,
I abandon myself again to you,
the author and the object of all my truest hopes.
Amen.

Liturgy taken from www.gccprovidence.com

EVENING PRAYER FROM THE SCOTTISH EPISCOPALIAN CHURCH

O God, make speed to save us;
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever.
Amen.

PSALMODY

With you is the well of life, **and in your light, we see light.**

Opening (from Psalm 36)

- 1 Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens,
and your faithfulness to the clouds.
- 2 Your righteousness is like the strong mountains,
your justice like the great deep;
you save both man and beast, O Lord.
- 3 How priceless is your love, O God!
your people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.
- 4 They feast upon the abundance of your house;
you give them drink from the river of your delights

Psalm 133

- 1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is,
when brethren live together in unity!

- 2 It is like fine oil upon the head
that runs down upon the beard,

- 3 Upon the beard of Aaron,
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

- 4 It is like the dew of Hermon
that falls upon the hills of Zion.

- 5 For there the Lord has ordained the blessing:
life for evermore.

Creator of the universe, from whom all things come, to whom all things return, give your people such unity of heart and mind, that all the world may grow in the life of your eternal kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Psalm 134

1 Behold now, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord,
you that stand by night in the house of the Lord.

2 Lift up your hands in the holy place and bless the Lord;
the Lord who made heaven and earth bless you out of Zion.

God our creator and redeemer, give us grateful hearts and willing hands, that we may worthily praise your name and build your kingdom among all people, to the glory of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.

A READING FROM THE BIBLE

Response Psalm 30.1

I will exalt you, O Lord, for you have lifted me up; alleluia, alleluia

I will exalt you, O Lord, for you have lifted me up; alleluia, alleluia

You have not let my enemies' triumph over me.

Alleluia, alleluia.

PRAYERS

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.

Do not bring us to the time of trial,

but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power,

and the glory are yours,

now and for ever. Amen.

Collect

O God,

who alone can bring harmony to the minds of your faithful people:

give us grace to love the things you command,

and to desire the things you promise;
that, amid the uncertain changes of this world,
our hearts may be firmly fixed where true joys are to be found;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

Lord God almighty, come and dispel the darkness from our hearts, that in the radiance of your brightness we may know you, the only unfading light, glorious in all eternity.

Amen.

Let us bless the Lord:

Thanks be to God!

The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing:

through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

PRAYERS FOR DISCIPLESHIP

Your light is the only light I need,
as I travel through life's mystery .
Your word the only voice I hear,
that still small voice that leads me
to the place where I should be.
Your presence is the only company I need,
as I walk this narrow road.
Your fellowship the warmth I crave,
to help me on my way.

Help us as we journey on in discipleship.

Our walk with God
is never a lonely walk,
it is a family occasion,
if taken in the company
of God's children.
If we lag,
there are those who will turn
and offer words of encouragement,
hold out a hand and offer assistance
over stiles and other obstacles,
share refreshment,
help us from our knees
when we stumble.**Help us as we journey on in discipleship.**

Our walk with God
is never a lonely walk,
it is a joyful experience
as along the path others join us,
attracted by the company
of God's children,
singing the same songs of praise
that angels sing,
following a path
worn down by tears and joy
and sacrifice.

Our walk with God
is never a lonely walk,
for he walks with us,
on a track that leads
to a glorious
destination.

Help us as we journey on in discipleship.

How often when weary
do we sigh 'The spirit is willing,
but the body is weak.'

How often when in prayer
are thoughts distracted by
sounds or circumstance,
or prayers diverted
by trivial concerns.

Baggage carried with us
rather than left at your feet.

Help us as we journey on in discipleship.

A Reading from the Bible

Reflection

If we had a fraction of the faith in you that you have in us
then this world would be transformed, Lord.

If we showed a fraction of the love that you show to us
then this world would be transformed, Lord.

If we possessed a fraction of the patience that you display with us
then this world would be transformed, Lord.

If we shared just a portion of the blessings that we have received from you
then this world would be transformed, Lord.

If we showed as much trust in others as you have shown in us
then this world would be transformed, Lord.

If we claimed just a fraction of the power you promised to your Church,
then this world would be transformed, Lord.

Transform us first, Lord, that we might transform this world
through your love and your power.

A Time of Prayer

Conclusion

This world I live in,
this town I live in,
this street I live in,
this house I live in,
may each be the focus of my prayer.

Those I live with,
those I rub shoulders with,

those I work with,
those I don't get on with,
may each be the focus of my prayer.

Those who laugh,
those who cry,
those who hurt,
those who hide,
may each be the focus of my prayer.

Prayers centred less on self
and more on others,
less on my circumstances,
more on the needs of others.
May my life be likewise centred
less on self and more on You,
and through You to the world,
in which I live and move.
Amen.

SUMMER PRAYERS

The warmth of the sun's embrace,
the gentle breeze swept in by incoming tide,
the rhythm of seasons,
of new birth,
death and recreation.

All these speak so clearly of your love,

Your power
and your beauty.
All are expressions of your creativity,
and more importantly of yourself.
As an artist might share his personality
within each brushstroke,
so within the myriad colours of a butterfly's wing
you share the exuberance of your love.

That we can glimpse you within creation
is a beautiful thought,
but also tells us that you desire to be seen,
to be found and known.

**Open our eyes, Lord,
as we walk through this world,
feel the wind and sunshine,
see the majesty of creation
unfolding before our eyes.
Help us to see you.**

A READING FROM THE BIBLE

REFLECTION

Under the warmth
of the summer sun
the world awakes and blossoms
into every imaginable colour.
You created a garden for us to enjoy,
and within it planted
the most magical of flower and trees.
You needed no horticultural training

to plan your colour scheme,
no gardening expert
to recommend variety or design.
Your garden is perfect,
its colours harmonious,
its scale immense,
spoilt only by the clumsiness
of those who tend it.

A TIME OF PRAYER

Creator God
who breathed this world into being,
who is discernible within
the harmony of nature,
the perfection of a butterfly's wing,
the grandeur of a mountain range,
the soaring eagle and humming bird,
**thank you for this world
which you have created.**

Thank you for summer sun,
which reminds us
that your creative breath
is still alive and active.
**Thank you for the warmth of your love,
sustaining this world,
your garden.**

This world
Your creation
Rolled into a sphere
Packaged in sunshine
Gift-wrapped in love
Given to us
Thank you.

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Harvest prayers (1)

In the fading of the summer sun,
the shortening of days, cooling breeze,
swallows' flight and moonlight rays

WE SEE THE CREATOR'S HAND

In the browning of leaves once green,
morning mists, autumn chill,
fruit that falls, frost's first kiss

WE SEE THE CREATOR'S HAND

As the ground sleeps and rests
From the labour of its fruits,
We give thanks and

WE SEE THE CREATOR'S HAND.

Creator God, forgive our moments of ingratitude,
the spiritual blindness that prevents us
from appreciating the wonder that is this world,
the endless cycle of nature,
of life and death and rebirth.
Forgive us for taking without giving
reaping without sowing.

**Open our eyes to see
our lips to praise
our hands to share.**

A Reading from the Bible

Reflection

May our feet tread lightly on the path we tread
and our footsteps be worthy of following
for they lead to you.

As a part of nature's wondrous cycle
Of new birth, growth, fruitfulness and death
We rejoice in the creation of new life,
For parenthood, the passing on of knowledge,
For understanding and the wisdom of years.
We are grateful for those who have gone before

Passing on to us our spiritual heritage.
May our lives blossom as the apple tree in Spring
May we become fruitful in thought and deed
And may the seed of love that falls to the ground
Linger beyond our time on this earth.

A Time of Open Prayer

Closing Prayer

**We bless you, God of Seed and Harvest,
And we bless each other,
That the beauty of this world,
And the love that created it,
Might be expressed through our lives
And be a blessing to others,
Now and always.
Amen**

HARVEST PRAYERS (2)

The heavens declare the glory of God
The skies display the work of his hands

God of light and God of night
Creator of seed and mountain
raindrop and fountain
We bring our offering of praise.
God of right and God of might
Lover of child and childless
rich and homeless
We bring our offering of praise.

Leader: Do you not know? Have you not heard?

All: The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth (Isaiah 40:28)

'As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease.' (Gen 8:22)

By faith

I gaze up to the heavens
and know
within its vastness
that this is your creation
planned and effected within eternity.

By faith

I pluck an ear of corn
and know
within its symmetry
lies the chemistry of life
the potential of creation within my hand.

By faith

I listen for your voice
and know
the whisper that I hear
breathed a world into existence
yet listens to the prayer within my soul.

By faith

I strive to do your will

and know
the door that I approach
may lead me to shadows
where my role is to become your light.

By faith

I cling to your word
and know
the strength that I receive
has its source within the love
that is at the centre of all things.

A READING FROM THE BIBLE

REFLECTION

Leader: For the beauty of a country scene

All: We praise you Lord for sight

Leader: For the coolness of a mountain stream

All: We praise you Lord for touch

Leader: For nightingale in tuneful flow

All: We praise you Lord for ears

Leader: For the taste of fruit that we have grown

All: We praise you Lord for senses

A TIME OF PRAYER

Creator God, for daily bread
and all who work
to bring your harvest home
we bring our thanks today.

(pause)

Forgive our ingratitude
we who have so much
yet waste what you have given.

(pause)

For those whose harvest is poor,
whose crops have withered,
water tainted, children starve,

help those who bring relief
and bestow on us
an unaccustomed generosity,
that all might share from your garden
and all might sing your praise.

(pause)

Creator God, provider of all
we bring our thanks today.
And we bless each other
that the beauty of this world
and the love that created it
might be expressed through our lives
and be a blessing to others
now and always
Amen

