



# WORD OF LIFE

— MINISTRY —

## Morning Prayer Liturgy

### **OPENING ADDRESS**

ETERNAL GOD, CREATOR OF HEAVEN AND EARTH, GOD OF ABRAHAM, ISAAC, AND JACOB, GOD OF ISRAEL, GOD AND FATHER OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST, TRUE AND LIVING GOD WHO IS FATHER, SON, AND HOLY SPIRIT, HAVE MERCY AND HEAR OUR PRAYER.

### **FIRST PRAYERS**

O LORD, OPEN OUR LIPS. AND OUR MOUTH SHALL PROCLAIM YOUR PRAISE. GLORY TO THE FATHER, AND TO THE SON, AND TO THE HOLY SPIRIT: AS IT WAS IN THE BEGINNING, IS NOW, AND WILL BE FOREVER. AMEN.  
(HALLELUJAH.)

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 WILL BE FOREVER. AMEN.  
(HALLELUJAH.)

### **JESUS PRAYER**

LORD JESUS CHRIST, SON OF GOD, HAVE MERCY ON ME.

### **PSALM FOR THE DAY**

### **GOSPEL READING (REVISED COMMON LECTIONARY)**

### **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.  
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.

### **JESUS PRAYER**

LORD JESUS CHRIST, SON OF GOD, HAVE MERCY ON ME.

### **PSALMS 23**

THE LORD IS MY SHEPHERD; I SHALL NOT WANT.  
HE MAKES ME TO LIE DOWN IN GREEN PASTURES;  
HE LEADS ME BESIDE THE STILL WATERS. HE RESTORES MY SOUL;  
HE LEADS ME IN THE PATHS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS FOR HIS NAME'S SAKE.  
YEA, THOUGH I WALK THROUGH THE VALLEY OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH,  
I WILL FEAR NO EVIL; FOR YOU ARE WITH ME; YOUR ROD AND YOUR STAFF,  
THEY COMFORT ME. YOU PREPARE A TABLE BEFORE ME IN THE PRESENCE OF  
MY ENEMIES; YOU ANOINT MY HEAD WITH OIL; MY CUP RUNS OVER.  
SURELY GOODNESS AND MERCY SHALL FOLLOW ME ALL THE DAYS OF MY  
LIFE; AND I WILL [D]DWELL IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD FOREVER.

### **PSALMS 91:1-2 PRAYER FOR FAMILY**

HE WHO DWELLS IN THE SECRET PLACE OF THE MOST HIGH SHALL ABIDE  
UNDER THE SHADOW OF THE ALMIGHTY. I WILL SAY OF THE LORD, HE IS MY  
REFUGE AND MY FORTRESS; MY GOD, IN HIM I WILL TRUST.

### **PSALMS 103:1-5**

BLESS THE LORD, O MY SOUL;  
AND ALL THAT IS WITHIN ME, BLESS HIS HOLY NAME!  
BLESS THE LORD, O MY SOUL,  
AND FORGET NOT ALL HIS BENEFITS:  
WHO FORGIVES ALL YOUR INIQUITIES,

WHO HEALS ALL YOUR DISEASES,  
WHO REDEEMS YOUR LIFE FROM DESTRUCTION,  
WHO CROWNS YOU WITH LOVINGKINDNESS AND TENDER MERCIES,  
WHO SATISFIES YOUR MOUTH WITH GOOD THINGS,  
SO THAT YOUR YOUTH IS RENEWED LIKE THE EAGLE'S.

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

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.  
AND FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS, AS WE FORGIVE OUR DEBTORS.  
AND DO NOT LEAD US INTO TEMPTATION, BUT DELIVER US FROM THE EVIL  
ONE. FOR YOURS IS THE KINGDOM AND THE POWER AND THE GLORY  
FOREVER. AMEN.

### **JESUS PRAYER**

LORD JESUS CHRIST, SON OF GOD, HAVE MERCY ON ME.

### **LORD'S PRAYER (EXPANDED)**

OUR FATHER, HOLY FATHER, ABBA FATHER, IN THE HEAVENS.  
HALLOWED, HOLY, SACRED BE YOUR NAME.  
FROM THE RISING OF THE SUN, TO THE GOING DOWN OF THE SAME, THE  
NAME OF THE LORD IS TO BE PRAISED.  
HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, IS THE LORD GOD OF HOSTS.  
THE WHOLE EARTH IS FULL OF HIS GLORY.  
HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, IS THE LORD GOD ALMIGHTY, WHO WAS, AND IS, AND IS  
TO COME.  
THY KINGDOM COME, THY WILL BE DONE ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN.  
THY GOVERNMENT COME, THY POLITICS BE DONE ON EARTH AS IT IS IN  
HEAVEN.  
THY REIGN & RULE COME, THY PLANS & PURPOSES BE DONE, ON EARTH AS IT  
IS IN HEAVEN.  
MAY WE BE AN ANTICIPATION OF THE AGE TO COME.  
MAY WE EMBODY THE REIGN OF CHRIST & THAT AGE HERE AND NOW.  
GIVE US DAY BY DAY OUR DAILY BREAD.  
PROVIDE FOR THE POOR AMONG US, AS WE SEEK FIRST YOUR KINGDOM AND  
YOUR JUSTICE.

MAY ALL WE NEED BE PROVIDED FOR US.  
FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO TRESPASS  
AGAINST US.  
FORGIVE US OUR SINS, AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO HAVE SINNED AGAINST  
US.  
FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS, AS WE FORGIVE OUR DEBTORS.  
TRANSFORM US BY THE HOLY SPIRIT INTO A FORGIVEN COMMUNITY OF THE  
FOUND AND FORGIVEN.  
LEAD US NOT INTO TROUBLE, TRIAL, TRIBULATION, TEMPTATION.  
BE MINDFUL OF OUR FRAME THAT WE ARE BUT DUST, WE CAN ONLY TAKE SO  
MUCH.  
LEAD US OUT OF THE WILDERNESS AND INTO THE PROMISED LAND THAT  
FLOWS WITH MILK AND HONEY, OUT OF THE BADLANDS INTO RESURRECTION  
COUNTRY.  
DELIVER US FROM EVIL AND EVIL SCHEMES.  
SAVE US FROM THE SATAN, THE ACCUSER AND ADVERSARY SO THAT NO  
WEAPON FORMED AGAINST US CAN PROSPER.  
SO THAT EVERY TONGUE THAT RISES AGAINST US IN JUDGEMENT, YOU WILL  
CONDEMN.  
SO EVERY FIERY DART OF THE WICKED ONE IS EXTINGUISHED BY THE SHIELD  
OF FAITH.  
SO THAT AS WE SUBMIT TO YOU AND RESIST THE DEVIL, THE DEVIL FLEES.  
SO THAT AS WE DRAW NEAR TO JESUS CHRIST, WHO WAS LIFTED UP UPON  
THE CROSS AND RAISED FROM THE DEAD, HIS CROSS BECOMES FOR US THE  
AXIS OF LOVE EXPRESSED IN FORGIVENESS THAT REFOUNDS THE WORLD.  
AND THE DEVIL WHO BECAME THE FALSE RULER OF THE FALLEN WORLD IS  
DRIVEN OUT FROM AMONG US.  
FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM AND THE POWER AND THE GLORY FOREVER.  
AMEN

## **PETITION AND INTERCESSION**

### **CONTEMPLATION (*SITTING WITH JESUS*)**

#### **PRAYER TO THE CRUCIFIED CHRIST**

LORD JESUS, YOU STRETCHED OUT YOUR ARMS OF LOVE UPON THE HARD  
WOOD OF THE CROSS THAT EVERYONE MIGHT COME WITHIN THE REACH OF  
YOUR SAVING EMBRACE; SO CLOTHE US IN YOUR SPIRIT THAT WE, REACHING  
FORTH OUR HANDS IN LOVE, MAY BRING THOSE WHO DO NOT KNOW YOU  
TO THE KNOWLEDGE AND LOVE OF YOU; FOR THE HONOR OF YOUR NAME.  
AMEN.

## **THE BEATITUDES**

BLESSED ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT, FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO MOURN, FOR THEY SHALL BE COMFORTED.

BLESSED ARE THE MEEK, FOR THEY SHALL INHERIT THE [A]EARTH.

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO HUNGER AND THIRST FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS, FOR THEY SHALL BE FILLED.

BLESSED ARE THE MERCIFUL, FOR THEY SHALL OBTAIN MERCY.

BLESSED ARE THE PURE IN HEART, FOR THEY SHALL SEE GOD. BLESSED ARE THE PEACEMAKERS, FOR THEY SHALL BE CALLED SONS OF GOD.

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO ARE PERSECUTED FOR RIGHTEOUSNESS' SAKE, FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.

## **PRAYER FOR PEACE**

O GOD, YOU HAVE MADE OF ONE BLOOD ALL THE PEOPLES OF THE EARTH, AND SENT YOUR BLESSED SON TO PREACH PEACE TO THOSE WHO ARE FAR OFF AND TO THOSE WHO ARE NEAR; GRANT THAT PEOPLE EVERYWHERE MAY SEEK AFTER YOU AND FIND YOU; BRING THE NATIONS INTO YOUR FOLD; POUR OUT YOUR SPIRIT UPON ALL FLESH; AND HASTEN THE COMING OF YOUR KINGDOM; THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN

## **PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS**

LORD, MAKE ME AN INSTRUMENT OF YOUR PEACE,  
WHERE THERE IS HATRED, LET ME SOW LOVE;  
WHERE THERE IS INJURY, PARDON;  
WHERE THERE IS DOUBT, FAITH;  
WHERE THERE IS DESPAIR, HOPE;  
WHERE THERE IS DARKNESS, LIGHT;  
WHERE THERE IS SADNESS, JOY;

O DIVINE MASTER,  
GRANT THAT I MAY NOT SO MUCH SEEK TO BE CONSOLED, AS TO CONSOLE;  
TO BE UNDERSTOOD, AS TO UNDERSTAND;  
TO BE LOVED, AS TO LOVE.  
FOR IT IS IN GIVING THAT WE RECEIVE.  
IT IS IN PARDONING THAT WE ARE PARDONED,  
AND IT IS IN DYING THAT WE ARE BORN TO ETERNAL LIFE.  
AMEN.

## **PRAYER FOR THE WEEK**

## **PRAYER FOR GRACE**

LORD GOD, ALMIGHTY AND EVERLASTING FATHER, YOU HAVE BROUGHT US IN SAFETY TO THIS NEW DAY: PRESERVE US WITH YOUR MIGHTY POWER, THAT WE MAY NOT FALL INTO SIN, NOR BE OVERCOME BY ADVERSITY; AND IN ALL WE DO, DIRECT US TO THE FULFILLING OF YOUR PURPOSE; THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN.

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

ALMIGHTY GOD, FATHER OF ALL MERCIES, WE YOUR UNWORTHY SERVANTS GIVE YOU HUMBLE THANKS FOR ALL YOUR GOODNESS AND LOVING KINDNESS TO US AND ALL WHOM YOU HAVE MADE. WE BLESS YOU FOR OUR CREATION, PRESERVATION, AND ALL THE BLESSINGS OF THIS LIFE; BUT ABOVE ALL FOR YOUR IMMEASURABLE LOVE IN THE REDEMPTION OF THE WORLD BY OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST; FOR THE MEANS OF GRACE, AND FOR THE HOPE OF GLORY. AND, WE PRAY, GIVE US SUCH AN AWARENESS OF YOUR MERCIES, THAT WITH TRULY THANKFUL HEARTS WE MAY SHOW FORTH YOUR PRAISE, NOT ONLY WITH OUR LIPS, BUT IN OUR LIVES, BY GIVING UP OUR SELVES TO YOUR SERVICE, AND BY WALKING BEFORE YOU IN HOLINESS AND RIGHTEOUSNESS ALL OUR DAYS; THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD, TO WHOM, WITH YOU AND THE HOLY SPIRIT, BE HONOR AND GLORY THROUGHOUT ALL AGES. AMEN.

## **PRAYER OF MERCY**

LORD, HAVE MERCY.  
CHRIST, HAVE MERCY.  
LORD, HAVE MERCY.

## **CONFESSION OF THE MYSTERY**

CHRIST HAS DIED.  
CHRIST IS RISEN.  
CHRIST WILL COME AGAIN.

## **JESUS PRAYER**

LORD JESUS CHRIST, SON OF GOD, HAVE MERCY ON ME.