

# Thursday Morning Prayer - Ordinary Time 2021

## Opening sentences

Lord, open our lips

**And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

O God, make speed to save us.

**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

**Glory to you, Source of all Being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

## Opening Prayer

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

## *Silence*

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 forever. **Amen.**

## Gratitude

Let us give thanks to God our Creator always and for everything, saying, "We thank you, God."

For the beauty and wonder of creation,

**We thank you, God.**

For all that is gracious in the lives of all people, revealing the image of Christ,

**We thank you, God.**

For our daily food, for our homes and families, community and friends,

**We thank you, God.**

For minds to think and hearts to love,

**We thank you, God.**

For health, strength, and skill to work, and for leisure to rest and play,

**We thank you, God.**

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

**We thank you, God.**

For all who pursue peace, justice, and truth,

**We thank you, God.**

I invite your spoken or silent prayers of gratitude...

Together we say, **We thank you, God.**

For (. . . and) all the saints whose lives have reflected the light of Christ,

**We thank you, God.**

## First reading (optional)

*After the reading:* The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm

*Psalm (read or sung). At the conclusion:*

**Glory to you, Source of all Being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

## Gospel

*An acclamation may be sung before.*

*Silence*

*Shared reflections*

Affirmation of Faith (A New Creed)

Let us affirm our faith as we say,

**We are not alone;**

**we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:**

**who has created and is creating,**

**who has come in Jesus,**

**the Word made flesh,**

**to reconcile and make new,**

**who works in us and others**

**by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God.**

**We are called to be the Church,**

**to celebrate God's presence,**

**to live with respect in Creation,**

**to love and serve others,**

**to seek justice and resist evil,**

**to proclaim Jesus,**

**crucified and risen,**

**our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,**

**God is with us.**

**We are not alone.**

**Thanks be to God.**

Prayers

United in the company of all the faithful and looking for the coming of the kingdom, let us offer our prayers to God, the source of all life and holiness.

*Spoken or silent intercessions are offered to God and before each other.*

Collect (optional)

Lord's Prayer (translation or paraphrase of your choice)

Let us bring our prayers together, using the words that Jesus taught us,

**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.**

**Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil**

**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,**

**Now and forever. Amen.**

Dismissal & Blessing

May God, who kindled the fire of his love in the hearts of the saints, pour upon us the riches of God's grace.

**Amen.**

May God give us joy in their fellowship and a share in their praises. **Amen.**

May God strengthen us to follow them in the way of holiness and to come to the full radiance of glory. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God, Source of all Being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit, be among us and remain with us always.

**Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**