Midday Prayers from Commonprayer.net

(Amended, including Psalm, Scripture, and Collect for the Day)

In the name of God, Creator, Word and Loving Spirit. **Amen.**

God is with you – **and also with you.**

Draw us into your love, Christ Jesus : **and deliver us from fear.**

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let us 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 we 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.
Glory to God, Creator, Word and Loving Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Collect for the Day
Giver of eternal life,
send us to your world to speak the truth of peace,
to stand with those who suffer,
and to show another way;
through Jesus Christ, the life of all things. **Amen.**

Readings
(from https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-in-daily-prayer/)

Psalm 84

1 How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!
My soul has a desire and longing to enter the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
2 The sparrow has found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young:
at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
3 Blessed are they who dwell in your house:
they will always be praising you.
4 Blessed are those whose strength is in you,
in whose heart are the highways to Zion,
5 Who going through the barren valley find there a spring,
and the early rains will clothe it with blessing.
6 They will go from strength to strength
and appear before God in Zion.
7 O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer;
listen, O God of Jacob.
8 Behold our defender, O God,
and look upon the face of your anointed.
9 For one day in your courts
is better than a thousand.
10 I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than dwell in the tents of ungodliness.
11 For the Lord God is both sun and shield;
he will give grace and glory;
no good thing shall the Lord withhold
from those who walk with integrity.
12 O Lord God of hosts,
blessed are those who put their trust in you.

Glory to God, Creator, Word and Loving Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Short Reading for the Day

Jesus said, 'Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give

a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!' *Luke 11.9-13*

Reflection

In the language and form closest to our heart, we pray as Jesus taught his friends
Our Father…

Make us worthy, Lord, to serve our siblings throughout the world, who live and die in poverty and pain. Give them today, through our hands, their daily bread and through our understanding love, give peace and joy. Amen

Blessed are the poor,
for theirs is the Kingdom of God.
Blessed are the hungry,
for they shall be filled.
Blessed are the meek,
for they shall inherit the earth.
Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they shall see God.
Blessed are those who mourn,
for they shall be comforted.
Blessed are the merciful,
for they shall be shown mercy.
Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they are the children of God.
Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness and justice,
for great is their reward.

A time of open prayer

Come, Holy Spirit. We pray that your fruit would be in us: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Dear Jesus, help us to spread your fragrance everywhere we go.
Soul of Christ, sanctify me;
body of Christ, save me;
blood of Christ, inebriate me;

water from the side of Christ, wash me;
passion of Christ, strengthen me.
O good Jesus, hear me;
within your wounds hide me;
suffer me not to be separated from you;
from the malicious enemy, defend me;
in the hour of my death, call me,
and bid me come to you
that with your saints I may praise you
forever and ever. Amen.

Through our lives and by our prayers : may your kingdom come!

In the name of the Creator, and of the living Word, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.