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
Maker of us all,
you call us to love our neighbours as ourselves
and teach us that faith without works is dead.
Open us to the ministries that lie before us,
where faith and the needs of our neighbour
come together in the name of Jesus Christ, our Saviour. **Amen.**

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

Psalm 17.1-8

1 Hear my just cause, O Lord; consider my complaint;
listen to my prayer, which comes not from lying lips.

2 Let my vindication come forth from your presence;
let your eyes behold what is right.

3 Weigh my heart, examine me by night,
refine me, and you will find no impurity in me.

4 My mouth does not trespass for earthly rewards;
I have heeded the words of your lips.

5 My footsteps hold fast in the ways of your commandments;
my feet have not stumbled in your paths.

6 I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me;
incline your ear to me, and listen to my words.

7 Show me your marvellous loving-kindness,
O Saviour of those who take refuge at your right hand
from those who rise up against them.

8 Keep me as the apple of your eye;
hide me under the shadow of your wings,

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

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. *Revelation 22.1,2*

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.