

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

Spirit of the desert,
you drove Jesus to the edge of the world
to seek your truth and find his calling:
scour our hearts and awaken our hunger,
so that freed from empty clinging
we may serve only you the Creator;
through Jesus Christ, the Lord of the wilds.. **Amen.**

Readings

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

Psalm 11

- 1 In God have I taken refuge;
how then can you say to me,
‘Flee like a bird to the hills,
- 2 ‘For see how the wicked bend the bow
and fit their arrows to the string,
to shoot from the shadows at the true of heart.
- 3 ‘When the foundations are destroyed,
what can the righteous do?’
- 4 God is in their holy temple;
and their throne is in heaven.
- 5 God’s eyes behold,
God’s eyelids try every mortal being.
- 6 God tries the righteous as well as the wicked,
but those who delight in violence God’s soul abhors.
- 7 Upon the wicked God shall rain coals of fire
and burning sulphur;
scorching wind shall be their portion to drink.
- 8 For God is righteous;
and loves righteous deeds,
and those who are upright shall behold God’s face.

**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

I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Romans 7.21-25a

A Reflection may be added

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.