

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

Three-fold God of love, you invite us to abide in you.

May we follow the Spirit of truth,
so that through us your commanding love
may speak to the heart of the world;
through Jesus Christ our brother. **Amen.**

Readings

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

Psalm 106

1 Alleluia.

Give thanks to our God, for God is gracious,
for God's faithfulness endures for ever.

2 Who can express the mighty acts of God
or show forth all God's praise?

3 Blessed are those who observe what is right
and always do what is just.

4 Remember me, O Loving God, in the favour you bear for your people;
visit me in the day of your salvation;

5 That I may see the prosperity of your chosen
and rejoice in the gladness of your people,
and exult with your inheritance.

6 We have sinned like our forebears;
we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.

7 In Egypt they did not consider your wonders,
nor remember the abundance of your faithful love;
they rebelled against the Most High at the Red Sea.

8 But Jehovah saved them for their own name's sake,
that God might make God's power to be known.

9 God rebuked the Red Sea, and it was dried up;
so they were led through the deep as through the wilderness.

10 God saved them from the adversary's hand
and redeemed them from the hand of the enemy.

11 As for those that troubled them, the waters overwhelmed them;
there was not one of them left.

12 Then they believed God's words
and sang aloud God's praise.

**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

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. *Colossians 3.1-4*

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.