

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

Almighty God,
whose blessed apostles Peter and Paul
glorified you in their death as in their life:
grant that your Church,
inspired by their teaching and example,
and made one by your Spirit,
may ever stand firm upon the one foundation,
Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Readings

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

Psalm 126

- 1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, ♦
then were we like those who dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter ♦
and our tongue with songs of joy.
- 3 Then said they among the nations, ♦
'The Lord has done great things for them.'
- 4 The Lord has indeed done great things for us, ♦
and therefore we rejoiced.
- 5 Restore again our fortunes, O Lord, ♦
as the river beds of the desert.
- 6 Those who sow in tears ♦
shall reap with songs of joy.
- 7 Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed, ♦
will come back with shouts of joy,
bearing their sheaves with them.

**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

The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.' But I said, 'I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God.'

Isaiah 49.1b-4

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.