

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

Living God,

you accept our stumbling faith,

our misplaced answers,

our false horizons,

and through them you build a way of peace.

Empower and enable us

to bind the wounds of the world

and loose the bonds of oppression,

so that all may confess the grace

that is your work alone;
through Jesus Christ, your anointed one. **Amen.**

Readings

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

Psalm 48

- 1 Great is the Lord and highly to be praised,
in the city of our God.
- 2 His holy mountain is fair and lifted high,
the joy of all the earth.
- 3 On Mount Zion, the divine dwelling place,
stands the city of the great king.
- 4 In her palaces God has shown himself
to be a sure refuge.
- 5 For behold, the kings of the earth assembled
and swept forward together.
- 6 They saw, and were dumbfounded;
dismayed, they fled in terror.
- 7 Trembling seized them there;
they writhed like a woman in labour,
as when the east wind shatters the ships of Tarshish.
- 8 As we had heard, so have we seen
in the city of the Lord of hosts, the city of our God:
God has established her for ever.
- 9 We have waited on your loving-kindness, O God,
in the midst of your temple.
- 10 As with your name, O God,
so your praise reaches to the ends of the earth;
your right hand is full of justice.
- 11 Let Mount Zion rejoice and the daughters of Judah be glad,
because of your judgements, O Lord.
- 12 Walk about Zion and go round about her;
count all her towers;
consider well her bulwarks; pass through her citadels,
- 13 That you may tell those who come after

that such is our God for ever and ever.
It is he that shall be our guide for evermore.

**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 spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion — to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. *Isaiah 61.1-3a*

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.