

Midday Prayers for the Day for Truth and Reconciliation (Orange Shirt Day)

The Gathering

God is with you.

And also with you

Creator, we give you thanks for all you are
and all you bring to us for our visit
within your creation.

In Jesus, you place the Gospel
in the centre of this sacred circle
through which all creation is related.

You show us the way to live
a generous and compassionate life.

Give us your strength
to live together with respect and commitment
as we grow in your spirit,
for you are God, now and forever. Amen

*A Disciples Prayer Book:
Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples*

Come, God, Creator, makes us one in Christ

Come to us, O God.

Come, God, living Word, open our hearts to your life

Come to us, O God

Come, Spirit of love, make us people of transformation

Come to us, O God

Remembering the Children Prayer

God of our Ancestors,
who holds the spirits of our grandmothers and grandfathers
and the spirits of our grandchildren,
Remembering the Children,
we now pledge ourselves to speak the Truth,
and with our hearts and our souls to act upon the Truth
we have heard of the injustices lived,

of the sufferings inflicted,
of the tears cried, of the misguided intentions imposed,
and of the power of prejudice and racism
which were allowed to smother the sounds and laughter
of the forgotten children.
Hear our cries of lament for what was allowed to happen,
and for what will never be.
In speaking and hearing and acting upon the Truth
may we as individuals and as a nation
meet the hope of a new beginning.
Great Creator God
who desires that all creation live in harmony and peace,
Remembering the Children
we dare to dream of a Path of Reconciliation
where apology from the heart leads to healing of the heart
and the chance of restoring the circle,
where justice walks with all,
where respect leads to true partnership,
where the power to change comes from each heart.
Hear our prayer of hope,
and guide these lands now known as Canada
on a new and different path. **Amen**

The Collect of the Day

Creator God, Of peace, justice, and concord;
Open our ears, our eyes, our lungs, and our hearts,
Give us the spirit of condolence.
Instill in us the Good Mind.
Let us seek your justice in a broken world,
Let us search for understanding in your Creation.
Help us to be reconciled to you and to each other.
In the self-giving ethic of the Cross,
Let us be emptied of hatred and apathy,
Greed and selfishness.
Fill us with the wideness and wildness of your Spirit,
In the name of your First Son, Jesus Christ, we ask all this. **Amen.**

Listening for the Word of God

Psalm 19

1 The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows God's handiwork.
2 One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
3 Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,
4 Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.
5 In the deep has God set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a newlywed out of their chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
7 The law of GOD is perfect
and revives the soul; *
the testimony of GOD is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.
8 The statutes of GOD are just
and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of GOD is clear
and gives light to the eyes.
9 The fear of GOD is clean
and endures for ever; *
the judgments of GOD are true
and righteous altogether.
10 More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the comb.
11 By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.

12 Who can tell how often they offend? *

cleanse me from my secret faults.

13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;

let them not get dominion over me; *

then shall I be whole and sound,

and innocent of a great offense.

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my

heart be acceptable in your sight, *

O GOD, my strength and my redeemer.

Short Reading

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised up above the hills. Peoples shall stream to it, and many nations shall come and say: 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.' For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between many peoples, and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more; but they shall all sit under their own vines and under their own fig trees, and no one shall make them afraid.

Micah 4.1-4a

An affirmation

With the whole church

We affirm that we are made in God's image,

Befriended by Christ,

Empowered by the Spirit

With people everywhere

We affirm God's goodness at the heart of humanity

Planted more deeply than all that is wrong

With all creation

We celebrate the miracle and wonder of life;

The unfolding purposes of God, forever at work

In ourselves and the world

Iona Abbey Worship Book

Prayers of intercession

Thanksgiving

God the Creator, our Great Spirit, from the depths of our hearts we give you thanks. We say thank you, now and forever. From the place of the rising sun in the East, to the South where the warm winds blow, from the West where the soft rain comes, to the coldness of the North. We unite with all creation from the four directions to join in the everlasting thanksgiving and praise for the gift of Jesus Christ. Amen

Liturgy of St. John's, Red Lake, MN

Creator, you made the world and declared it to be good: the beauty of the trees, the softness of the air, the fragrance of the grass speaks to us; the summit of the mountains, the thunder of the sky, the rhythm of the waters speak to us; the faintness of the stars, the freshness of the morning, the dewdrops on the flower speak to us. But above all, our heart soars, for you speak to us in Jesus the Christ, in whose name we offer these prayers. Amen

(The Church of the Four Winds, Portland Oregon)

Prayers of concern

Our prayers end with

The Disciple's Prayer

As Christ taught his friends, and longing for the new life of God's reign, let us pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

The Benediction

Send us anywhere you would have us go, only go there with us.

Place upon us any burden you desire, only stand by us to sustain us.

Break any tie that binds us, except the tie that binds us to you.

And the blessing of God; the Creator, who made and knows us;

the Saviour, who redeems and befriends us;

and the Spirit, who enlightens and sustains us,

be with us this day and always. Amen.

(Blessing attributed to The Rt. Rev. John Shelby Spong)