

Daily Home Prayer Resources 2020

During this period of quarantine and social distancing, Christ Lutheran Church is working to ensure that people can worship together even when we're dispersed. To the greatest extent possible, daily prayer will be streamed by Facebook Live through our church page (<http://facebook.com/christlutherandallas>) or through a platform linked to our website homepage (<http://clcdalls.org>). We are learning and adapting every day, so please bear with us as we figure out the best way to do this. We will work to keep the community informed as our practices evolve.

This resource can be used during a streaming service or individually at your convenience and need. Morning prayer will typically be streamed between 8:00 and 9:30 a.m., Noonday between 12:00 and 12:30 p.m., Evening Prayer between 5:30 and 6:30 p.m., and Compline between 8:00 and 8:30 p.m. Watch the Facebook page and website as we may announce specific times closer to the service.

Please know that while the building is closed, your church is very much open and active. We will pray for each other and the world, help and support however we can, and come through this together.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Ben

GREAT LITANY

P: Lord, have mercy

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Christ, have mercy.

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P: Lord, have mercy.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: O Christ, hear us.

C: In mercy hear us.

P: God, the Father in heaven,

C: have mercy on us.

P: God, the Son, redeemer of the world,

C: have mercy on us.

P: God, the Holy Spirit,

C: have mercy on us.

P: Holy Trinity, one God,

C: have mercy on us.

P: Be gracious to us.

C: Spare us, good Lord.

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P: From all sin, from all error, from all evil; from the cunning assaults of the devil; from an unprepared and evil death:

C: Good Lord, deliver us.

P: From war, bloodshed, and violence; from corrupt and unjust government; from sedition and treason:

C: Good Lord, deliver us.

P: From epidemic, drought, and famine; from fire and flood, earthquake, lightning, and storm, and from everlasting death:

C: Good Lord, deliver us.

P: By the mystery of your incarnation; by your holy birth:

C: Help us, good Lord.

P: By your baptism, fasting, and temptation; by your agony and bloody sweat; by your cross and suffering; by your death and burial:

C: Help us, good Lord.

P: By your resurrection and ascension; by the gift of the Holy Spirit:

C: Help us, good Lord.

P: In all time of our tribulation; in all time of our prosperity; in the hour of death; and in the day of judgment:

C: Save us, good Lord.

P: Though unworthy, we implore you

C: to hear us, Lord our God.

P: To rule and govern your holy catholic church; to guide all servants of your church in the love of your word and in holiness of life; to put an end to all schisms and causes of offense to those who would believe; and to bring into the way of truth all who have gone astray:

C: We implore you to hear us, good Lord.

P: To beat down Satan under our feet; to send faithful workers into your harvest; to accompany your word with your Spirit and power; to raise up those who fall and to strengthen those who stand; and to comfort and help the fainthearted and the distressed:

C: We implore you to hear us, good Lord.

P: To give to all nations justice and peace; to preserve our country from discord and strife; to direct and guard those who have civil authority; and to bless and guide all our people:

C: We implore you to hear us, good Lord.

P: To behold and help all who are in danger, need, or tribulation; to protect and guide all who travel; to preserve and provide for all women in childbirth; to watch over children and to guide the young; to heal the sick and to strengthen their families and friends; to bring reconciliation to families in discord; to provide for the unemployed and for all in need; to be merciful to all who are imprisoned; to support, comfort, and guide all orphans, widowers, and widows; and to have mercy on all your people:

C: We implore you to hear us, good Lord.

P: To forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers, and to reconcile us to them; to help us use wisely the fruits and treasures of the earth, the sea, and the air; and graciously to hear our prayers:

C: We implore you to hear us, good Lord.

P: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,

C: we implore you to hear us.

P: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

C; have mercy on us.

P: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

C: have mercy on us.

P: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;

C: give us peace. Amen.

P: O Christ, hear us.

C: In mercy hear us.

P: Lord, have mercy.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Christ, have mercy.

C: Christ, have mercy.

P: Lord, have mercy.

C: Lord, have mercy.

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MORNING PRAYER

P: Lord, open our lips.

C: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

INVITATORY

P: The Lord is full of compassion and mercy; come let us adore him.

C: The Lord is full of compassion and mercy; come let us adore him.

P: Come, let us sing to the Lord; *

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

C: The Lord is full of compassion and mercy; come let us adore him.

P: For the Lord is a great God, *

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *

and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, *

and his hands have molded the dry land.

C: The Lord is full of compassion and mercy; come let us adore him.

P: Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. *

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

C: The Lord is full of compassion and mercy; come let us adore him.

P: Glory to the Father and to the Son

And to the Holy Spirit

As it was in the beginning, is now

And will be forever. Amen.

C: The Lord is full of compassion and mercy; come let us adore him.

PSALMS (as announced; prayed by alternating verses between leader and people)

Each psalm concludes

P: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit

C: As it was in the beginning is now, and will be forever. Amen.

READING(S)

P: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

RESPONSORY

The Song of Zechariah (Luke 1:68-79, Monday through Saturday)

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
he has come to his people and set them free.
He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
born of the house of his servant David.
Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our enemies, *
from the hands of all who hate us.
He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
and to remember his holy covenant.
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
Free to worship him without fear, *
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.
You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, *
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
To give his people knowledge of salvation *
by the forgiveness of their sins.
In the tender compassion of our God *
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the
shadow of death, *
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

“You Are God/Te Deum Laudamus” (Sunday)

You are God: we praise you;
You are the Lord; we acclaim you;
You are the eternal Father:
All creation worships you.

To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,
Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

The glorious company of apostles praise you.
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.
Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you;

Father, of majesty unbounded,

your true and only Son,
worthy of all worship,
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

You, Christ, are the king of glory,
the eternal Son of the Father.
When you became man to set us free
you did not shun the Virgin's womb.

You overcame the sting of death
& opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
You are seated at God's right hand in glory.
We believe that you will come and be our judge.

Come then, Lord, and help your people,
bought with the price of your own blood,
and bring us with your saints
to glory everlasting.

THE PRAYERS

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread.

**And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

P: Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;

C: Govern and uphold them, now and always.

P: Day by day we bless you;

C: We praise your name for ever.

P: Lord, keep us from all sin today;

C: Have mercy upon us, Lord, have mercy.

P: Lord, show us your love and mercy;

C: For we put our trust in you.

P: In you, Lord, is our hope;

C: And we shall never hope in vain.

The presider concludes with a collect

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

C: Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

SENDING

P: Let us bless the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

P: Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever.

C: Amen.

NOONDAY PRAYER

P: O God make speed to save us

C: O Lord make haste to help us Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

One of the following, or another psalm as announced, is prayed responsively

Psalm 119 *Lucerna pedibus meis*

Your word is a lantern to my feet *
and a light upon my path.

I have sworn and am determined *
to keep your righteous judgments.

I am deeply troubled;

Preserve my life, O LORD, according to your word
Accept, O LORD, the willing tribute of my lips,

And teach me your judgments
My life is always in my hand

Yet I do not forget your law
The wicked have set a trap for me
But I have not strayed from your commandments
Your decrees are my inheritance forever
Truly they are the joy of my heart
I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes
Forever and to the end

Psalm 121 *Levavi oculos*

I lift up my eyes to the hills;
from where is my help to come?
My help comes from the LORD,
the maker of heaven and earth.
He will not let your foot be moved
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep
Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel
shall neither slumber nor sleep;
The LORD himself watches over you;
the LORD is your shade at your right hand,
So that the sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.
The LORD shall preserve you from all evil;
it is he who shall keep you safe.
The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in,
from this time forth for evermore.

Psalm 126 *In convertendo*

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
and our tongue with shouts of joy.
Then they said among the nations, *
"The LORD has done great things for them."
The LORD has done great things for us, *
and we are glad indeed.
Restore our fortunes, O LORD, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.
Those who sowed with tears *
will reap with songs of joy.
Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

Each psalm concludes

P: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit

C: As it was in the beginning is now, and will be forever. Amen.

A short reading of Scripture follows

P: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

P: Lord, have mercy

C: Christ, have mercy

P: Lord, have mercy.

C: Our Father, who art in heaven...

P: Lord, hear our prayer

C: And let our cry come to you.

P: Let us pray (*the presider concludes with a prayer*)

C: Amen

P: Let us bless the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

EVENING PRAYER

(Thursday through Tuesday; Wednesday evenings and other times as announced we will celebrate the chanted service streamed from the sanctuary)

P: O God make speed to save us

C: O Lord make haste to help us Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

O Gracious Light

C: O gracious light, pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven, O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun, and our eyes behold the vesper light, we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices, O Son of God, O Giver of Life, and to be glorified through all the worlds.

PSALMS

(As announced, prayed responsively between presider and people)

Each psalm concludes

P: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit

C: As it was in the beginning is now, and will be forever. Amen.

READING(S)

P: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

RESPONSORY

The Song of Mary/Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55)

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *

for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed: *

the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him *
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

The promise he made to our fathers, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen

THE PRAYERS

P: The Lord be with you

C: And also with you

P: Let us pray.

C: Our Father, who art in heaven...

P: That this evening may be holy, good, and peaceful
After each petition the people respond

C: We entreat you, O Lord

The presider concludes with a prayer

C: Amen

SENDING

A Prayer of St. John Chrysostom

P: Almighty God,

C: you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

P: Let us bless the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all evermore.

C: Amen.

COMPLINE

P: The Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end.

C: Amen.

P: Our help is in the Name of the Lord

C: The maker of heaven and earth

P: Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father:

C: We have sinned against you, through our own fault, in thought, and word, and deed, and in what we have left undone. For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us all our offenses; and grant that we may serve you in newness of life, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

P: May the Almighty God grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: O God, make speed to save us

C: O Lord, make haste to help us Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

One of the following, or another psalm as announced, is prayed responsively

Psalm 4

Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; *

you set me free when I am hard-pressed;
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.
"You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; *
how long will you worship dumb idols
and run after false gods?"
Know that the LORD does wonders for the faithful; *
when I call upon the LORD, he will hear me.
Tremble, then, and do not sin; *
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.
Offer the appointed sacrifices *
and put your trust in the LORD.
Many are saying,
"Oh, that we might see better times!" *
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O LORD.
You have put gladness in my heart, *
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.
I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; *
for only you, LORD, make me dwell in safety.

Psalm 31

In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame: *
deliver me in your righteousness.
Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.
Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag and my stronghold; *
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.
Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, *
for you are my tower of strength.
Into your hands I commend my spirit, *
for you have redeemed me,
O LORD, O God of truth.

Psalm 91

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High *
abides under the shadow of the Almighty.
He shall say to the LORD,
"You are my refuge and my stronghold, *
my God in whom I put my trust."
He shall deliver you from the snare of the hunter *
and from the deadly pestilence.
He shall cover you with his pinions,
and you shall find refuge under his wings; *

his faithfulness shall be a shield and buckler.
You shall not be afraid of any terror by night, *
nor of the arrow that flies by day;
Of the plague that stalks in the darkness, *
nor of the sickness that lays waste at mid-day.
A thousand shall fall at your side
and ten thousand at your right hand, *
but it shall not come near you.
Your eyes only have to behold *
to see the reward of the wicked.
Because you have made the LORD your refuge, *
and the Most High your habitation,
There shall no evil happen to you, *
neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.
For he shall give his angels charge over you, *
to keep you in all your ways.
They shall bear you in their hands, *
lest you dash your foot against a stone.
You shall tread upon the lion and the adder; *
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent
under your feet.
Because he is bound to me in love,
therefore will I deliver him; *
I will protect him, because he knows my Name.
He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; *
I am with him in trouble;
I will rescue him and bring him to honor.
With long life will I satisfy him, *
and show him my salvation.

Psalm 134

Behold now, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD, *
you that stand by night in the house of the LORD.
Lift up your hands in the holy place and bless the LORD; *
the LORD who made heaven and earth bless you out of Zion.

Each psalm concludes

P: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit

C: As it was in the beginning is now, and will be forever. Amen.

A brief passage of Scripture is read

P: The Word of the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

P: Into your hands O Lord I commend my spirit

C: Into your hands O Lord I commend my spirit

P: You have redeemed, O Lord, God of truth

C: I commend my spirit

P: Glory to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit

C: Into your hands O Lord I commend my spirit

P: Lord, have mercy

C: Christ, have mercy

P: Lord, have mercy.

C: Our Father, who art in heaven...

P: Lord, hear our prayer

C: And let our cry come to you

P: Let us pray....

C: Amen.

The Song of Simeon (Luke 2:29-32, with antiphon)

C: Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

P: Lord, you now have set your servant free

To go in peace as you have promised

For these eyes of mine have seen your salvation

Which you have prepared for all the world to see

A light to reveal you to the Gentiles

And the glory of your people, Israel

Glory to the Father and to the Son

And to the Holy Spirit

As it was in the beginning, is now

And will be forever. Amen.

C: Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

P: Let us bless the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

P: The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us.

C: Amen.

Morning, Evening, and Table Blessings for the Home

From the Small Catechism of Martin Luther

THE MORNING BLESSING

In the morning, as soon as you get out of bed, you are to make the sign of the holy cross and say: “God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit watch over me. Amen.” Then, kneeling or standing, say the Apostles’ Creed and the Lord’s Prayer. If you wish, you may in addition recite this little prayer as well: “I give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have protected me through the night from all harm and danger. I ask that you would also protect me today from sin and all evil, so that my life and actions may please you. Into your hands I commend myself: my body, my soul, and all that is mine. Let your holy angel be with me, so that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.” After singing a hymn perhaps (for example, one on the Ten Commandments) or whatever else may serve your devotion, you are to go to your work joyfully.

THE EVENING BLESSING

In the evening, when you go to bed, you are to make the sign of the holy cross and say: “God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit watch over me. Amen.” Then, kneeling or standing, say the Apostles’ Creed and the Lord’s Prayer. If you wish, you may in addition recite this little prayer as well: “I give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have graciously protected me today. I ask you to forgive me all my sins, where I have done wrong, and graciously to protect me tonight. Into your hands I commend myself: my body, my soul, and all that is mine. Let your holy angel be with me, so that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.” Then you are to go to sleep quickly and cheerfully.

TABLE BLESSINGS

The children and the members of the household are to come devoutly to the table, fold their hands, and recite:

“The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, and you give them their food in due season. You open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living creature.”

Then they are to recite the Lord’s Prayer and the following prayer:

“Lord God, heavenly Father, bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bountiful goodness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”

Similarly, after eating they should in the same manner fold their hands and recite devoutly:

“Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good, for God’s mercy endures forever. God provides food for the cattle and for the young ravens when they cry. God is not impressed by the might of a horse, and has no pleasure in the speed of a runner, but finds pleasure in those who fear the Lord, in those who await God’s steadfast love.”

Then recite the Lord’s Prayer and the following prayer:

“We give thanks to you, Lord God our Father, through Jesus Christ our Lord for all your benefits, you who live and reign forever. Amen.”