

## OPENING SENTENCES

Leader: O Lord, open my lips.

**People: And my mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Leader: Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven,

**People: whose sin is put away!**

Leader: Blessed are they who are free of guilt,

**People: in whose spirit there is no deceit!**

**SILENCE** (*Be still and aware of God's presence within and all around...*)

## OPENING PRAYER

(... now and forever. **AMEN.**)

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Almighty God, Maker of all things,

**People: have mercy on us.**

Leader: Jesus Christ, Redeemer of the world,

**People: have mercy on us.**

Leader: Holy Spirit, Giver of life,

**People: have mercy on us.**

(... a brief silence)

Leader: I confess to God almighty, before the whole company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned by my own fault, in thought, word, and deed; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins and bring me to everlasting life.

**People: May Almighty God have mercy on you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins and give you time to amend your life.**

Leader: Amen.

**People: I confess to God almighty, before the whole company of heaven, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have sinned by my own fault, in thought, word, and deed; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins and bring me to everlasting life.**

Leader: May Almighty God have mercy on you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins and give you time to amend your life.

**People: Amen.**

## PSALM 57 (*read in unison*)

*Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful, for I have taken refuge in you;  
in the shadow of your wings will I take refuge until this time of trouble has gone by.  
I will call upon the Most High God, the God who is with me to the end.  
O God, you will send from heaven and save me, rebuking those who trample upon me,  
you will send forth your love and your faithfulness.  
I lie in the midst of lions that devour the people;  
their teeth are spears and arrows, their tongue a sharp sword.  
Exalt yourself above the heavens, O God, and your glory over all the earth.  
They have laid a net for my feet, and I am bowed low;  
they have dug a pit before me, but have fallen into it themselves.  
My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast;  
I will sing and make melody.  
Wake up, my spirit; awake, lute and harp;  
I myself will waken the dawn.  
I will give thanks to you among the peoples, O LORD;  
I will sing praise to you among the nations.  
For your steadfast love is greater than the heavens, and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.  
Exalt yourself above the heavens, O God, and your glory over all the earth.*

## SCRIPTURE READING

Leader: . . . The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

(A period of silence follows for personal reflection.)



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1 Corinthians 12:1-11

Leader: . . . The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*(A period of silence follows for personal reflection.)*

### PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

Leader: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: For the peace from above, for the loving kindness of God,  
and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: For the peace of the world, for the unity of the church of God,  
and for the well-being of all peoples, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: For this gathering of the faithful, and for all who offer here their worship  
and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: For all the baptized, for all who serve in the church,  
for presbyters and deacons, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: For this city and county, for every city and community, and for those who  
live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: For seasonable weather, and for abundant harvests for all to share,  
let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: For the good earth which God has given us, and for the wisdom and will to  
conserve it, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: For the aged and infirm, for the widowed and orphaned, and for the sick and the suffering,  
let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: For the poor and the oppressed, for those unemployed and the destitute,  
for prisoners and captives, and for all who remember and care for them,  
let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: For deliverance in times of affliction, strife, and need, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: For all who have died in the hope of the resurrection and are at rest,  
let us give thanks to the Lord.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: ...through Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

*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 for ever. Amen.*

### DISMISSAL

Leader: May we continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

People: **Amen.**

Leader: Bless the Lord.

People: **The Lord's name be praised.**

Leader: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*(Signs and words of peace are exchanged . . .)*