

MORNING PRAYER
September 9, 2026



OPENING SENTENCES

Leader: We gather in your presence, God,
People: in our need, and bringing with us the needs of the world.
Leader: We come to you, for you come to us in Jesus,
People: and you know by experience what human life is like.
Leader: We come with our faith and with our doubts;
People: we come with our hopes and with our fears.
Leader: We come as we are, because you have invited us;
People: and you have promised never to turn us away.

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

OPENING PRAYER

In the silence of the early morning your Spirit hovers over the brink of the day
and new light pierces the darkness of the night.
In the silence of the morning life begins to stir around us
and we listen for the day's first utterances.
In earth, sea, and sky and in the landscape of our own souls
we listen for utterances of your love, O God. **Amen.**

PSALM 113 *(read in unison)*

**Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the LORD;
praise the name of the LORD.**
Let the name of the LORD be blessed, from this time forth forevermore.
From the rising of the sun to its going down let the name of the LORD be praised.
**The LORD is high above all nations;
God's glory above the heavens.**
**Who is like the LORD our God, who sits enthroned on high,
but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?**
**The LORD takes up the weak out of the dust and lifts up the poor from the ashes,
enthroning them with the rulers, with the rulers of the people.**
**The LORD makes the woman of a childless house
to be a joyful mother of children. Hallelujah!**

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 12:18-25

Leader: ... The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.
(A period of silence follows for personal reflection.)

SCRIPTURE READING

John 8:47-59

Leader: ... The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.
(A period of silence follows for personal reflection.)

PRAYERS FOR OTHERS

Leader: Satisfy us with your love in the morning, *(Psalm 90:14)*

People: and we will live this day in joy and praise.

Leader: Jesus, people came to you when they were in trouble or pain.

Friends carried them, strangers told you about them;

some invited you into their homes or met you walking on the road.

You listened to them, you prayed with them

and you brought hope and healing into their lives.

So, this day we bring into our minds and hold in God's presence

those for whom we have been asked to pray.

Jesus, you welcomed children and blessed them;

you gave their parents courage and hope.

So, we name before you... *(a pause for prayer)*

Jesus, through your words and touch those who were distressed found peace,

and those who were tormented found rest.

So, we name before you... *(a pause for prayer)*

Jesus, you prayed for those who were sick and you restored them to health.

So, we name before you... *(a pause for prayer)*

Jesus, you wept for the city you loved.

So, we name before you... *(a pause for prayer)*

Jesus, in your words and actions, the oppressed found justice

and the angry found release.

So, we name before you... *(a pause for prayer)*

Jesus, you knew the joy of God's presence day by day.

So, we name before you... *(a pause for prayer)*

Jesus, you cried when a friend died, and you shared the grief of those who mourn.

So, we name before you... *(a pause for prayer)*

We thank you for all engaged in the ministries of healing and reconciliation,

for those who work in hospitals and care facilities,

for doctors and nurses and other front line workers,

for counselors and therapists.

God our maker,

People: Jesus our healer,

Leader: Holy Spirit of love and life,

People: hear our prayers.

Leader: To those who seek you,

People: to all who need you,

Leader: to the world you cherish bring healing

People: bring wholeness, bring peace. 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.*

CLOSING RESPONSES

Leader: This is the day that God has made;

People: we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Leader: We will not offer to God

People: offerings that cost us nothing.

Leader: Go in peace to love and serve;

People: we will seek peace and pursue it.

Leader: In the name of the Trinity of love,

People: God in community, holy and one.

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

People: And also with you.

(Signs and words of Christ's peace may be exchanged by all.)



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