

Worship At Home

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For each day, to be read aloud.

+ In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Search me, O God, and know my heart.
Test me and know my thoughts.
See if there is any wicked way in me
and lead me in the way everlasting.

Canticle

Christ, as a light illumine and guide me.
Christ, as a shield overshadow me.
Christ under me; Christ over me;
Christ beside me on my left and my right.
This day be within and without me,
lowly and meek, yet all-powerful.
Be in the heart of each to whom I speak;
in the mouth of each who speaks unto me.
This day be within and without me,
lowly and meek, yet all-powerful.
Christ as a light; Christ as a shield;
Christ beside me on my left and my right.

Confession

Lord God of love,
I have not loved you with my whole heart.
Lord, have mercy.
I have not loved my neighbour as myself.
Christ, have mercy.
I have sinned in thought, word and deed
And in what I have left unspoken and undone.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, forgive.

¹¹ If I say, 'Surely the darkness will hide me
and the light become night around me,'
¹² even the darkness will not be dark to you;
the night will shine like the day,
for darkness is as light to you.

¹³ For you created my inmost being;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

¹⁴ I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

¹⁵ My frame was not hidden from you
when I was made in the secret place,
when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.

¹⁶ Your eyes saw my unformed body;
all the days ordained for me were written in your book
before one of them came to be.

¹⁷ How precious to me are your thoughts, ^[a] God!
How vast is the sum of them!

¹⁸ Were I to count them,
they would outnumber the grains of sand –
when I awake, I am still with you.

Blessing

O Lord, bless us and keep us,
make your face shine upon us,
look kindly on us and grant us your peace. Amen.

A prayer Before Sleeping

Calm me, O Lord, as You stilled the storm.
Still me, O Lord, keep me from harm.
Let all the tumult within me cease.
Enfold me, Lord, in Your peace.
Amen.

Expression of Faith

Lord, You have always given
bread for the coming day;
and though I am poor,
today I believe.

Lord, You have always given
strength for the coming day;
and though I am weak,
today I believe.

Lord, You have always given
peace for the coming day;
and though of anxious heart,
today I believe.

Lord, You have always kept
me safe in trials;
and now, tried as I am,
today I believe.

Lord, You have always marked
the road for the coming day;
and though it may be hidden,
today I believe.

Lord, You have always lightened
this darkness of mine;
and though the night is here,
today I believe.

Lord, You have always spoken
when time was ripe;
and though you be silent now,
today I believe.

*In a quiet moment, imagine your troubles,
resting in your hands. Feel their weight.
Open your hands and offer them to God.*

Prayer for Others

God, you are all mighty, greater than any problem,
Kinder than any friend,

I thank you that you hear me when I pray.

I thank you for all the blessings you have given to me...

I pray for the world and every place where there is trouble...

I pray for the church and her leaders: give wisdom, love and life...

I pray for my community and its needs...

I pray for all those suffering in body, mind or spirit...

I pray for those who have died and those who love them...

I pray for myself...

Be near me today and always.

Help me to know you,

Help me to trust you,

Help me to love you. Amen.

Psalm 139

You have searched me, LORD and you know me.

²You know when I sit and when I rise;
you perceive my thoughts from afar.

³You discern my going out and my lying down;
you are familiar with all my ways.

⁴Before a word is on my tongue
you, LORD, know it completely.

⁵You hem me in behind and before,
and you lay your hand upon me.

⁶Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,
too lofty for me to attain.

⁷Where can I go from your Spirit?

Where can I flee from your presence?

⁸If I go up to the heavens, you are there;
if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.

⁹If I rise on the wings of the dawn,
if I settle on the far side of the sea,

¹⁰even there your hand will guide me,
your right hand will hold me fast.