

A Simple Daily Office for Creation Season (September 1st – October 4th)

These prayers are adapted from the Book of Alternative Services of the Anglican Church of Canada and from other sources which are noted. Please continue to adapt them for your own use.

- *Use a lectionary or Bible reading plan, or make your own plan for reading the Old & New Testaments and the Psalms.*
- *These Offices can be prayed either alone or with others. Pronouns may be changed appropriately to reflect the situation.*

Daily Morning Prayer

Light your candle if you are using one, and take a moment of relaxed silence to pay attention to the presence of God.

Lord, open our lips,
and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.
O Lord our God, how excellent is your greatness;
You are clothed with majesty and splendour.

Psalm 104.25, 28-32

O Lord, how manifold are your works!
in wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.
All of them look to you
to give them their food in due season.
You give it to them; they gather it;
you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.
You hide your face, and they are terrified;
you take away their breath,
and they die and return to their dust.
You send forth your Spirit, and they are created,
and so you renew the face of the earth.
May the glory of the Lord endure forever;
may the Lord rejoice in all his works.
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.

Read a psalm or psalms as prayers to God.

Bible reading and Reflection

Read one or two passages of Scripture. If you are not using a Bible reading system with comments and notes, ask yourself the following questions about the passage:

- *What does this passage tell me about God?*
- *What does this passage tell me about myself and the world in which I live?*
- *Is there something I need to learn?*
- *Is there something I need to do?*

Intercessions and Thanksgivings

Offer your prayers to God informally. Your prayers may include:

- *Thanksgiving for particular blessings.*
- *Confession of your sins and asking for God's forgiveness.*
- *Prayers for God's world, for the healing of all creation, for your community, God's Church, members of your family, people who have particular needs.*

Conclude with the following prayers:

God of unchangeable power, when you fashioned the world the morning stars sang together and the host of heaven shouted for joy; open our eyes to the wonders of creation and teach us to see all things for good, to the honour of your glorious name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**¹

Maker of all, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: may we discern your hand in all your works and serve you with reverence and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things now and forever. **Amen.**²

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.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

¹ From *A New Zealand Prayer Book*, p.569

² From *The Daily Office SSF*, p.725

Daily Night Prayer

Light your candle if you are using one, and take a moment of relaxed silence to pay attention to the presence of God.

O Lord, you appointed the moon to mark the seasons.

And the sun knows the time of its setting.

You make darkness that it may be night,

In which all the beasts of the forest prowl.

(Psalm 104. 20-21)

From the rising of the sun to its going down,

Let the name of the Lord be praised.

(Psalm 113.3)

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.

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.

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Be our light in the darkness, O Lord, and in your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Creator of the fruitful earth, you made us stewards of all things. Give us grateful hearts for all your goodness, and steadfast wills to use your bounty well, that the whole human family, today and in

generations to come, may with us give thanks for the riches of your creation. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

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, the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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Thanks be to God.

The Almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us this night and forever. **Amen.**