

Merciful God of might, renew this weary world, heal the hurts of all your children, and bring about your peace for all in Christ Jesus, the living Lord.

Especially I pray for –

all those in positions of authority...  
people in countries ravaged by strife or war...  
those who work for peace and reconciliation...  
and everyone who suffers...

O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*The devotional time concludes with the Lord's Prayer and a blessing:*

Almighty God, the Father, + the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
bless and preserve me this day.  
Amen.

## DAILY PRAYER



*"Let my prayer rise before you as incense."  
-Psalm 141:2*

*"Your word is a lamp to my feet,  
and a light upon my path."  
- Psalm 119:105*

## OPENING

*We begin the pattern of daily prayer by opening our hearts and voices to the presence of God. A candle may be lit to represent the presence of the Holy Spirit. Taking a short time for silence helps focus our hearts and minds on the present moment. A litany begins the time of prayer and scripture reflection.*

O Lord, open my lips,  
**and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Teach me the way that I should go,  
**for to you I lift up my soul.**

Every day I will bless you,  
**and praise your name forever and ever.**

You redeem my life from the grave,  
**and crown me with mercy and steadfast love.**

Lord, hear my prayer,  
**and let my cry come before you.**

## PSALMODY

*Christians through the centuries have prayed the psalms daily. Through the psalms we express many things: adoration, praise, thanksgiving for God's deliverance, lament, confession, intercession, teaching. They are at the same time God's words to us and our response to God.*

*Take time to prayerfully read the psalm appointed for the day.*

## WORD

*As part of daily prayer, we reflect on readings from the Bible. The daily lectionary helps us encounter more of the scriptures than we hear on Sundays.*

*Before reading, you may pray:*

Gracious and holy God,  
give me diligence to seek you,  
wisdom to perceive you,  
and patience to wait for you.

Grant me, O God, a mind to meditate on you;  
eyes to behold you;  
ears to listen for your word;  
a heart to love you;  
and a life to proclaim you;  
through the power of the Spirit of Jesus Christ,  
our Saviour and Lord. Amen.

*Now take time to read the texts appointed for the day. It can be helpful to read aloud, even if you are alone; this engages the ears as well as the eyes.*

## PRAYERS

*The time of devotion concludes with intentional forms of prayer: giving thanks for the gifts of God; praying for others and for ourselves; and the Lord's Prayer.*

*You may choose to pray freely in your own words, or you may wish to use the following structure to guide your prayer. Pause after each petition to give time for your own prayers to arise.*

Mighty God of mercy, thank you for the gifts of forgiveness and renewal that you shower on us through Christ.

Thank you especially for -

the goodness of creation...  
your gifts of healing and forgiveness...  
the gift of relationship with family and friends...  
the community of the church...  
and all other things I'm grateful for in this moment...