

MORNING PRAYER
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Opening

O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise
Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, O God.
that we may rejoice and be glad all our days

Invocation

Gracious God, our helper, we greet you this morning with joy and thanksgiving. We feel your welcome and anticipate your teaching. As the sun swings higher, so may our lives rise to you in the active praise of this day's duties. Show us this day what you would have us do. Whether it be great or small, we want to do what you command. Let our ears be attentive to your Word, and our hearts be responsive to the opportunities you grant us to bear one another's burdens in the name of Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Silence

Prayer

We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son,
that you have protected us through the night from all danger and harm.
We ask you to preserve and keep us, this day also, from all sin and evil,
that in all our thoughts, words, and deeds, we may serve and please you.
In all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 67

May God be gracious to us and bless us

and make his face to shine upon us

That your way may be known upon the earth,

your saving power among the nations

Let the people praise you, O God;

let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy for you judge the peoples with equity

and guide the nations upon earth.

Let the people praise you, O God

let all the people praise you.

The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.

may God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him

Reading

Do not ask anxiously, What are we to eat? What are we to drink?
What shall we wear? The whole world runs after such things.
Set your hearts and minds on God's kingdom and justice first,
and all the rest will come to you as well. So do not be
anxious about tomorrow. Today has enough problems of its own;
tomorrow can look after itself.

Silence

Closing Prayer

Let us begin the day as children of the living God, greeting our
Neighbors as God's valued creation.

God sends us out as bearers of peace.

We will honor God's word above everything.

With steadfast love and faithfulness, God strengthens us.

We will receive what we need each day.

We will not hesitate to search and ask.

We will be persistent in prayer.

God will answer us and give us what is good.

Doors will be opened and good gifts will be received.

We rejoice in the opportunities God gives us.

May the glory of God be recognized among us.

Amen.