

Closing Prayer

(for the morning:)

Almighty and everlasting Father,
we thank you that you have brought us safely
to the beginning of this day.
Keep us from falling into sin
or running into danger,
order us in all our doings
and guide us to do always
what is righteous in your sight;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(for the evening:)

Abide with us, eternal Father,
for the darkness is no darkness with you,
but the night is clear as the day.
Renew our hearts with your forgiveness,
and our bodies with untroubled sleep,
that we may wake to use more faithfully,
your gift of life
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Common Worship *Daily Prayer* can be found at

<https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/join-us-service-daily-prayer>



A Way of Daily Prayer (for morning or night use)

Opening Meditation:

There is no place where God is not –
Wherever I go, there God is.
Now, and always he upholds me with his power
and keeps me safe in his love.

Be silent: remember the presence of God with you,
 his love for you:
 ‘Be still and know that I am God.’ (Psalm 46.10)

Prayer:

(for the morning:)
O God, give your Church light
that we may see more clearly what we should do:
give us strength
that we may have the courage and power to do it:
give us love
that at all times and in all places
we may be patient and forgiving and trusting:
and so fill our lives with joy:
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(for the evening)

Be present, O merciful God,
and protect us through the silent hours of this night,
so that we who are wearied
by the changes and chances of this fleeting world,
may rest upon your eternal changelessness;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Bible readings: *you will find the daily readings on the Pastoral Letter/Notice Sheet, which can also be found on the website <http://stnicholas.suttonteam.org.uk/>*

Your own prayer: (in your own words)

Thanksgiving...for the gift of life...for the gift of redemption through Christ, who brings us back to God...for the gift of the Holy Spirit, who guides and comforts us...for all that enriches our lives

Intercession...for our families, friends, colleagues...church...place or work...those in difficulties.

Offering of our lives to our Lord...our hopes, worries, fears, our sins for forgiveness and healing...our sorrows and hurts...all that we are.

The Lord's Prayer:

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.

Thanksgiving:

Thanks be to you, my Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits and blessings which you have given to me, for all the pains and insults which you have borne for me. O most merciful friend, brother and redeemer; may I know you more clearly, love you more dearly and follow you more nearly, day by day. *Saint Richard of Chichester (d. 1283)*