

MORNING PRAYER  
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OPENING SENTENCES

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

The Lord shall come when morning dawns and earth's dark night is past. As the sentry waits for daybreak, so my soul hopes for the Lord. .

MORNING PSALM – *Psalm 138*

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;  
before the gods I will sing your praise.

**I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name,  
because of your love and faithfulness;**

For you have glorified your name and your word above all things.

**When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.**

All the rulers of the earth will praise you, O Lord,  
when they have heard the words of your mouth.

**They will sing of the ways of the Lord,  
that great is the glory of the Lord.**

The Lord is high, yet the Lord cares for the lowly and perceives the haughty from afar.

**Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;  
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;  
your right hand shall save me.**

**(unison)**

**O Lord, you will make good your purpose for me;  
O Lord, your love endures forever;  
do not abandon the works of your hands.**

God of creation and fulfillment, help us to seek and discover your purposes, that we may become willing instruments of your grace, and that all the world may come to love and praise your name, in the kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## SHARING PRAYER REQUESTS

### PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

Satisfy us with your love in the morning,  
**And we will live this day in joy and praise.**

Loving God, as the rising sun chases away the night, so you have scattered the power of death in the rising of Jesus Christ, and you bring us all blessings in him. Especially we thank you for

- the community of faith in our church....
- those with whom we work or share common concerns....
- the diversity of your children....
- indications of your love at work in the world....
- those who work for reconciliation....
- other prayers of thanksgiving....

Mighty God, with the dawn of your love you reveal your victory over all that would destroy or harm, and you brighten the lives of all who need you. Especially we pray for

- families suffering separation....
- people different from ourselves....
- those isolated by sickness or sorrow...
- the victims of violence or warfare....
- the church in the Pacific region....
- other prayers of intercession....

God of all wisdom, our hearts yearn for the warmth of your love, and our minds search for the light of your Word. Increase our longing for Christ our Savior, and strengthen us to grow in love, that at dawn of his coming we may rejoice in his presence and welcome the light of his truth. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

#### DISMISSAL

The grace of God be with us all, now and always.

**Amen**

Bless the Lord.

**The Lord's name be praised.**

