

MORNING PRAYER

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OPENING SENTENCES

O Lord, open my lips.

And my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Show me your way, O Lord, that I may follow in your truth. Teach me to revere your name, and my whole heart will praise you. *Psalm 86:11-12*

MORNING PSALM – *Psalm 32*

Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!

Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile.

While I held my tongue, my bones withered away because of my groaning all day long.

For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; my moisture was dried up as in the heat of the summer.

Then I acknowledge my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt.

I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.”

Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; when the great waters over flow, they shall not reach them.

**You are my hiding place; you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.**

“I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go;
I will guide you with my eye.

**Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding;
Who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you.”**

Great tribulations of the wicked; but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.

**Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord;
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.**

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.

Eternal God, we praise you for your mighty love given in Christ's sacrifice on the cross, and the new life we have received by his resurrection. Especially we thank you for
the presence of Christ in our weakness and suffering....
the ministry of Word and Sacrament.....
all who work to help and heal....
sacrifices made for our benefit....
opportunities for our generous giving.....
other prayers of thanksgiving....

God of grace, let our concern for others reflect Christ's self-giving love, not only in our prayers, but also in our practice. Especially we pray for
those subjected to tyranny and oppression....
wounded and injured people....
those who face death...
those who may be our enemies...
the church in Latin America...
other prayers of intercession.....

God of love, as you have given your life to us, so may we live according to your holy will revealed in Jesus Christ. Make us bold to share your life, and show your love, in the power of your Holy Spirit. Grant this through Jesus Christ our Redeemer and Lord.
Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

DISMISSAL

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

Amen

Bless the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

