

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.” *Matthew 16:24*

MORNING PSALM – *Psalms 42*

As the deer longs for the water-brooks,  
so longs my soul for you, O God.

**My soul is athirst for God, athirst for the living God;  
when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?**

My tears have been my food day and night, while all day long they say to me;  
“Where now is your God?”

**I pour out my soul when I think on these things; how I went with the multiple  
and led them into the house of God.**

With the voice of praise and thanksgiving, among those who keep holy-day.

**Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul?**

**And why are you so disquieted within me?**

Put your trust in God; for I will yet give thanks to the One who is the help  
of my countenance, and my God.

**My soul is heavy within me; therefore I will remember**

**You from the land of Jordan, and from the peace of Mitzar  
among the heights of Hermon.**

One deep calls to another in the noise of your cataracts;  
all your rapids and floods have gone over me.

**The LORD grants loving-kindness in the daytime;  
in the night season the song of the LORD is with me,  
a prayer to the God of my life.**

I will say to the God of my strength, “Why have you forgotten me  
and why do I go so heavily while the enemy oppresses me?”

**While my bones are being broken, my enemies mock me to my face;**

All day long they mock me and say to me, “Where now is your God?”

**Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul?**

**And why are you so disquieted within me?**

**Unison: Put your trust in God; for I will give thanks to the One  
Who is the help of my countenance, and my God.”**

## 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.**

We praise you, God our creator, for your handiwork in shaping and sustaining your wondrous creation. Especially we thank you for  
the miracle of life and the wonder of living.....  
particular blessings coming to us this day.....  
the resources of the earth.....  
gifts of creative vision and skillful craft....  
the treasure stored in every human life.....  
other prayers of thanksgiving....

We dare to pray for other, God our Savior, claiming your love in Jesus Christ for the whole world, committing ourselves to care for those around us in his name. Especially we pray for  
those who work for the benefit of others....  
those who cannot work today...  
those who teach and those who learn.....  
people who are poor...  
the church in Europe....  
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.**

