

MORNING PRAYER  
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OPENING SENTENCES

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

“Jesus told his disciples: If any want to become my followers. Let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.” *Matthew 16:24*

MORNING PSALM – *Psalm 63:1-8*

O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you;  
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,  
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.

**Therefore, I have gazed upon you in your holy place, that I might  
behold your power and your glory.**

For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; my lips shall give your praise.

**So will I bless you as long as I live and lift up my hands in your name.**

My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness,  
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

**when I remember you in my bed, and meditate on you in the night watches.**

For you have been my helper, and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

**My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.**

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 rejoice this morning in the gift of life, which we have received by your grace, and the new life you give in Jesus Christ. Especially we thank you for  
the love of our families....  
the affection of our friends....  
strength and abilities to serve your purposes today...

this community in which we live....  
Opportunities to give as we have received....  
other prayers of thanksgiving....

God of grace, we offer our prayers for the needs of others and commit ourselves to serve them even as we have been served in Jesus Christ. Especially we pray for  
those closest to us, families, friends, neighbors...  
refugees and homeless men, women, and children....  
the outcast and persecuted...  
those from whom we are estranged...  
the church in Africa...  
other prayers of intercession.....

Take all our doubts and uncertainties, O God, and fill us with such faith that we may be confident of your love and loyal in the service of him who died and yet lives for us, Jesus Christ the Lord.

**Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

DISMISSAL

To God be honor and glory forever and ever.

**Amen**

Bless the Lord.

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