

Evening Prayer

Begin with this while making the sign of the cross:

Lord, + open my lips. – And my mouth will proclaim your praise.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Alleluia.

Psalm 20

Antiphon: God has crowned his Christ with victory.

May the Lord answer in time of trial;
may the name of Jacob's God protect you.

May he send you help from his shrine
and give you support from Zion.
May he remember all your offerings
and receive your sacrifice with favor.

May he give you your heart's desire
and fulfill every one of your plans.
May we ring out our joy at your victory
and rejoice in the name of our God.
May the Lord grant all your prayers.

I am sure now that the Lord
will give victory to his anointed,
will reply from his holy heaven
with the mighty victory of his hand.

Some trust in chariots or horses,
but we in the name of the Lord.
They will collapse and fall,
but we shall hold and stand firm.

Give victory to the king, O Lord,
give answer on the day we call.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.
Amen.

Silent Prayer

Take a minute or two of silence for prayer, using the above psalm as a starting point.

Psalm Prayer

Lord, you accepted the perfect sacrifice of your Son upon the cross. Hear us during times of trouble and protect us by the power of his name, that we who share his struggle on earth may merit a share in his victory.

Antiphon: God has crowned his Christ with victory.

Scripture Reading - 1 John 3:1a, 2

See what love the Father has bestowed on us in letting us be called children of God! Yet that is what we are. Dearly beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall later be has not yet come to light. We know that when it comes to light we shall be like him for we shall see him as he is.

Intercessions

- Lord, king and ruler of nations, be with all your people and their governments, inspire them to pursue the good of all according to your law. (*If praying with others, add: We pray to the Lord.*)
- You made captive our captivity, to our brothers who are enduring bodily or spiritual chains, grant the freedom of the sons of God. (*If praying with others, add: We pray to the Lord.*)
- May our young people be concerned with remaining blameless in your sight, and may they generously follow your call. (*If praying with others, add: We pray to the Lord.*)

The Lord's Prayer Our Father. . .

Closing Prayer

Almighty God,
we give you thanks
for bringing us safely
to this evening hour.
May this lifting up of our hands in prayer
be a sacrifice pleasing in your sight.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
— Amen.