

# PRAYER IN THE HOME

FOR THE TRINITY SEASON

(SUNDAYS IN JULY/AUGUST)

## GATHERING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us light a candle to remember that God is with us.

O Lord, open our lips  
and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Reveal among us the light of your presence  
that we may behold your power and glory.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,  
so may the light of your presence, O God,  
set our hearts on fire with love for you;  
now and for ever.

Amen

## PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

## COLLECT FOR THE DAY

### CONFESSION

The gospel calls us to turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ.  
As we offer ourselves to him in penitence and faith, we renew our  
confidence and trust in his mercy.

*Silence is kept.*

In a dark and disfigured world  
we have not held out the light of life:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

In a hungry and despairing world  
we have failed to share our bread:

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

In a cold and loveless world  
We have kept the love of God to ourselves:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

May the God of love  
bring us back to himself,  
forgive us our sins,  
and assure us of his eternal love  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## PSALM

## BIBLE READING

## INTERCESSIONS & CLOSING PRAYER

Father, we thank you for the beauty and diversity of our world. We are sorry for the damage being done to your Creation: please help us to be responsible stewards and do our part in caring for our planet.

*Silence*

Lord, hear us:

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Father, we pray for the worship and witness of your Church, local, national and international. Especially we remember Christians in countries where they face persecution.

*Silence*

Lord, hear us:

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Father, we pray for wisdom and integrity for world leaders, that they may use their gifts well and work together for the good of all nations. We ask for a spirit of generosity, that the richer countries of the world may support those who are struggling to get by.

*Silence*

Lord, hear us:

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Father, we pray for all those in our own country who are struggling financially during these difficult economic times. We pray also for the men and women who work in national or local government, that they might show sound judgment and integrity.

*Silence*

Lord, hear us:

**Lord, graciously hear us.**

Father, we pray for comfort and healing to all those who suffer in body, mind or spirit.

*We take a few moments to name anyone known to us who needs our prayers today.....*

We commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray, to the mercy and protection of God.

**Merciful Father,  
accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Trusting in the compassion of God,  
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

May the God of hope fill you  
with all joy and peace in believing  
so that you may abound in hope  
by the power of the Holy Spirit.