



# A Morning Offering

## A Liturgy For First Rising

*When you first wake up, let your first thought and action be to say good morning to God and offer your day and your self to him. You may wish to make the sign of the cross or trace a small cross on your lips with your thumb as you pray “Open my lips, O Lord...”*

*Each day begins with the invocation and then concludes with the daily offering. You may add your own prayers at any time.*

### Invocation

Open ✠ my lips, O Lord, \*  
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

### Opening Sentence

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;  
his mercies never come to an end;  
they are new every morning;  
great is your faithfulness.

“The Lord is my portion,” says my soul,  
“therefore I will hope in him.”

*Lamentations 3:22-24*

### Sunday Offering

Heavenly Father, you have made me for yourself,  
and with my whole heart I give myself to you.  
Give me grace to behold you, present in your Word and Sacraments,  
and to recognize you in the lives of others.  
Stir up in my own heart the flame of that love  
which burned in the heart of your Son as he bore his passion,  
and let it burn in me to eternal life and to the ages of ages. Amen.

## Monday Offering

Grant, O Lord, that none may love you less this week because of me; that never word or act of mine may turn one soul from thee; and, ever daring, yet one more grace would I implore, that many souls this week, because of me, may love thee more. Amen.

## Tuesday Offering

Father, you have brought me to the beginning of a new day. Your hand is upon me to care for me and protect me. I offer you my life and my heart. May I always do your will and love my neighbor as myself. Amen.

## Wednesday Offering

Almighty Father, so draw my heart to you, so guide my mind, so fill my imagination, so control my will, that I may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated to you; and then use me, I pray, as you will, and always to your glory and the welfare of your people; through your Son my Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

## Thursday Offering

Father in heaven, you have brought me in safety to this new day: Preserve me with your mighty power, that I may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all I do, direct me to the fulfilling of your purpose. Amen.

## Friday Offering

O my God, I offer you all my thoughts, words, actions, and sufferings; and I beseech you to give me your grace that I may not fall into sin, but may faithfully serve you and do your holy will in all things. Amen.

## Saturday Offering

Father, I offer to you this day all my thoughts, words and actions, all my sufferings and disappointments, and all my joys. And I unite my life with that of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.



# Morning Prayer

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## Opening Sentence

Now, now – it is the Lord who speaks –  
come back to me with all your heart, fasting, weeping, and mourning;  
Let your hearts be broken, not your garments torn,  
turn to the Lord your God again, for he is all tenderness and compassion,  
slow to anger, rich in graciousness, and ready to relent. *Joel 2.12-13*

## Acclamation

O children of the Living God, what is your Heavenly Father's  
greatest desire for you this day?

That we should love him with all our hearts, with all our souls,  
with all our minds, and with all our strength.

And how would you show this love?

By remembering him at all times.

By cultivating thankfulness for his many blessings,  
and trusting his good providence for the meeting of our needs.

By loving all whose lives intersect our own.

By choosing to serve rather than to be served,  
to be wounded rather than to wound,  
and by bearing patiently with the failings of others,  
extending the same kindness, mercy, and compassion  
that God in Christ has so graciously offered us.

We would also love him by serving with faithfulness in our vocation,  
by delighting in all things he has created for our benefit and pleasure,  
and by caring well for all he has given us to steward.

O Lord, help me to show my love for you in these ways today!

## The Lessons

*The service continues with the readings from the daily office (published in the weekly bulletin inserts and at [www.ApostlesByTheSea.com/DailyOffice](http://www.ApostlesByTheSea.com/DailyOffice))  
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## Personal Intercessions and Thanksgivings

*Prayers and thanksgivings may be offered for your self, your Church, your clergy, and others.*

## The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.  
Amen.

## The Collect of the Day

*The Collect of the Day is found in the service leaflet from the previous Sunday.*

## A Collect for Lent

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made  
and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us  
new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins  
and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you,  
the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you  
and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## Closing Sentence

The grace of our ✠ Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and  
the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. *2 Corinthians 13:14*

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## Evening Prayer

*The service begins with the opening sentence. You may wish to begin by quieting your mind and remaining in silence for a moment. You may then make the sign of the cross as you begin.*

### Opening Sentence

Here at days end I seek you, O Lord.

You have been my sustenance during the day.

Be now my counselor, comforter, and protector in the dark of night. Amen.

### Confession of Sin

Merciful Lord, it was my desire to serve you well in this day  
but I have again fallen short of your righteousness  
in my thoughts, my intentions, my actions, and my utterances.

I have responded at times without grace.

I have chosen sometimes that which is unprofitable and which leads  
neither to my own flourishing nor to the proclamation of your glory.

Forgive me, O Lord and King, for treasons both known and unknown.

Forgive me for the harms I have done this day,

and for the goods I might have done but failed to do;

forgive me also for the condition of my heart,

for the self-serving impulses, inclinations, and desires

which stand me every moment in need of a savior.

And now, O Lord, I confess these particular sins to you \_\_\_\_\_.

*When all sins have been confessed, read the following assurance of God's mercy:*

All these sins I have truly repented of, he has eternally forgiven.

They will never be held against me.

I am free to love and to serve him in joyful assurance,

knowing his grace will always be more than sufficient to my own failings.

Thanks be to God for this glorious gift!

## Personal Intercessions and Thanksgivings

Resting now, O Lord, in the certain promise of your love through which I am adopted as your daughter or son, I find myself at ease in your holy presence. And now I bring to you my burdens and petitions this night.

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## The Lessons

Thank you, O Lord, that you are attentive to the cries of your children. Deepen now my knowledge of you, and tender my heart to receive your words.

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## The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## A Collect for Evening

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. Amen.

## Closing Sentence

The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless us and keep us. Amen.

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