

## THE BLESSING

God grant to the living, grace; to the departed, rest; to the Church, the King, the Commonwealth, and all mankind, peace and concord; and to us and all his servants, life everlasting; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

*If no priest be present, the Grace is said in place of the blessing.*

## NATIONAL ANTHEM

God save our gracious King!  
Long live our noble King!  
God save the King!  
Send him victorious,  
Happy and glorious,  
Long to reign over us,  
God save the King.

Thy choicest gifts in store  
On him be pleased to pour,  
Long may he reign.  
May he defend our laws,  
And ever give us cause,  
To sing with heart and voice,  
God save the King.

# THE PRAYER BOOK SOCIETY

# The Order of Evening Prayer



and whatsoever else may hinder us from godly union and concord: that, as there is but one Body, and one Spirit, and one hope of our calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of us all; so we may henceforth be all of one heart, and of one soul, united in one holy bond of truth and peace, of faith and charity, and may with one mind and one mouth glorify thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Further prayers may be added here, concluding with the General Thanksgiving.*

**A**L MIGHTY God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men; We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And we beseech thee, give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we shew forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

*A hymn may be sung.*

## PRAYERS

**L**ORD our God, who upholdest and governest all things by the word of thy power: Receive our humble prayers for our Sovereign Lord CHARLES, set over us by thy grace and providence to be our King; and, together with him, bless, we beseech thee, Camilla the Queen Consort, William Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and all the Royal Family; that they, ever trusting in thy goodness, protected by thy power, and crowned with thy gracious and endless favour, may long continue before thee in peace and safety, joy and honour, and after death may obtain everlasting life and glory, by the merits and mediation of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who with thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth ever one God, world without end. Amen.

**A**Lmighty God, who rulest over all the kingdoms of the world, and dost order them according to thy good pleasure: We yield thee unfeigned thanks, for that thou wast pleased to set thy Servant our Sovereign Lord, King CHARLES, upon the Throne of this Realm. Let thy wisdom be his guide, and let thine arm strengthen him; let truth and justice, holiness and righteousness, peace and charity, abound in his days; direct all his counsels and endeavours to thy glory, and the welfare of his subjects; give us grace to obey him cheerfully for conscience sake, and let him always possess the hearts of his people; let his reign be long and prosperous, and crown him with everlasting life in the world to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**G**OD the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Saviour, the Prince of Peace: Give us grace seriously to lay to heart the great dangers we are in by our unhappy divisions. Take away all hatred and prejudice,

## THE ORDER OF EVENING PRAYER

*A hymn may be sung.*

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us: but if we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 St. John 1.8-9

DEARLY beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloke them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying after me:

*All kneel.*

**A**Lmighty and most merciful Father, We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, We have offended against thy holy laws, We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, And we have done those things which we ought not to have done, And there is no health in us: But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders; Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults, Restore thou them that are penitent, According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord: And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

*The priest pronounces the Absolution.*

**A**Lmighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness, and live; and hath given power, and commandment, to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins: He pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent, and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel. Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance, and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him, which we do at this present; and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure, and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*If no priest be present the person saying the Service shall read the Collect for the Twenty-First Sunday after Trinity.*

*Three collects follow,*

**O**GOD, who providest for thy people by thy power, and rulest over them in love: Vouchsafe so to bless thy Servant our King, that under him this nation may be wisely governed, and thy Church may serve thee in all godly quietness; and grant that he being devoted to thee with his whole heart, and persevering in good works unto the end, may, by thy guidance, come to thine everlasting kingdom; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

**O**GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

**L**IGHTEN our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*A hymn or anthem may be sung.*

*A sermon may be preached.*

Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

**O**UR Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.

*The priest, standing up, shall say or sing,*

O LORD, shew thy mercy upon us.  
And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the King;  
Who putteth his trust in thee.

Send him help from thy holy place.  
And evermore mightily defend him.

Be unto him, O Lord, a strong tower;  
From the face of his enemies.

Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.  
And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people.  
And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord.  
Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

O Lord, hear our prayer;  
And let our cry come unto thee.

**O**UR Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

O Lord, open thou our lips.  
And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us.  
O Lord, make haste to help us.

*All stand.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Praise ye the Lord.  
The Lord's Name be praised.

*All stand to say or sing the Nunc Dimittis.*

*Nunc Dimittis*

**L**ORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace :  
according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen : thy salvation;

Which thou hast prepared : before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles :

and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy

Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall  
be: world without end. Amen.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I**BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of  
heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only Son our  
Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the  
Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified,  
and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he  
rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And  
sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholick Church;  
The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The  
Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.

The Lord be with you.  
And with thy spirit.  
Let us pray

*All kneel*

PSALMODY

*One or more of the following Psalms is said or sung.*

*Domine, in virtute tua* PSALM 20

**T**HE Lord hear thee in the day of trouble :  
the Name of the God of Jacob defend thee;

2 Send thee help from the sanctuary :  
and strengthen thee out of Sion;

3 Remember all thy offerings :  
and accept thy burnt-sacrifice;

4 Grant thee thy heart's desire :  
and fulfil all thy mind.

5 We will rejoice in thy salvation, and triumph in the Name  
of the Lord our God :  
the Lord perform all thy petitions.

6 Now know I that the Lord helpeth his Anointed, and will  
hear him from his holy heaven :  
even with the wholesome strength of his right hand.

7 Some put their trust in chariots, and some in horses :  
but we will remember the Name of the Lord our God.

8 They are brought down, and fallen :  
but we are risen, and stand upright.

9 Save, Lord, and hear us, O King of heaven :  
when we call upon thee.

*Misericordiam et iudicium* PSALM 101

**M**Y song shall be of mercy and judgement :  
unto thee, O Lord, will I sing.

2 O let me have understanding :  
in the way of godliness.



Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

## NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

REVELATION 22.21-22.4

Here beginneth the twenty-second verse of the twenty-first chapter of the revelation of St John the Divine.

And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it. And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof. And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it. And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there. And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it. And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life. And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him: And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads.

Here endeth the Second lesson.

- 3 When wilt thou come unto me :  
I will walk in my house with a perfect heart.
- 4 I will take no wicked thing in hand; I hate the sins of unfaithfulness :  
there shall no such cleave unto me.
- 5 A froward heart shall depart from me :  
I will not know a wicked person.
- 6 Whoso privily slandereth his neighbour :  
him will I destroy.
- 7 Whoso hath also a proud look and high stomach :  
I will not suffer him.
- 8 Mine eyes look upon such as are faithful in the land :  
that they may dwell with me.
- 9 Whoso leadeth a godly life :  
he shall be my servant.
- 10 There shall no deceitful person dwell in my house :  
he that telleth lies shall not tarry in my sight.
- 11 I shall soon destroy all the ungodly that are in the land :  
that I may root out all wicked doers from the city of the Lord.

*Levavi oculos PSALM 121*

- I**WILL lift up mine eyes unto the hills :  
from whence cometh my help.
- 2 My help cometh even from the Lord :  
who hath made heaven and earth.
  - 3 He will not suffer thy foot to be moved :  
and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.
  - 4 Behold, he that keepeth Israel :  
shall neither slumber nor sleep.

- 5 The Lord himself is thy keeper :  
the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand;
- 6 So that the sun shall not burn thee by day :  
neither the moon by night.
- 7 The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil :  
yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.
- 8 The Lord shall preserve thy going out, and thy coming in:  
from this time forth for evermore.

*At the end of each Psalm shall be said or sung,*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son : and to the Holy  
Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall  
be: world without end. Amen.

## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON PROVERBS 8. 1-16

Here beginneth the eighth chapter of the book of Proverbs.

Doth not wisdom cry? and understanding put forth her  
voice? She standeth in the top of high places, by the way  
in the places of the paths. She crieth at the gates, at the  
entry of the city, at the coming in at the doors. Unto you, O  
men, I call; and my voice is to the sons of man. O ye simple,  
understand wisdom: and, ye fools, be ye of an understanding  
heart. Hear; for I will speak of excellent things; and the  
opening of my lips shall be right things. For my mouth  
shall speak truth; and wickedness is an abomination to  
my lips. All the words of my mouth are in righteousness;  
there is nothing froward or perverse in them. They are all  
plain to him that understandeth, and right to them that  
find knowledge. Receive my instruction, and not silver; and  
knowledge rather than choice gold. For wisdom is better  
than rubies; and all the things that may be desired are not

to be compared to it. I wisdom dwell with prudence, and  
find out knowledge of witty inventions. The fear of the  
LORD is to hate evil: pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way,  
and the froward mouth, do I hate. Counsel is mine, and  
sound wisdom: I am understanding; I have strength. By me  
kings reign, and princes decree justice. By me princes rule,  
and nobles, even all the judges of the earth.

Here endeth the First lesson.

*All stand to say or sing the Magnificat.*

## Magnificat ST LUKE 1

**M**Y soul doth magnify the Lord :  
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded : the lowliness of his hand-maiden.

For behold, from henceforth :

all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me :  
and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him :  
throughout all generations.

He hath shewed strength with his arm :  
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their  
hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat :  
and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things :  
and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel :  
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed,  
for ever.