WE COME TO GOD IN PRAYER

Answer me quickly, Lord; my spirit fails.
Do not hide your face from me, or I will be like those who go down to the pit.
Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.
Amen.

WE PRAY PSALM 51

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions. Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

Lord Jesus, have mercy on me, a sinner!

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

Lord Jesus, have mercy on me, a sinner!

Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will turn back to you. Open my lips, Lord, and my mouth will declare your praise.

Lord Jesus, have mercy on me, a sinner!

GOD SPEAKS TO US (see daily Bible reading guide, or other Bible reading)

Direct my footsteps according to your word; let no sin rule over me.

WE CONFESS OUR FAITH (Apostles’ Creed, scriptural song, or other hymn/song)

WE PRAY FOR OURSELVES AND THE WORLD

Through Jesus we can approach God’s throne with confidence. Let us pray for grace and mercy.

God of grace: have mercy on us.

Thank you, gracious God, for speech and conversation: forgive us for gossiping and complaining about our neighbour.

God of grace: have mercy on us.

Your Son has called peacemakers blessed: enable congregations everywhere to overcome conflict, bear each other’s burdens, and live in harmony.

God of grace: have mercy on us.

For good company and a supportive community, we give you thanks: bless our neighbours, our friends, and those we work with.

God of grace: have mercy on us.

Thank you for bringing us to the close of this day: refresh our bodies, minds, and spirits so that we can awake rested to serve you tomorrow.

God of grace: have mercy on us.

(Other prayers may follow)

Lord God, from whom all holy desires, all good purposes, and all right works proceed: Give to your servants that peace which the world cannot give. Defend us from the fear of our enemies, and set our hearts to obey your commandments, so that we may live on earth in rest and quietness. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Saviour, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WE PRAY THE LORD’S PRAYER

Blessed are those whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.
May the Lord bless us, and keep us from all evil, and bring us to eternal life.

Amen.

GOD BLESSES US

Blessed are those whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.
May the Lord bless us, and keep us from all evil, and bring us to eternal life.

Amen.