WE COME TO GOD IN PRAYER

Seek the Lord while he may be found;
call on him while he is near.
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 85

You, Lord, showed favour to your land;
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.
You forgave the iniquity of your people
and covered all their sins.

We wait for the glorious appearing of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

I will listen to what God the Lord says;
he promises peace to his people, his faithful servants.
Surely his salvation is near those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.

We wait for the glorious appearing of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Love and faithfulness meet together;
righteousness and peace kiss each other.
Faithfulness springs forth from the earth,
and righteousness looks down from heaven.
Righteousness goes before him
and prepares the way for his steps.

We wait for the glorious appearing of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

GOD SPEAKS TO US [see seasonal Bible reading guide, or other Bible reading]

Let us put on the armour of light.
Let us take the sword of God’s word.

WE CONFESS OUR FAITH [Apostles’ Creed, scriptural song, or hymn/song]

WE PRAY FOR OURSELVES AND THE WORLD

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Jesus, wonderful Counsellor, Jesus, mighty God, Jesus, Prince of peace:
Awaken our hearts: Prepare us for your coming.
Jesus, Son of David, Jesus, Light of the Gentiles, Jesus, bright and morning Star:
Awaken our hearts: Prepare us for your coming.
Send your messengers to prepare the way before you;
let all the nations bow down to you;
give your servants righteousness and knowledge;
protect all who put their trust in you;
and give peace to all your people.
Awaken our hearts: Prepare us for your coming.
(Other prayers may follow)
Stir up your power, Lord, and come. Protect us, so that we are rescued from the threatening dangers of our sins, and saved by your deliverance. For you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

WE PRAY THE LORD’S PRAYER

GOD BLESSES US

May our Lord Jesus Christ make us ready for his coming.
And the blessing of almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be with us always.
Amen.