WE COME TO GOD IN PRAYER

The Lord is king forever and ever.

Come, let us worship him.

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 97

The Lord reigns, let the earth be glad;

let the distant shores rejoice.

Clouds and thick darkness surround him;

righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.

His lightning lights up the world;

the earth sees and trembles.

Your kingdom come.

The heavens proclaim his righteousness,

and all peoples see his glory.

All who worship images are put to shame,

those who boast in idols.

For you, Lord, are the Most High over all the earth;

you are exalted far above all gods.

Your kingdom come.

Let those who love the Lord hate evil,

for he guards the lives of his faithful ones.

Light shines on the righteous

and joy on the upright in heart.

Rejoice in the Lord, you who are righteous,

and praise his holy name.

Your kingdom come.

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

The kingdom of God is among us.

His word is on our lips and in our hearts.

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

WE PRAY FOR OURSELVES AND THE WORLD

Our Lord Jesus told his disciples, ‘The kingdom of God is near’.

Let us pray to him for God’s kingdom to come.

Come, Lord Jesus: and rule over us.

Thank you for sending your Holy Spirit to produce faith. Fill our hearts with the fire of your Spirit.

Come, Lord Jesus: and rule over us.

Thank you for giving your holy word, the message of salvation. Help us gladly hear your word and trust it.

Come, Lord Jesus: and rule over us.

Thank you for wanting all people to be saved. Send your followers to proclaim your message throughout the world.

Come, Lord Jesus: and rule over us.

(Other prayers may follow)

Lord Jesus, our loving redeemer and king, live and rule within us.

Take possession of us by your Holy Spirit, and reign where you have the right to reign, and spread your kingdom throughout the world; 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

To the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honour and glory forever and ever.

And may the almighty Lord guide us and all we do in his peace.

Amen.