

Brixham Mission Community

A Daily Service of Evening Prayer

For use by an individual or by a group.

Opening Praise:

Sunday Evening

Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." (John 8:12)

Monday Evening

God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. (Genesis 1:5)

Tuesday Evening

Let my prayer be counted as incense before you, and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice! (Psalm 141:2)

Wednesday Evening

My soul yearns for you in the night; my spirit within me earnestly seeks you. For when your judgements are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world learn righteousness. (Isaiah 26:9)

Thursday Evening

In him was life, and the life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. (Luke 1:4-5)

Friday Evening

The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. (Philippians 4:5-6)

Saturday Evening

And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all round and within, and day and night they never cease to say, "Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!" (Revelation 4:8)

For you are my lamp, O LORD,
and my God lightens my darkness.

He is a shield for all those who take refuge in him.

(2 Samuel 22:29,31)

**O God, who beholds all things,
we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed;
blot out our transgressions, be merciful to us sinners,
and grant that our names be found written in the book of life,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.**

(From St Nerses of Clajes, AD 362)

Or the 'Jesus Prayer':

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. (Ephesians 1:3-4)

Blessèd be God for ever!

Psalm:

Reading:

Canticle - either: Magnificat

- 1 My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,
- 2 For he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed:
- 3 The Almighty has done great things for me
and holy is his name.
- 4 He has mercy on those who fear him,
in every generation.
- 5 He has shown the strength of his arm
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.
- 6 He has cast down the mighty from their thrones
and has lifted up the lowly.

- 7 He has filled the hungry with good things
and the rich he has sent away empty.
- 8 He has come to the help of his servant, Israel,
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,
- 9 The promise he made to our forebears,
to Abraham and his children for ever.

(Luke 1:68-79)

or

Nunc Dimittis

- 1 Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace:
your word has been fulfilled.
- 2 My own eyes have seen the salvation
which you have prepared in the sight of every people:
- 3 A light to reveal you to the nations
and the glory of your people Israel.

(Luke 2:29-32)

Prayers (May take any form or as below)

Mission Community Prayers for each day:

Pray for an opportunity to tell someone about Jesus.

Pray that someone will take the next step in faith.

Pray that someone new will come into your church.

Free Prayer

A Prayer for the sick and suffering

Watch, dear Lord, with those who wake or watch or weep tonight,
and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend your sick
ones, O Lord Christ. Rest your weary ones. Bless your dying ones.
Soothe your suffering ones. Pity your afflicted ones. Shield your
joyous ones. And all for your loves sake. Amen.

(From St Augustine, A.D. 314)

Quiet Time

A Thanksgiving Prayer

O Lord and Master, we thank you for teaching us how to pray simply
and sincerely to you, and for hearing us when we call upon you. We
thank you for keeping us from our sins and sorrows, and for directing
all our ways this day. Lead us ever onward to yourself, for the sake
of Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour.

(From Father John of the Russian Church)

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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