



PRAYER DURING THE DAY in ADVENT

Taken from the Church of England's 'Prayer During the Day' this can be used at any time of day to provide a simple pattern for prayer and the reading of Scripture.

Psalms and readings: Use either the weekly cycle of short readings which are included here or a suitable daily lectionary.



PREPARATION

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Your words have I hidden within my heart,

that I should not sin against you. *Psalm 119: 11*



PRAISE

Sing a hymn, speak out your praise to God or use the following

Saviour eternal,
life of the world unfailing,
light everlasting
and our true redemption.

Taking our humanity
in your loving freedom,
you rescued our lost earth
and filled the world with joy.

By your first advent justify us,
by your second, set us free:
that when the great light dawns
and you come as judge of all,
we may be robed in immortality
and ready, Lord, to follow
in your footsteps blest,
wherever they may lead.

Salus Aeterna



PSALMODY

Read the Psalm for the day.

Use either the cycle here or a suitable lectionary.

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Psalm 82</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Psalm 70</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>Psalm 13</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Psalm 75</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Psalm 14</i>	<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Psalm 85</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Psalm 54</i>	<i>on any day</i>	<i>Psalm 80:1-8</i>

At the end of the Psalm:

**Glory to God, Source of All Being,
Eternal Word and Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be forever. Amen.**



SCRIPTURE READING

Read one or more of the readings for the day.

Use either the cycle here or a suitable lectionary.

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Revelation 22: 17, 20 & 21</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>Isaiah 11: 1 – 4</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Mark 1; 1 – 5</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Luke 12: 35 – 37</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Mark 13: 34 – end</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>Romans 13: 11 – end</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Luke 1: 35 & 38</i>
<i>on any day</i>	<i>Isaiah 40: 1</i>



REFLECTION AND RESPONSE

*Reflect on the words of Scripture you have read.
Ask the Holy Spirit to shape your understanding
and life in response to the Scriptures.*

The following response may be used

**Blessed are those who hunger and thirst
for righteousness,
for they will be filled.**

Matthew 5: 6



Pray for the Church, that she may be ready for the coming of Christ; for the leaders of the Church; for the nations, that they may be subject to the rule of God; for those who are working for justice in the world; for the broken, that they may find God's healing.

The following form of prayer may be used.

Watchful at all times,
let us pray for strength to
stand with confidence
before our Maker and Redeemer.

That God may bring in the kingdom with
justice and mercy,
let us pray to the Lord:

That God may establish among the nations
a sceptre of righteousness,
let us pray to the Lord:

That we may seek Christ in the scriptures
and recognize him in the
breaking of the bread,
let us pray to the Lord:

That God may bind up the broken-hearted,
restore the sick
and raise up all who have fallen,
let us pray to the Lord:

That the light of God's coming may dawn
on all who live in darkness and
the shadow of death,
let us pray to the Lord:

That with all the saints in light,
we may shine forth as lights of the world,
let us pray to the Lord:

Let us commend the world,
which Christ will judge,
to the mercy and protection of God.

Open prayer may be offered.

Silence is kept



THE COLLECT

Pray the Collect of the day or the following

Keep us, O Lord,
while we tarry on this earth,
in a serious seeking after you,
and in an affectionate walking with you,
every day of our lives;
that when you come,
we may be found not hiding our talent,
nor serving the flesh,
nor yet asleep with our lamp unfurnished,
but waiting and longing for our Lord,
our glorious God for ever. **Amen.**

Richard Baxter (1691)



THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pray the Lord's Prayer using this or whichever form is familiar to you

***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.***



CONCLUSION

May the Lord make us ready for
his coming in glory.
Amen.