

## DAILY PRAYER: A SHORT FORM OF MORNING PRAYER ADVENT ~ ANTICIPATION



### INVOCATION

O Lord open our lips;  
and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.

### PSALMODY AND SCRIPTURE

*Psalm 97*

1. The Lord is king; let the earth rejoice: let the multitude of islands be glad.
2. Clouds and darkness are round about him:  
righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.
3. For you, Lord, are most high over all the earth: you are exalted far above all gods.
4. The Lord loves those that hate evil:  
the Lord guards the life of the faithful, and delivers them from the hand of the ungodly.
5. Light dawns for the righteous: and joy for the true of heart.
6. Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous: and give thanks to his holy name.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.

### READING *(as set or as below)*

Besides this you know what hour it is, how it is full time now for you to wake from sleep.  
For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. (Romans 13.11–12)

### CANTICLE AND PRAYER

#### BENEDICTUS

1. Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel:  
for he has come to his people and set them free.
2. He has raised up for us a mighty saviour:  
born of the house of his servant David.
3. Through his holy prophets he promised of old:  
that he would save us from our enemies, from the hands of all that hate us.
4. He promised to show mercy to our fathers:  
and to remember his holy covenant.
5. This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham:  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
6. free to worship him without fear:  
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.
7. You my child shall be called the prophet of the most high:  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
8. to give his people knowledge of salvation:  
by the forgiveness of all their sins.
9. In the tender compassion of our God:

the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

10. to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death:  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.

### **KYRIE**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

### **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.

Do not bring us to the time of trial  
but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory  
are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

### **COLLECT**

God most holy, we give you thanks for bringing us out of the shadow of night into the light of morning;  
and we ask you for the joy of spending this day in your service,  
so that when evening comes, we may once more give you thanks,  
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.