

Prayer in the Evening (MWB p. 15)

Be swift, O God, to save us.

Come quickly, Lord, to help us.

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Sentence for the day (Wednesday)

[See below in Additional Resources \(page 10\) for other days to provide some variety](#)

God was in Christ
reconciling the world to himself,
and has entrusted us with the message of reconciliation.

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.**

Prayer of Penitence

**Most merciful God,
we confess to you
before the whole company of heaven
that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed,
and in what we have failed to do.
Forgive us our sins,
heal us by your Spirit
and raise us to new life in Christ. Amen.**

If we confess our sins,
God is faithful and just,
and will forgive our sins,
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
Amen. Thanks be to God.

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Jubilate

Cry out to the Lord, all the earth;
serve the Lord with gladness;
come into his presence with songs of joy.

**Be assured that the Lord is God;
he has made us for himself.
We are his own, his people,
the sheep who feed on his pasture.**

Come into his gates with thanksgiving,
enter his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and bless his name.

**Truly the Lord is good:
his love endures for ever,
and from age to age he is faithful.**

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.**

Or this or some other hymn

**Hail, gladdening Light, of his pure glory poured
Who is the immortal Father, heavenly, blest,
Holiest of holies, Jesus Christ our Lord!**

**Now we are come to the sun's hour of rest;
The lights of evening round us shine;
We hymn the Father, Son and Holy Spirit divine.**

**Worthiest art thou at all times to be sung
With undefiled tongue,
Son of our God, giver of life, alone;
Therefore in all the world thy glories, Lord, they own.**

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The Prayer of the Evening

God and Father of all,
as this day ends
we offer up its hours in praise to you.
As we take our rest,
unite us, by your Spirit,
in praise of Christ our Lord,
the Alpha and Omega,
the First and Last,
in whom we make our prayer. **Amen.**

OR

O God, in whom there is no darkness,
with whom the night is as the day:
enlighten us by your presence,
that waking or sleeping
we may dwell in your peace,
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Psalm

Sunday	Psalm 34
Monday	Psalm 84
Tuesday	Psalm 91
Wednesday	Psalm 96
Thursday	Psalm 103
Friday	Psalm 115
Saturday	Psalm 116

OR

A Psalm selected freely or from another reading scheme

OR

Psalm 134

**Come, bless the Lord,
all you, his servants,
who minister night after night
in the house of the Lord.**

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Lift up your hands towards the sanctuary
and bless the Lord.

May the Lord, maker of heaven and earth,
bless you from Zion!

Reading

[See below in Additional Resources \(page 11ff\) for daily readings to provide some variety](#)

Magnificat

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,
who has looked with favour on his lowly servant.

**From this day all generations will call me blessed:
the Almighty has done great things for me
and holy is his name.**

God has mercy on those who fear him,
from generation to generation.

**The Lord has shown strength with his arm
and scattered the proud in their conceit,
casting down the mighty from their thrones
and lifting up the lowly.**

God has filled the hungry with good things
and sent the rich away empty.

**He has come to the aid of his servant Israel,
to remember the promise of mercy,
the promise made to our forebears,
to Abraham and his children for ever.**

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.**

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Nunc Dimittis

Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace:
your word has been fulfilled.

**My own eyes have seen the salvation
which you have prepared in the sight of every people:**

a light to reveal you to the nations
and the glory of your people Israel.

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.**

Prayer

Christ, through whom all things were made,
sustain all creation.

Christ, exalted in the lowest and the least,
give us humility.

Christ, present in the poor and the oppressed,
fill us with compassion.

Christ, forsaken in the hungry and the homeless,
minister to them through our hands.

Christ, present where two or three are gathered,
be known among us.

Christ, present in word, sacrament and sign,
grant us your peace.

The Lord's Prayer

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Closing Prayer

Lord our God,
at the ending of this day,
and in the darkness and silence of this night,
cover us with healing and forgiveness,
that we may take our rest in peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We will lie down in peace and take our rest;
for you alone, Lord, make us dwell in safety.

OR

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The following may be said:

May the souls of the faithful,
through the mercy of God,
rest in peace and rise in glory. **Amen.**

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Additional Resources

Seasonal Sentences

Advent

Then will the glory of the Lord be revealed
and all will see it together.

Wait for the Lord; be strong and brave
and put your hope in the Lord.

Christmas

The Word became flesh; he lived among us,
and we have seen his glory,
The glory as of the Father's only Son,
full of grace and truth.

Epiphany

From the rising of the sun to its setting
My name is great among the nations,
Says the Lord of hosts.

Lent

Because Christ has passed through the time of suffering,
he is able to help those in time of trial.

Rend your hearts and not your garments.
Return to the Lord, your God,
For he is gracious and merciful.

Passiontide

Jesus said:
'Anyone who wants to be a follower of mine
must renounce self,
and take up the cross and follow me.'

Easter tide

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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Ascensiontide

Praise and honour, glory and might,
to him who sits on the throne
and to the Lamb, for ever.

Pentecost

God's love has been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

Come, Holy Spirit,
and renew the face of the earth.

Trinity

Holy, holy, holy, hold is the Lord of hosts:
the whole earth is full of his glory.

John the Baptist

There appeared a man named John.
He was sent from God,
and came as a witness
to testify to the light.

Mary the mother of our Lord

Mary said:
'Here am I, the servant of the Lord;
let it be with me according to your word.'

Apostles or Evangelists

We have seen for ourselves
and we are witnesses,
that the Father has sent the Son
to be the Saviour of the world.

All Saints (1 November) or any saint

You have come to Mount Zion
and to the city of the living God,
and to the assembly of the firstborn
who are enrolled in heaven.

You that are righteous, rejoice in the Lord
and praise his holy name.

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At the time of or on the anniversary of a death

The Lamb who is at the centre of the throne
will be their shepherd
and will guide them to springs of the water of life;
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

Times of trouble

God is our refuge and our stronghold,
A timely help in trouble.

Christian unity

There is one body and one Spirit,
just as there is one hope
held out in God's call to you;
one Lord, one faith, one Baptism,
one God and Father of all,
who is over all and through all and in all.

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Sentences of the Day

Sunday

There is one body and one Spirit,
just as there is one hope
held out in God's call to you.

Monday

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

Tuesday

From the rising of the sun to its setting
may the Lord's name be praised.

Wednesday

God was in Christ
reconciling the world to himself,
and has entrusted us with the message of reconciliation.

Thursday

God has sent into our hearts
the Spirit of his Son, crying,
'Abba! Father!'

Friday

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts:
the whole earth is full of his glory.

Saturday

May my prayer be like incense set before you,
and the lifting of my hands
like the evening offering.

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Readings

Sunday

John 20.26-31

A week later the disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Monday

Isaiah 55:6-9

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Tuesday

Matthew 5:3-12

Jesus said:

'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

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

'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.'

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Wednesday

Romans 12:1-2

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God - what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Thursday

Luke 15:4-10

Jesus said: 'Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbours, saying to them, "Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost." Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance.

'Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep out the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbours, saying, "Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost." Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.'

Friday

John 15:12-17

Jesus said: 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.'

Saturday

Revelation 22:1-5

The angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever.