

# THE SUFFRAGES

*The Suffrages may be used at Matins or Vespers in the same manner as the Litany. [L] denotes a leader, [G] denotes the group. [All] denotes leader and group together.*

## LORD, HAVE MERCY

- [L] Lord, have mercy.
- [G] **Christ, have mercy.**
- [L] Lord, have mercy.

## LORD'S PRAYER

[All] **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  
forever. Amen.**

*or*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come.  
Thy will be done on earth, as it is  
in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses, as  
we forgive those who  
trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
But deliver us from evil:  
For thine is the kingdom, and the  
power, and the glory, for  
ever and ever. Amen.**

## PRECES (Responsive Verses)

- [L] I said, "O Lord, be gracious to me;
- [G] **heal me, for I have sinned against you!"** (Psalm 41:4)
  
- [L] Return, O Lord! How long?
- [G] **Have pity on your servants!** (Psalm 90:13)
  
- [L] Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us,
- [G] **even as we hope in you.** (Psalm 33:22)
  
- [L] Let your servants be clothed with righteousness,
- [G] **and let your saints shout for joy.** (Psalm 132:9)
  
- [L] O Lord, save our rulers!
- [G] **May they answer us when we call.** (Psalm 20:9)
  
- [L] Oh, save your people and bless your heritage!
- [G] **Be their shepherd and carry them forever.** (Psalm 28:9)

**L** Remember your congregation,  
**G** **which you have purchased of old.** (*Psalm 74:2*)

**L** Peace be within your walls  
**G** **and security within your towers!** (*Psalm 122:7*)

**L** Let us pray for our absent brothers and sisters:  
**G** **Save your servants, who trust in you—you are their God.** (*Psalm 86:2*)

**L** Let us pray for the brokenhearted and the captives:  
**G** **Redeem Israel, O God, out of all their troubles.** (*Psalm 25:22*)

**L** Send them help from the sanctuary  
**G** **and give them support from Zion!** (*Psalm 20:2*)

**L** Hear my prayer, O Lord,  
**G** **let my cry come to you!** (*Psalm 102:1*)

### **PSALM**

*Here Psalm 130, De Profundis (Morning Prayer) or Psalm 51, Miserere Mei (Evening Prayer) may be read responsively.*

**L** Restore us, O God of hosts;  
**G** **let your face shine, that we may be saved!** (*Psalm 80:7*)

**L** Rise up, O Christ, come to our help!  
**G** **Redeem us for the sake of your steadfast love!** (*Psalm 44:26*)

**L** Hear my prayer, O Lord,  
**G** **let my cry come to you!** (*Psalm 102:1*)

### **PRAVERS**

**L** The Lord be with you.

**G** **And also with you.**

**L** Let us pray.

*Prayers may be prayed here, concluding with the Prayer for Peace.*

### **PRAYER FOR PEACE**

**L** Give peace in our days, O Lord,  
**G** **for there is no one but you who fights for us, O God.**

**L** O Lord, let there be peace in your strength,  
**G** **and security within your towers!** (*from Psalm 122:7*)

**L** O God, all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works come from you. Give your servants that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments. Defend us from the fear of our enemies, that we may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end.

**G** **Amen.**

**L** Let us praise the Lord.

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

### **BLESSING**

**L** The grace of our Lord ✝ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**G** **Amen.**

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# THE MORNING SUFFRAGES

## INVOCATION

**L** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**G** Amen.

## LORD, HAVE MERCY

**L** Lord, have mercy.

**G** Christ, have mercy.

**L** Lord, have mercy.

## LORD'S PRAYER

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ever and ever. Amen.

## APOSTLES' CREED

**All** I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## LESSONS AND PSALM

## PRECES (Responsive Verses)

**L** O Lord, I cry to you;  
**G** **in the morning my prayer comes before you.** (*Psalm 88:13*)

**L** My mouth is filled with your praise,  
**G** **and with your glory all the day.** (*Psalm 71:8*)

**L** Lord, hide your face from my sins,  
**G** **and blot out all my iniquities.** (*Psalm 51:9*)

**L** Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
**G** **and renew a right spirit within me.** (*Psalm 51:10*)

**L** Cast me not away from your presence,  
**G** **and take not your Holy Spirit from me.** (*Psalm 51:11*)

**L** Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
**G** **and uphold me with a willing spirit.** (*Psalm 51:12*)

**L** O Lord, preserve us this day,  
**G** **and keep us from all sin.**

**L** Lord, have mercy on us,  
**G** **have mercy on us.**

**L** Let your steadfast love, O Lord, be upon us,  
**G** **even as we hope in you.** (*Psalm 33:22*)

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## PRAYER FOR GRACE

**L** Lord God, almighty Father, eternal God, you have brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us today with your saving power so that we neither fall into sin nor run into any danger, but in everything we do, subject our words and direct our thoughts to what is right in your sight; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**G** **Amen.**

*Additional prayers may be prayed here.*

## **MORNING PRAYER**

**A** I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have kept me this night from all harm and danger. Keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please you. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

**L** Let us praise the Lord.

**G** Thanks be to God.

## **BLESSING**

**L** The grace of our Lord ✝ Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**G** Amen.

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# THE EVENING SUFFRAGES

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**L** In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

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**L** Blessed are you, O Lord, God of our ancestors,  
**G** and to be praised and highly exalted forever; (*Song of the Three Holy Children, 29*)

**L** Let us praise the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
**G** We praise and magnify him forever.

**L** Blessed are you in the firmament of heaven  
**G** and greatly to be praised and sung and glorified forever. (*Psalm 145:3* and *Song of the Three Holy Children, 34*)

**L** The almighty and merciful Lord bless and preserve us.  
**G** Amen.

**L** O Lord, preserve us this night,  
**G** and keep us from all sin.

**L** Lord, have mercy on us,  
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## EVENING PRAYER

**All** I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have graciously kept me this day. Forgive me all my sins, and graciously keep me this night. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.

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**G** Amen.

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