



MORNING PRAYER

This liturgy is a guide only, a framework. If you feel it is right to depart from it in any way, do so. Pray as you can and as you are led. Include songs or music at any point.

We trust that God is at work as we pray. If anyone is moved as they pray, we trust that they are encountering God and we quietly allow the Holy Spirit to minister to them.

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Lord, open our lips to bless you
And our mouths to declare your praise.

Blessed are you, gracious God;
We will give you glory and praise for ever.

**In the Name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

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***We GIVE THANKS to God.** We praise him for he who is, and what he has done, and how we have experienced him in the night and day that has been.*

The Lord is my portion, says my soul,
Therefore I will put my hope in him.

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***We HOPE in God.** We entrust every stressful, stubborn, and seemingly hopeless circumstance and relationship to the God of hope.*

Jesus said, "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."

(John 15:5)

*We read **one or two READINGS from the Bible** and hear God's word.*

***We may PRAY FOR THE WORLD,** beginning with this declaration of God's sovereignty.*

Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!
The Lord of heaven's armies is with us;
The God of Jacob is our fortress.

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(Psalm 46:10-11)

As our intercessions for the world come to a close, we pray:

O High King of Heaven,
have mercy on our Land.
Revive your Church.
Send the Holy Spirit
for the sake of the lost, the least and the broken.
May your Kingdom come to our nation.
In Jesus' mighty name.
Amen.

(The Caleb Prayer)

We may BLESS THOSE AROUND US in the name of Jesus. We bless our neighbourhood, our city, our nation, and the wider church. This may include the following, particularly when the focus is on the church in Sheffield:

Living God, Jesus calls his followers to seek first your Kingdom.

Renew us as we make your love known;

**Release us to share freely together in mission;
and Rejuvenate us to be fruitful in your service.**

**Give us courage, wisdom and compassion,
that strengthened with the grace of the Holy Spirit,
we may, as the Diocese of Sheffield,
both flourish and grow through Christ our Lord.**

Amen

(Diocese of Sheffield Vision Prayer)

We may PRAY FOR OURSELVES. We consider what aspect of God we desire to know better and express it in silence or prayer. We conclude with the following:

**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.

(Matthew 6:9-13)

Almighty God,

In view of your great mercy,

we lay our lives down as a morning sacrifice for you.

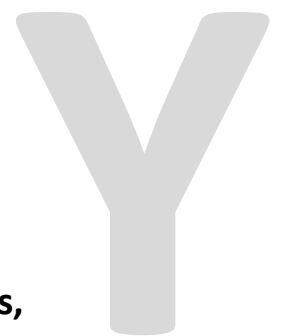
Choosing to die to self,

we ask you to pour your mighty resurrection power through us,

that Jesus may be revealed

and your kingdom come in power,

changing us and redeeming the world. Amen.



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Bless us now Lord, at the beginning of this day.
Be with us and all who are dear to us.

Be in the eye of all who see us;
In the mouth of all who speak with us.

Keep us in the beautiful attitudes,
Joyful, simple and gentle.

We ENTRUST OURSELVES TO GOD with either of the following:

And may the favour of the Lord our God be upon us;
Establish for us the work of our hands;
Establish the work of our hands!

(Psalm 90:17)

OR

Lord, **wherever spiritual, physical, or emotional darkness touches me, I trust you to lighten it. I believe and trust in you.**

You are our God and king, our stronghold and our deliverer.

We conclude with the words of the grace:

**And now may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us all, evermore.**

Amen.

(2 Corinthians 13:14)