

A Service of Morning Prayer During Pentecost – September



GATHERING

Leader: +In the name of God, the Creator, the Christ, and of the Holy Spirit,

All: Amen.

Leader: O Lord, open our lips

All: and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Leader: As we rejoice in the gift of this new day, so may the light of your presence,
O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you; now and for ever.

All: Amen.

THE COLLECT

Leader: Faithful Creator,
whose mercy never fails: deepen our
faithfulness to you and to your living
Word, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

READING AND DISCUSSION

INTERCESSIONS

One: Let us pray.

God of Resurrection, our hope and our joy, our comfort and our support,
we make our prayer to you saying, Lord in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

One: God who inhabits all of creation,

give us courage to heed the voice of your prophets,
who call us to acknowledge and turn away from injustice, inequality, prejudice
and all forms of sin and hatred that lead us away from your Kingdom.
Grant us the changing of our hearts and lives, and a renewed commitment
to your Kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.

Lord in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

One: God who sews the seeds of faith, hope, and love,

bring your whole church afresh to the work of sewing the seeds of Good
News, of tending in ourselves and in the world, growth in the Spirit,
and let us bear the fruit that will last.

Lord in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

One: God of all compassion,

make yourself known today, we pray, to those who suffer and grieve.

Bring your comfort to the bereaved, bring your healing to the sick, bring
your light to those who cry from places of darkness and distress.

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In this time, we hold them before you, naming them aloud or in the silence of our hearts.

Silence is kept

Lord in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

One: God, who knows the solitude of the desert places, we pray for those who struggle with isolation, for those who live alone and feel acute loneliness, for those who do not know where to turn, for those who long for physical connection, and especially for those who feel they have been forgotten. May they know your heart of love and your reassuring embrace, and may our hearts mirror your care and compassion.
Lord in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

One: God of love, we pray for the healing for broken relationships and those strained by the pressures of the pandemic.

Lord in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

One: God of beauty and wonder,
as your fingerprints cover creation with your beautiful touch,
make us stewards of that work, people who respond to your artistry with care and concern. Teach us to live in harmony and balance with your Earth and all your creatures.

Lord in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: Trusting in the compassion of God, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**All: Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.
With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and for ever.
Amen.**

BLESSING

HYMN

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