

A DISCIPLE'S PRAYER BOOK - WHITE

A BLESSING SERVICE

THE GATHERING

The People Gather

Officiant: Peace be to this place and all who are gathered here.

The Gathering Prayer

Said in Unison

Creator, we give you thanks for all you are and all you bring to us for our visit within your creation. In Jesus, you placed the Gospel in the center of this sacred circle through which all of creation is related. You show us the way to live a generous and compassionate life. Give us your strength to live together with respect and commitment as we grow in your spirit, for you are God now and forever. Amen.

A Blessing Psalm

Psalm 24 Domini est terra

- 1 The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, ***the world and all who dwell therein.**
- 2 For it is he who founded it upon the seas ***and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.**
- 3 "Who can ascend the hill of the LORD? " ***and who can stand in his holy place?"**
- 4 "Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, ***who have not pledged themselves to falsehood, nor sworn by what is a fraud.**
- 5 They shall receive a blessing from the LORD ***and a just reward from the God of their salvation.**
- 6 Such is the generation of those who seek him, ***of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.**
- 7 Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; ***and the King of glory shall come in.**
- 8 "Who is this King of glory?" ***"The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle."**
- 9 Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; ***and the King of glory shall come in.**
- 10 "Who is he, this King of glory?" ***"The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory."**

GOSPEL OF THE DAY

As appointed

RESPONSE

Reflect and Respond to the Gospel of the Day

1. *What word(s), idea(s), or sentence(s) stand out for you in the Gospel of the Day?*
(Reread the Gospel.)
2. *What is Jesus (the Gospel) saying to you ?*
(Reread the Gospel.)
3. *What is Jesus (the Gospel) calling you to do?*

PRAYER

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Officiant: Let us pray.

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The following prayers are to be said together by all present

Almighty and everlasting God, who in the paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

For a Home Blessing

Visit, O blessed Lord, this home with the gladness of your presence. Drive far from it all snares of the enemy. Bless all who live or gather here with the gift of your love; and grant that they may manifest your love (to each other and) to all whose lives they touch. May they grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of you; guide, comfort and strengthen them; and preserve them in peace, O Jesus Christ, now and forever. **Amen.**

For the Blessing of Other Articles

O heavenly Father, whose blessed Son taught the disciples in all of the scriptures the things concerning Himself. Bless this _____ which we dedicate here today to your glory, and grant that we may so diligently search your holy Word that we may find in it the wisdom that leads to salvation; through Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

The Common Blessing

Said in unison by all present

May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us His children through the resurrection of His Son our Lord, bestow upon us the richness of His blessing. **Amen.**

May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from sin into newness of life, make us holy and worthy to be united with Christ forever. **Amen.**

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring us to our eternal inheritance. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon us and remain with us forever. **Amen.**

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The Lord's Prayer

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Blessing

Officiant: The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us. **Amen.**

THE 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.

Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.

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

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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.