



# Morning Prayer for All Saints Day

## Opening Sentences

*All say in unison, or alternate by verse*

We love because God first loved us.

~1 John 4:19

We have come together in this quiet space to reflect upon our lives in the light of the Christian mystery. To pray for ourselves and others. To deepen the sense of affection and understanding we have for each other, and to deepen our relationship with God.

~St. Hilda Community

The living God, the living, moving Spirit of God has called us together – in witness, in celebration, in struggle. Let us reach out toward each other as God reaches out toward us.

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## Confession of Sin

*One:* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor and ourselves.

*All:* Most merciful God,  
**we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name.  
Amen.**

*One:* Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our brokenness through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.  
Lord, open our lips.

*All:* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.  
Glory to the Creator, Liberator and Sustainer:  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

## Jubilate from Psalm 100

*All say in unison, or alternate by verse*

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before God's presence with a song.

Know this: The Lord alone is God; \*  
The One who made us, and we belong to God;  
we are the people and the sheep of God's pasture.  
Enter the gates with thanksgiving; go into God's courts without fear; \*  
give thanks and call upon God's Name.  
For God is good; God's mercy is everlasting; \*  
and God's faithfulness endures from age to age.

### **Psalm 23 - Adapted**

*All say in unison, or alternate by verse*

The Lord is our shepherd, we shall not want.  
Our God makes us lie down in green pastures;  
and leads us beside still waters;  
Our Creator restores our souls,  
and leads us in right paths  
for love's sake.

Even though we walk through the darkest valley,  
We fear no evil;  
for You are with us;  
Your rod and Your staff—  
they comfort us.

You prepare a table before us  
in the presence of all enemies;  
You anoint our heads with oil;  
our cup overflows.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us  
all the days of our lives,  
and we shall dwell in the house of the Lord  
our whole life long.

***All: Glory to God: \****  
**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

### **The Hebrew Bible Lesson**

*Isaiah 65:17-25*

*Say in unison or alternate by verse.*

17 For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth;  
the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind.  
18 But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating;  
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight.  
19 I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people;  
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress.  
20 No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live  
out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short  
of a hundred will be considered accursed.  
21 They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.  
22 They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat;  
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of  
their hands.

23 They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord-- and their descendants as well.  
24 Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear.  
25 The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,  
the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent-- its food shall be dust!  
They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

*One:* Hear what the Spirit is saying.

*All:* **Thanks be to God.**

### **Canticle Response - Adapted**

*The First Song of Isaiah Ecce, Deus Isaiah 12:2-6*

*Say in unison or alternate by verse.*

1 Surely, it is God who delivers us; \* We will trust in God and not be afraid.  
2 For Yahweh is our stronghold and our sure defense, \* and will be our Liberator.  
3 Therefore we shall draw water with rejoicing \* from the springs of salvation.  
4 And on that day we shall say, \* Give thanks to the Lord and call upon God's Name;  
5 Make Yahweh's deeds known among the peoples; \*  
see that they remember that God's Name is exalted.  
6 Sing the praises of the One, who has done great things, \* and this is known in all the world.  
7 Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, \*  
for the great one in the midst of us is the Holy One of Israel.

*All:* **Glory to God: \* as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

### **A Hymn**

***Let us praise God together on our knees.  
Let us praise God together on our knees.  
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord have mercy on me.***

***Let us love one another on our knees.  
Let us love one another on our knees.  
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord have mercy on me.***

***Let us pray for each other on our knees.  
Let us pray for each other on our knees.  
When we fall on our knees with our face to the rising sun,  
O Lord have mercy, oh please.***

### **Canticle**

*The Third Song of Isaiah Surge, illuminate (Isaiah 60:1-3, 11a, 14c, 18-19)*

*Say in unison or alternate by verse.*

1 Arise, shine, for your light has come, \* and the glory of the Creator has dawned upon you.  
2 For behold, darkness covers the land; \* deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.  
3 But over you the Lord will rise, \*and God's glory will appear upon you.  
4 Nations will stream to your light, \* and kings to the brightness of your dawning.  
5 Your gates will always be open; \*by day or night they will never be shut.

6 They will call you, The City of the Lord, \* The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.  
7 Violence will no more be heard in your land, \* ruin or destruction within your borders.  
8 You will call your walls, Salvation, \* and all your portals, Praise.  
9 The sun will no more be your light by day; \* by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.  
10 Our God will be our everlasting light, \* and our God will be our story.

**All: Glory to God: \* as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

### **The Gospel Reading**

*From the Gospel According to Luke 6:27-31*

‘But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

### **The Apostles’ Creed**

*All say in unison*

**I believe in God, the Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of God.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### **The Prayers**

*One:* God be with you.

***All:* And also with you.**

*One:* Let us pray.

**Our Creator 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**

## Suffrage

### *Alternate lines*

V. Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;  
R. Govern and uphold them, now and always.  
V. Day by day we bless you;  
R. We praise your name forever.  
V. Lord, keep us from all unkindness today;  
R. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy;  
V. Show us your love and peace;  
R. For we put our trust in you.  
V. In you, Lord, is our hope;  
R. And we shall never hope in vain.

## Collect for Hope

**God, our sustainer, You have led us into the wilderness to travel your unknown ways. Give us the strength to leave behind false security and frivolous comfort, and wisdom to see the new hope in your calling; that the desert may blossom like a rose, and your dreams and promises fulfilled in our lives. In the faithfulness of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

## A Hymn

***We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God.  
We are marching in the light of God, we are marching in the light of God.  
We are marching, we are marching, Oh!,  
we are marching in the light of God  
We are marching, we are marching, Oh!,  
we are marching in the light of God!***

***Verse 2: We are hopeful in the light of God.....***

***Verse 3: We are faithful in the light of God.....***

***Verse 4: We are peaceful in the light of God.....***

## The General Thanksgiving

### *All say in unison*

**Almighty God, Creator of all mercies,  
we give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us  
and to all whom you have made.  
We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life;  
but above all for your immeasurable love  
and for your presence in our Savior Jesus Christ;  
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.  
And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,  
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,  
not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service,  
and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory throughout all ages.  
Amen.**

*Please add your own prayers and thanksgivings. Dig down deep!*

### **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

*One:* Let us bless the Lord.

***All:* Thanks be to God.**

### **Concluding Prayer**

*All say together*

**May Holy Wisdom, kind to humanity, steadfast, sure and free, the breath of the power of God; the wisdom who makes all things new in every age, enter our souls and enlighten our national consciousness, and make us friends of God and prophets, through Jesus Christ. **Amen!****

~ adapted from the St. Hilda Community