# Celebrating Common Prayer – Evening Prayer

The Light and peace of Christ be with you all
**And also with you**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
**Who is worthy of all thanksgiving and praise.**

Blessed are you, O God Father. Son and Holy Spirit
**Blessed be God for ever**

## Psalm 130

*My soul waits for the Lord.*

1 Out of the depths have I cried to you, O Lord;
Lord, hear my voice; ♦
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

2 If you, Lord, were to mark what is done amiss, ♦
O Lord, who could stand?

3 But there is forgiveness with you, ♦
so that you shall be feared.

4 I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; ♦
in his word is my hope.

5 My soul waits for the Lord,
more than the night watch for the morning, ♦
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6 O Israel, wait for the Lord, ♦
for with the Lord there is mercy;

7 With him is plenteous redemption ♦
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

*My soul waits for the Lord.*

*Father, we commend to your faithful love*
*those who are crying from the depths of their despair;*
*help them to watch and pray*
*through their time of darkness,*
*in sure hope of the dawn of your*
*forgiveness and redemption;*
*through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

**Reading Romans 5: 1 -5**

**5** Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we[a] have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, **2** through whom we have obtained access[b] to this grace in which we stand; and we[c] boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. **3** And not only that, but we[d] also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, **4** and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, **5** and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

*The Magnificat The Song of Mary*

1 My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour; ♦
he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.

2 From this day all generations will call me blessed; ♦
the Almighty has done great things for me
and holy is his name.

3 He has mercy on those who fear him, ♦
from generation to generation.

4 He has shown strength with his arm ♦
and has scattered the proud in their conceit,

5 Casting down the mighty from their thrones ♦
and lifting up the lowly.

6 He has filled the hungry with good things ♦
and sent the rich away empty.

7 He has come to the aid of his servant Israel, ♦
to remember his promise of mercy,
8 The promise made to our ancestors, ♦
to Abraham and his children for ever.

*Luke 1.46-55*

**Glory to the Father and to the Son**
**and to the Holy Spirit;**
**as it was in the beginning is now**
**and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**Prayers**

Loving Father, we pray for all who are any way troubled at this time, give peace to those who are anxious, courage to those who are afraid, healing to those who are sick. Strength to those who are tired, friendship to those who are alone, reassurance to those in doubt or distressed of mind. May our love be so strong that seeing need we may respond in in generosity. Lord in your mercy **Here our prayer.**
Look in your mercy, O lord our God upon the sufferings of this world and help us all to work together to overcome the dangers and afflictions that we are sharing. We pray that when we are through our troubles we may find a kinder and more caring world.
Lord in your mercy
**Here our prayer.**

Lighten our darkness,
Lord, we pray,
and in your great mercy
defend us from all perils and dangers of this night,
for the love of your only Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

**The Lord's Prayer**

**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, the power, and the glory
for ever and ever. Amen.**

1 Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace: ♦
your word has been fulfilled.

2 My own eyes have seen the salvation ♦
which you have prepared in the sight of every people;

3 A light to reveal you to the nations ♦
and the glory of your people Israel.

*Luke 2.29-32*

*All* **Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord
**Thanks be to God**