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*Morning Prayer for
Christmas and Epiphany Seasons*

As we begin the day, we focus on our calling to live faithfully, for who knows what today holds?

Opening

Your word is a lamp to our feet
and a light for our path.

Prayer

Insistent God, by night and day you summon your slumbering people: So stir us with your voice and enlighten our lives with your grace that we give ourselves fully to Christ's call to mission and ministry. **Amen.**

**Meet me, O Christ,
In this stillness of morning.**

**Move me, O Spirit,
To quiet my heart.**

**Mend me, O God,
From yesterday's harms.**

**From the discords of yesterday,
Resurrect my peace.**

**From the discouragements of yesterday,
Resurrect my hope.**

**From the weariness of yesterday,
Resurrect my strength.
From the doubts of yesterday,
Resurrect my faith.**

**From the wounds of yesterday,
Resurrect my love.**

**Let me enter this new day, aware of my need,
And awake to your grace, O Lord. Amen.**

~Every Moment Holy, A Ritual of Morning Coffee

Morning Psalm *Psalm 27:1, 5-6, 10-11 43*

**God is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear?
God is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I be afraid?
One thing have I asked of you, O God;
one thing I seek:
that I may dwell in your house all the days of my life,
To behold your fair beauty, O God,
and to seek you in your temple.
Hearken to my voice, O Most High, when I call;
have mercy on me and answer me.
You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face."
Your face, O God, will I seek.**

Scripture

One or two readings of the day will be read. The reader will end:

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People
Thanks be to God.

Meditation

The leader may speak briefly to the reading(s) or may read a devotion or may leave some silence after the following questions:

What are we looking for? Where have we failed to look?

Affirmation

We are not alone; we live in God's world.

We believe in God:

**who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church:

**to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

Prayers

Jesus, you are the light of the world:

May your light open our eyes to see those in need.

Jesus, you are the light of the world:

May the works of our lives demonstrate your love.

Jesus, you are the light of the world:

May your wisdom enlighten our decisions.

Jesus, you are the light of the world, hear the prayers of our hearts:

Here, the people may add particular intercessions or thanksgivings.

As you enlighten our lives,

May we be light for others.

Lord's Prayer

Our loving God in heaven,

Holy is your name,

May your reign come,

On earth as it is 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 is yours.

Now and forever. Amen.

Closing Prayer

Open our eyes that we may see. Incline our hearts that we may desire. Order our steps that we may follow the way of your commandments. **Amen.**

Going Out

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and a light for our path.



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