

Prayers

Father, as we rejoice in your bountiful goodness and grace to us,
as we bask in the warmth of your love,
warm our hearts with such love for you that we desire
to offer you ourselves as a living sacrifice,
and lay our material wealth before you as a Thank Offering
and a Love Offering, for we are your beloved
and you are our Lord who gave and gives us all. **Amen.**

Reshape us, good Lord, until in generosity, in faith, and in the
expectation that the best is yet to come, we are truly Christ-like.
Make us passionate followers of Jesus, rather than passive
supporters. Make our churches places of radical discipleship and
signposts to heaven, then, in us, through us, and - if need be -
despite us, let your kingdom come. **Amen.**

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As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray
**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.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

Eternal light, shine into our hearts,
eternal goodness, deliver us from evil,
eternal power, be our support,
eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of our fear,
eternal pity, have mercy upon us;
that with all our heart and mind and soul and strength
we may seek your face and be brought by your infinite mercy
to your holy Presence, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.



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**A short Order of Service for use by
church council meetings and planning groups**

O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.

The light and peace of Jesus Christ be with you;
and also with you

The Lord is Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is,
there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces,
seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror,
are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory
to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

2 Corinthians 3. 17,18

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people,
and kindle in us the fire of your love.

Let us hold ourselves before God in silence and allow his Spirit
to make his Living Presence real to us.

A time of silence



Blessed are you, Sovereign God, creator of all,
to you be glory and praise for ever.
You founded the earth in the beginning
and the heavens are the work of your hands.
In the fullness of time you made us in your image,
and in these last days you have spoken to us
in your Son Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.
As we rejoice in the gift of your presence among us
let the light of your love always shine in our hearts,
your Spirit ever renew our lives and
your praises ever be on our lips.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be God for ever.

Psalm 127

**May the Lord build us a house,
and watch over the city.**

Unless the Lord builds the house,
their labour is in vain who build it.
Unless the Lord watches over the city,
in vain the guard keeps vigil.

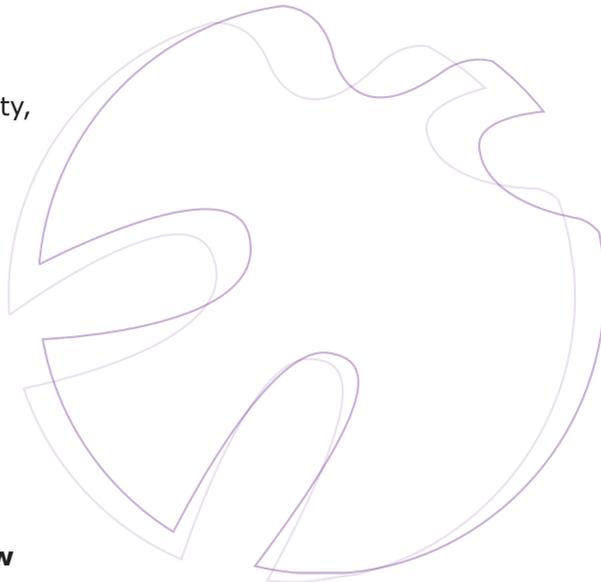
**May the Lord build us a house,
and watch over the city.**

It is in vain that you rise so early
and go to bed so late;
vain, too, to eat the bread of toil,
for he gives his beloved sleep.

**May the Lord build us a house,
and watch over the city.**

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

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and watch over the city.**



A reading from Scripture followed by a time of silence for reflection.

Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

2 Corinthians 9:10-15

Silence

Responsory

The Lord fills his people with his grace;
we are the beloved of God.

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The love of God flows out to all his creation
and the darkness has not overcome it.

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Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit.

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