

Wisdom

THE GATHERING PRAYER

Creator, we give you thanks for all you are and all you bring to us for our visit within your creation. In Jesus, you place the Gospel in the center of this sacred circle through which all 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.

THE GATHERING PSALM OF PRAISE

Psalm 133:1-3

- ¹ How very good and pleasant it is
when kindred live together in unity!
- ² It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down upon the beard,
on the beard of Aaron,
running down over the collar of his robes.
- ³ It is like the dew of Hermon,
which falls on the mountains of Zion.
For there the LORD ordained his blessing,
life forevermore.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 5:17-20

REFLECTION AND REPONSE TO THE GOSPEL

Reflect and Respond to the Gospel:

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



APOSTLE'S CREED

Officiant and People together:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary,
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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and 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.**

PRAYER

Creator, we thank You for the people You have divinely placed in our lives who speak holy truth, love, and words of wisdom. Help us to develop a discerning heart so that we may know You. Help us to hear your instructions through the voice of the elders, so we are gifted in your word. Give us the strength and courage to follow through with that advice, even when it's hard. Fill us with your peace knowing that even if we take a wrong turn, your will prevail in your creation. In Jesus' Name we pray. **Amen.**

THE COLLECT

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**—*BCP*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Officiant: Let us pray.

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**

BLESSING

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

or *GRACE*

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen**