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Morning Prayer- The Way of Love

Opening Prayer

Officiant: This is the day that the Lord has made!

People: We will rejoice and be glad in it!

Officiant: O God of faithful surprises, throughout the ages you have made known your love and power in unexpected ways and places: May we daily perceive the joy and wonder of your abiding presence and offer our lives in gratitude for our redemption.

Song of Praise

Prayer

Officiant: All you works of God, bless the creator;

People: praise her and glorify her for ever.

Officiant: Let the wide earth bless the creator; let the arching heavens bless the creator; let the whole body of God bless the creator;

People: praise her and glorify her for ever.

Officiant: You returning daylight, bless the creator; twilight and shadows, bless the creator; embracing darkness. bless the creator;

People: praise her and glorify her for ever.

Officiant: Let all who live and grow and breathe bless our creator,

People: praise her and glorify her for ever.

Scripture & Meditation

Affirmation

All: We believe in God, the creator of all life and beauty, who blesses our journey.

We believe in Jesus Christ, who lives as a friend and savior to all he met as he traveled, and who ate and laughed, wept and celebrated with them in love.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who rides on the gentle breeze, who strengthens our bindings, and who offers hope eternal.

We believe in the church, which stands open to all travelers, and bears witness to the everlasting love of God.

Officiant: As we turn to the tasks before us this day,

People: Fill us, gracious Lord.

Officiant: In making faithful choices, great and small,

People: Guide us, gracious Lord.

Officiant: As we seek to notice and serve those in need,

People: Teach us, gracious Lord.

We set intentions for the day, based on the Way of Love.

Officiant: As we offer our lives to you,

People: Hear us, gracious Lord.

Officiant: With our hearts ready to pray, rest, worship, learn, bless, turn, and go,

People: Accompany us, gracious Lord.

All: Generous Giver, you pour forth your extravagant bounty without measure upon your whole creation: Teach us such generosity, that the fruits of our spirits and the works of our hands may build your commonwealth of blessing. Amen.

Going Out

Officiant: Go in peace to walk in God's way of love!

People: Thanks be to God!

An Evening Prayer

All:

Lord, it is night.

The night is for stillness.

Let us be still in the presence of God.

It is night after a long day.

What has been done has been done; let it be.

The night is dark.

Let our fears of the darkness of the world and of our own lives rest in you.

The night is quiet.

Let the quietness of the peace enfold us, all dear to us, and all who have no peace.

The night heralds the dawn.

Let us look expectantly to a new day, now joys, new possibilities.

In your name we pray.

Amen.

Prayer #1

Leader: We turn to the West for a blessing to the Spirit of Shalom, Peace; make us whole, make us holy, help us to love you and one another with our whole heart, our whole mind, our whole being we pray

People: Empower us, Holy Spirit

Leader: We turn to the North for a blessing to the Spirit of integrity; give us your strength and the courage to endure all the problems we may face, we pray,

People: Empower us, Holy Spirit

Leader: We turn to the East for a blessing, to the Spirit of Illuminations; open our eyes to the sacredness of every living thing, we pray;

People: Empower us, Holy Spirit

Leader: We turn to the South for a blessing, to the Spirit of Transformation; Help us to grow in wisdom and grace and the goodness of the ages, we pray,

People: Empower us, Holy Spirit

Leader: We look to the Heavens, to the Spirit of Openness; fill us with a breadth of vision to see that your love embraces, we pray,

People: Empower us, Holy Spirit

Leader: we touch the Earth for a blessing, and thereby touch the Spirit that lives among us and within us; help us to be more humans and to praise you through the work of our hands, we pray,

People: Empower us, Holy Spirit

Leader: Let us return to our cabins blessed and renewed in the Spirit of Peace, the Spirit of Integrity, in the Spirit of Illumination, in the Spirit of Transformation, with hopes lifted high to the heavens and with hearts loving the earth each other in the name of our loving, creating, nurturing God.

All: **Amen!**

Prayer #2- A Prayer for Sundays

Today is the day I go to church to bless you. It's the day we gather to receive your blessings. It's the day we hear your word and come to your table. It's the day we are fed so we can go out into the world on Monday to live as you would have us live. Thank you for this day.

Prayers from Call On Me – A Prayer Book for Young People. Jenifer C. Gamber & Sharon Ely Pearson

Prayer #3- A Prayer for Accepting Myself

For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. Psalm 139:13

God of all people and all creation,
You made me. You know me.
You love each and every part of me:
Every cell, every organ, every single hair.
I am beautiful in your sight.
Hold me fast when others do not accept me.
Fill me with your love when I do not accept myself.
Strengthen my spirit.
Fill my heart with celebration.
Endure with me until that time when
Others see that I am beautiful,
Others accept me for who I am.
All of me.

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Prayer #4- A Prayer for Forgiveness

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:8-10

Faithful God, your love is greater than I can imagine.
I have hurt others-
by what I have done
and what I have not done,
by what I have said
and what I have not said.
You forgive me even before I've done something wrong-
not so that I will hurt others,
but so that when I do,
I can turn around
and come back to you.
I have sinned and I am sorry.
Forgive me.

A Prayer for tests and exams:

Jesus be with me.
I've studied long and hard.
Thank you for the skills I've learned.
Give me confidence to use them.
Help me through this challenge.
I'll do my best with you at my side.

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Prayer #5- Preparing for Summer Camp

Bless us, O God, as we prepare for summer camp,
Set our feet on the path of adventure,
Prepare our hearts for new friendships,
Show us the way to give you glory, and
Through our days at camp this summer,
May our faith in you increase and deepen.

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Prayer #6- For Our Counselors

As summer camp gets ready to open,
be with our brave counselors.
May the power of God the Creator guide them,
may the wisdom of the Son instruct them,
and may the work of the Spirit energize them.
May we all know the love of God through one another,
In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

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Prayer #7- The End of a School Year

God of endings and new beginnings,
we are finishing a year of school,
and we are thankful;
we have studied and played,
we have loved and grown,
and we are ready for a long and joy-filled rest.
bless this school year now ending,
bless our teachers, friends and everyone in our school community.
May our bodies stay well,
our hearts and minds open,
and may all of our education help to serve the world
that you love so dearly. Amen.

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Prayers of the People #1

Intercessor: Let us pray for all that God has created-the Church, the world, and all of us.

Intercessor: Jesus our light and life, because of You we come together as friends to have fun and help each other, to pray and sing together, and help others in need.

All: Brother Jesus, thank you for the Church.

Intercessor: Jesus was born in a barn and died on a cross because the kings of His time were unkind. Help our leaders to always be good to all people so everyone can be happy and healthy, then no one will ever have to suffer like Jesus again.

All: Lord Jesus, lead us and guide us.

Intercessor: Jesus is the Prince of Peace. Help our world, and all of us, be at peace, and help us all treat everyone with love and respect.

All: Prince of Peace, help us love one another.

Intercessor: Jesus went from town to town teaching people about God's love for everyone. Help Camp Washington and all communities be places where neighbors get along and everyone feels welcome.

All: Jesus of Nazareth, be our neighbor too.

Intercessor: Jesus healed the sick and helped people when they were sad. Give us the faith and courage to be with those who need us and bless all those who are sick or in pain.

All: Jesus, our loving brother, be with us always.

Intercessor: Mary knew that Jesus would grow up and die, just like all of us. But she had hope, because she knew her son would always be with God. Help us remember our loved ones who have died and, that we will always be with God who loves us forever.

All: Jesus our Savior, You bring us home to God.

Prayers of the People #2

Leader: We pray for our church and communities.

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for our families and friends at home.

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for the new friends we've made at camp, and for everyone who will come to Camp Washington this summer.

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Help us love God and one another.

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Help us be a shining light for our families, friends, and neighbors.

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Help us be ourselves, be love, be kind, and continue to become who we are made to be.

All: Hear our prayer.

Celebrant: God hear our prayers that we offer today and everyday. Hold us in your loving hands, and guide us so that we can follow you all the days of our lives. **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer from Oneida/Muncey*

The Creator is with you

And also with you

Open up your hearts

We ask Jesus to fill them

Deep thanks to the Creator

For the web of all creation.

Great Spirit, All Providing One,

We sense your presence in the cooling breeze,
in the slowly emerging colours of Fall and in the morning mists.

We give you heart-felt thanks that through Mother Earth
you give us the fruits of the Summer growth
and nourish us with many grains. We thank you for
the rich harvest of blessings in our lives
and most of all, we thank you for Jesus.

His life unfolded to reveal a new way of living
That brought healing, forgiveness, freedom and hope.

He followed your sacred way, walking with those in pain,
renewing those who were pushed aside by injustice
and touching others with the fruits of compassion.

He showed us the Creator's generosity,
asking us to become a harvest of thanksgiving
in relationship to one another.

As we come to you aware of the sacredness of your creation,
We join our voices with all who have gone before us, saying,

Holy, holy, holy

Wonderful Creator and Life-giver

The harvest reflects your overflowing love

Blessed in the Holy One who comes into our lives

May his heart beat with ours forever.

Creator, Great Mystery, You sent your prophets and elders
to colour up our lives but we missed the rainbow
and so you sent Jesus whole life, death and resurrection
radiated your love like the dancing colours of the Northern lights.
The world was not ready for such an amazing look at
Thankful living in your presence.

On the night before he died, Jesus called his friend together

to share a special meal.
He thanked the Creator for bread, blessed,
broke and gave it to them saying:
This is my Body given for you.

Then Jesus took a cup of wine,
blessed it and after giving thanks said to them:
This is the cup of new relationship,
my blood shed for you.

**In Christ you make us one Body, a community for you.
Send your Holy Spirit on the gifts and make them holy.
Take the pieces of our lives so that as we gather at your table,
we will all become a harvest thanksgiving.
May we remain rooted in Christ, grow daily in your compassion,
and be the bearers of your blessings to others through the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say: **Our Father.....**

The Breaking of the Bread

Creator of all, you gave the people fields
rich with corn to be gathered, formed and shared
as life-giving bread for people.

**So may we, your church
be gathered, formed and shared
in your reconciling love.**

**Creator of all, you gave the people
the strawberry as a sign and celebration of new life.**

May we, your people,
taste the sweetness of new life together.

The gifts of God for the people of God
Thanks be to God.

(Miigwech. Nya'weh. Inshic. Yau.) **
Amen

Prayers After Communion

**Holy One,
you feed us with bread from heaven
and the gifts of mother earth.
In this communion, you have drawn us into your embrace
And you call us to friendship with one another.
You have given us the gift of reconciliation.
May we who have tasted that gift from you,
offer ourselves in peace and humility to one another.
And may you always walk among us as friend.
We pray this in our name
Amen. *****

Blessing

May the Creator watch over you.
May the Spirit guide and lead you.
May Jesus be present in all you do.
And the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit
be with you, within you, and surrounding you and those you love,
this day and always. **Amen ******

Dismissal

Resources from:

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