

PRAYER IN THE HOME

for the season of EPIPHANY

GATHERING

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe.

From the rising of the sun to its setting

Your name is proclaimed in all the world.

Let us light a candle to remember that God is with us.

The Lord of glory be with you.

The Lord bless you.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

CONFESSION

The grace of God has dawned upon the world through our Saviour Jesus Christ, who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own. Let us confess our sins.

Silence is kept.

God be gracious to us and bless us,
and make your face shine upon us:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May your ways be known on the earth,
your saving power among the nations:
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

You, Lord, have made known your salvation,
and reveal your justice in the sight of the nations:
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

May Almighty have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PSALM

BIBLE READING

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- Which words or phrases in this reading stand out for me?
- Does this reading remind me of anyone, anywhere or anything else?
- What does this reading reveal that will influence or inform my faith?

SERMON

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INTERCESSIONS & CLOSING PRAYER

We pray for the coming of God's kingdom.

You sent your Son to bring good news to the poor,
sight to the blind, freedom to the captives
and salvation to your people: anoint us with your Spirit;
rouse us to work in his name.

Father, by your Spirit
bring in your kingdom.

Send us to bring help to the poor
and freedom to the oppressed.

Father, by your Spirit
bring in your kingdom.

Send us to tell the world
the good news of your healing love.

Father, by your Spirit
bring in your kingdom.

Send us to those who mourn,
to bring joy and gladness instead of grief.

Father, by your Spirit
bring in your kingdom.

Send us to proclaim that the time is here
for you to save your people.

Father, by your Spirit
bring in your kingdom.

Father, use us, unworthy as we are,
to bring in your kingdom of mercy, justice, love and peace.
Empower us by your Spirit and unite us in your Son,
that all our joy and delight may be to serve you.

We commend ourselves and all for whom we pray
to the mercy and protection of our heavenly Father:

**Merciful Father,
accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Believing the promises of God,
as our Saviour 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.**

We have seen his glory,
the glory revealed to all the nations.

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.