

PRAYER IN THE HOME

FOR THE TRINITY SEASON (SUNDAYS IN OCTOBER)

GATHERING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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

Jesus, speak to us:
That we may hear your voice.

Holy Spirit, come to us:
That we may know your love.

Father, receive our prayers:
That we may deepen our trust in 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

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God,
though we have rebelled against him.
Let us then renounce our wilfulness and ask his mercy
By confessing our sins in penitence and faith.
Silence is kept.

We confess to you our selfishness and lack of love:
fill us with your Spirit.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

We confess to you our fear and failure in sharing our faith:
fill us with your Spirit.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

We confess to you our stubbornness and lack of trust:
fill us with your Spirit.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

May the God of love
bring us back to himself,
forgive us our sins,
and assure us of his eternal love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

PSALM

BIBLE READING

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
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 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.

INTERCESSIONS & CLOSING PRAYER

Let us pray for the Church, for the world and for all those in need.

Heavenly Father, we thank you for your gift of life.
Break down any barriers which prevent us from being at peace
with you, and fill your Church with love.
Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Father, we thank you for the diversity and richness of your world.
We pray for all victims of our world's mistakes and evils
and ask your guidance and courage for our leaders.
Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Father, we thank you for the joy of our families and friendships
and remember households where relationships are strained, especially
those who are struggling to get by in the current economic climate.
We pray for those we love and worry about, and those who love
and worry about us, commending one another to your keeping.
Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Father, we thank you for the medical research that has brought
healing and quality of life to so many. We pray for all who work in our
hospitals, hospices and care homes and for the people in their care.
We remember those who are anxious or afraid and ask for your
protection and peace of mind.
Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

We commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray,
to the mercy and protection of God.
Merciful Father:
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Trusting in the compassion 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.**

The Lord bless you and watch over you,
the Lord make his face shine upon you
and be gracious to you,
the Lord look kindly on you
and give you peace. **Amen.**