



EVENING PRAYER TEMPLATE

Notes before beginning:

- Below is our interpretation and modified version of other templates.
- I would highly recommend three resources:
 - [Book of Common Prayer](#) (for those familiar with liturgical prayer)
 - [Our Common Prayer](#) (for newbies into liturgical prayer)
 - [A Praying Life](#) (helping us to pray to "Dad")
- Modify this template to fit what the Lord wants for you
- To get started, you should really pick up *Our Common Prayer* (see above) to understand the "why" behind each section.

OPENING VERSE

"Let my prayer be set forth in your sight as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice." - Psalm 141:2

CONFESSION OF SIN

Almighty and most merciful Father,
We have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep,
We have followed too much the devices
And desires of our own hearts,
We have offended against your holy laws,
We have left undone those things
Which we ought to have done,
And we have done those things
Which we ought not to have done.
But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
Spare those who confess their faults,
Restore those who are repentant,
According to your promises declared unto mankind
In Christ Jesus our Lord;
And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life,
To the glory of your holy Name.
Amen

FORGIVENESS OF SIN

May Almighty God have mercy on us,
Forgive us our sins, through Jesus Christ our Lord,
And strengthen us to live in power of the Holy Spirit, all our days.
Amen

THE INVITATORY

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

THE GLORIA

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.
Amen

THE PSALM

Read Psalm 100

(You can work your way through the Psalms if you would like during this time)

AN EVENING PRAYER

O Gracious light,
Pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!
Now as we come to the setting of the sun,
And our eyes behold the vesper light,
We sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,
O Son of God, O Giver of Life,
And to be glorified through all the worlds.

CREED (USE EITHER APOSTLES OR NICENE CREED)

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
And born of the Virgin Mary.
He 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,
And is seated at the right hand of the Father.
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.

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God
The Father, the almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
And of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
The only Son of God,
Eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
True God from true God,
Begotten, not made,
Of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
He came down from heaven;
By the power of the Holy Spirit
He became incarnate from the virgin Mary,
And was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
He ascended into heaven
And is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
To judge the living and the dead,
And his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
The Lord, the giver of life,
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism
For the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
And the life of the world to come.
Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed is your name,
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day 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 yours is the kingdom, the power
And the glory forever.
Amen

PRAYER FOR NEEDS

Use this time to pray through list of needs or people.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory throughout all ages. Amen

BENEDICTION

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