AN ORDER FOR DAYTIME PRAYER

(Hallelujah!)

Praise God in his holy temple;

praise him in the firmament of his power.

Praise him for his mighty acts;

praise him for his excellent greatness.

Praise him with timbrel and dance;

praise him with strings and pipe.

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

(Hallelujah!) Psalm 150:1-2, 4, 6

A Reading



(Select and read a portion of Holy Scripture. You may use suggested readings for Lent, readings from Forward Day by Day, selections from the Daily Office, or choose to read whatever you would like. Conclude with the following.)

I offer all the prayers, works, joys and problems of this day to God the Creator, through the Son, and in union with the Holy Spirit. I unite myself in spirit and prayer with all the Eucharists that will be, or have been, celebrated today throughout the world. May the people of God witness the Good News of Christ in all places, at all times, today and forever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

(Take a moment to give thanks and to pray for special concerns and for those in need.)

God our hope, may your blessing empower our thanksgivings and our prayer. For we put our trust in you the living God, risking disappointment, risking failure, working and waiting expectantly. *A Prayer from the New Zealand Prayer Book*

Conclude

May the Wisdom of God, the Love of God, and the Grace of God strengthen me to be Christ's hands and heart in this world, in the name of the Holy Trinity. Amen. (source: Celtic)

AT THE CLOSE OF DAY

Psalm 134

Behold now, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord, you that stand by night in the house of the Lord.

Lift up your hands in the holy place and bless the Lord; the Lord who made heaven and earth bless you out of Zion.

Lord, you are in the midst of us and we are called by your Name: Do not forsake us, O Lord our God. *Jeremiah 14:9,22*

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The Lord's Prayer

A Prayer from the New Zealand Prayer Book

Lord, it is night. The night is for stillness. Let me be still in the presence of God. It is night after a long day. What has been done has been done; what has not been done has not been done; let it be. The night is dark. Let my fears of the darkness of the world and of my own life rest in you. The night is quiet. Let the quietness of your peace enfold me, all dear to me, and all who have no peace. The night heralds the dawn. Let me look expectantly to a new day, new joys, new possibilities. In your Name I pray. Amen.

Conclusion (from Saint Clare)

Live without fear: your Creator has made you holy, has always protected you, and loves you as a mother. Go in peace to follow the good road and may God's blessing be with you always. Amen.

