



An Order for Personal/ Family Devotions

Season of Epiphany: January 6-February 13

Some find it helpful to light a single candle when having devotions. You may make the sign of the cross and say:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

SCRIPTURE READING

The scripture readings may be read silently for personal reflection or out loud when more than one is present. The privilege of reading the Word of God may be shared from day to day. After the reading, you might silently reflect on the reading for a time, or let each person present share one thought or idea the reading brought to mind.

VERSE FOR THE WEEK

The “verse of the week” comes from one of the readings at Sunday worship. Speak the words out loud, that these words of scripture might become part of you.

PRAYER

Almighty God, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom in word and deed. Anoint us with the power of your Spirit, that we may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

You may then include prayers for others and ourselves. These might include prayers for:

- the whole Christian Church around the world, including St. Barnabas’ companion congregations: St. Paul in south Minneapolis, Redeemer in north Minneapolis, and Church of the Messiah in Hong, Nigeria
- the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and our bishops, Elizabeth Eaton and Ann Svennungson
- our St. Barnabas community and ministry staff
- our national, state, and local government officials
- those who suffer or are in need
- our family and friends

The Lord’s Prayer

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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

A Table Prayer

O good and gracious God, we praise you for the light of Christ that shines in our midst. Receive our thanks for the gifts of this table and strengthen us with your love, that we may be light for those who dwell in darkness and the shadows of death. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen

A Morning Prayer

As you cause the sun to rise, O God, bring the light of Christ to dawn in our souls and dispel all darkness. Give us grace to reflect Christ’s glory; and let his love show in our deeds, his peace shine in our words, and his healing in our touch, that all may give him praise, now and forever. Amen

Book of Common Prayer

An Evening Prayer

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love’s sake. Amen

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