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FAMILY OFFICE

MORNING PRAYER

¶ *The head of the household having called together the Family says the following with all kneeling, with all repeating the Lord's Prayer:*

Let us pray:

OUR Father, who in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is
in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive
us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass
against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver
us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

¶ *Here may follow the Collect for the day.*

¶ *Here may follow the Daily Lectionary reading of the Psalter, read responsively.*

¶ *Here may follow the Daily Lectionary reading from the Old and New Testaments.*

*Acknowledgment of God's Mercy and Preservation
through the Night*

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, in Whom we live, move, have our life, and whose mercy is all over Your works; We, your needy creatures, give You our humble praises, for our preservation from the beginning of our lives to this day. Blessed be Your holy Name for the continued protection by Your hand, by which we have been and delivered from the dangers of the past night. By You we are brought in safety to the beginning of this day. For your mercies, we bless and magnify your glorious Name; asking you to accept this our morning sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; for the sake Him who lay down in the grave, and rose again for us, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Dedication of Soul and Body to God's Service

Since it is of your mercy gracious Father that another day is added to our lives; We here dedicate both our souls and our bodies to Your service, for a sober, righteous, and godly life. We renounce the devil and all his works, the vanities of this evil age, and all the sinful lusts of the flesh; desiring nothing so much as to serve You faithfully all the days of our lives. Sincerely we resolve to improve, and each day become better servants of You and persevere in holiness and righteousness until the end. We ask You merciful God to confirm and strengthen us; that, as we grow in age, we may grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

But God, who knows the weakness and corruption of our nature, and the many temptations which we daily meet; We humbly ask You to have compassion on our weaknesses, and to give us the constant assistance of Your Holy Spirit; that we may be restrained from sin, and reminded of our duty to You. When You see us giving into temptation, prevent us from being tempted beyond our ability, and stretch out Your helping hand to save and deliver us.

Imprint upon our hearts such a dread of your judgments, and such a grateful sense of your goodness to us, as may make us both afraid and ashamed to offend You. And, above all, remind us of that great day, in which we must give a strict account of our thoughts, words, and actions to Him whom you have appointed the Judge of quick and dead, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Here may follow a hymn, canticle, or the Apostles' Creed*

*For Grace to guide and keep us the following Day,
and for God's Blessing*

So we may give a good account of today, give us grace to have You and your holy Law before our eyes, that we may walk in it according to Your will and guidance. We implore Your grace and protection for the ensuing day. Keep us sober and moderate in all things, including food and drink, and diligent in our several callings and vocations which Your Providence has appointed us. Grant us patience under our afflictions and minds always content with our present condition.

Give us grace to be just and upright in all our dealings; peaceable among our neighbors; compassionate towards the needy and afflicted; and ready to do good to all, according to our abilities and opportunities. Through walking faithfully before You throughout our days, and being found watchful for our appointed time, we may from a life of righteousness be translated to a life of glory, through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, our only Savior and Redeemer. *Amen.*

For God's blessing upon the business of the day

Now we are entering upon the work of the vocations which Your Providence has placed us, and we truly ask Your blessing this day upon our plans and work ahead. Direct us in all our ways and prosper the works of our hands.

We desire to walk in a constant sense of Your all-seeing Providence, therefore preserve our coming and going throughout this day. Defend us from all dangers and adversities; and be pleased to take us, and our dear loved ones, under your fatherly care and protection. These things, and whatever You see necessary for us, we humbly ask You, through the merits and mediation of your Son Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. *Amen.*

On Sunday mornings, say:

As we go to public worship, we ask you to let Your Holy Spirit accompany us, and make us devout, serious and attentive, raise our minds from the thoughts of this world to the consideration of the next, that we fervently join in the prayers and praises of Your church, and listen to our duty with honest hearts, in order to practice it. And give us grace to dedicate this day, as You have appointed us, to Your service and the care of our souls. Direct us in all our ways and guide our feet into Your paths. *Amen.*

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.*

FAMILY OFFICE
EVENING PRAYER

¶ *The head of household with all the Family kneeling,
and repeating with him the Lord's Prayer*

Let us pray:

OUR Father, who in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is
in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive
us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass
against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver
us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

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*Confession of Sins, with a Prayer for Contrition
and Pardon*

Let us silently confess our sins before Almighty God.

MOST gracious and merciful God, who are of purer
eyes than to behold iniquity, and has promised mercy
and forgiveness to all those who confess and forsake
their sins; We come before You in a humble sense of
our own unworthiness, acknowledging our many
transgressions of your righteous laws, in thought, word
and deed. We have every day done those things which
You have forbidden, and left undone the things which
You have commanded. When we look upon our past

lives and remember that You know our most secret sins, we are afraid of Your judgments and are ashamed to lift up our eyes to You.

** Here let him who reads make a short pause, that everyone may secretly confess the sins and failings of that day.*

* But, O gracious Father, who desire not the death of a sinner, look upon us as we ask you to be merciful through Your Son, Jesus Christ, for the merits of His sufferings, and forgive us all our transgressions. Make us deeply aware of the great evil of them; and work within us a broken and contrite heart leading to a lamentation of our sins and a holy repentance; that we may obtain forgiveness at Your hands, Who always is ready to receive humble and penitent sinners; for the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, our only Savior and Redeemer. *Amen.*

Prayer for Grace to reform and grow better

And prior to succumbing to our own frailty, or the temptations which encompass us, or we are drawn again into sin, protect us through the direction and assistance of your Holy Spirit. Reform whatever is amiss within our souls; that no unclean thoughts, unlawful designs, or wrongful desires, may rest there. Purge our hearts from envy, hatred, and malice; that we may never allow the sun to go down upon our anger; but may always go to our rest in peace, charity, and good-will, with a conscience void of offence towards you, and towards all so that so our hearts are fit for Your Holy Spirit's dwelling and whether we

wake or sleep, will be under His blessed protection, and have our whole spirit, soul, and body preserved pure and blameless, unto the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

The Intercession

Accept O Lord as evidence of our love and charity, our intercessions for all mankind. Let the light of your Gospel shine upon all nations; and may as many as have received it, live renewed lives. Be gracious unto Your Church; and grant that every member of the same, in their vocation and ministry, may serve you faithfully. Bless all in authority over us; and so rule their hearts and strengthen their hands, that they may punish wickedness and maintain your true religion and virtue. Send down your blessings, temporal and spiritual, upon all our family, friends, and neighbors. Reward all who have done us good, and pardon all those who have done or wish us evil, and give them repentance and better minds. Be merciful to all who are in any trouble and affliction of mind or body; and do administer to them according to their needs; for the sake of He who went about doing good to the souls and bodies of men, Your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

¶ *Here may follow a hymn, canticle, or Apostles' Creed*

The Thanksgiving

To our prayers, O Lord, we join our sincere thanks for all your mercies; our life, our reason, and all other gifts of soul and body. We thank you Lord for our health, friends, food, clothing, and all the other comforts and conveniences of life. Above all, we adore Your mercy in sending Your only Son into the world, to redeem us from sin and eternal death, and in giving us the knowledge and sense of our duty towards You. We bless You for your patience with us, notwithstanding our many and great sins. We bless You for all the directions, assistance, and comforts of Your Holy Spirit; for Your continual care and watchful Providence over us through the whole course of our lives; and particularly for the mercies and benefits of the past day. We humbly ask you to continue your blessings to us, and to give us grace to show our thankfulness in a sincere obedience to Your laws, through whose merits and intercession we received them all, Your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Prayer for God's Protection through the Night following

In particular, we ask you to continue your gracious protection to us this night. Defend us from all dangers and from fear that we may enjoy refreshing sleep for the duties of the coming day. And grant us grace always to live in such a manner that we may never be afraid to die; so that, living and dying, we may be Yours through the merits and satisfaction of Your Son Christ Jesus, in whose Name we offer up these our imperfect prayers. *Amen.*

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.*

A SHORTER FORM OF
The FAMILY DAILY OFFICES
MORNING

¶ *After the reading of a brief portion of Holy Scripture, let the Head of the Household, or some other member of the family, say as follows with all kneeling, and repeating with him the Lord's Prayer.*

OUR Father, who in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

LORD, our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, Who has safely brought us to the beginning of this day; please defend us with Your mighty power; and grant that this day we not fall into sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Here may be added any special Prayers.*

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.*

A SHORTER FORM OF
The FAMILY DAILY OFFICES
EVENING

¶ *After the reading of a brief portion of Holy Scripture, let the Head of the Household, or some other member of the family, say as follows with all kneeling and repeating with him the Lord's Prayer.*

Our Father, who in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, On earth as it is
in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive
us our trespasses, As we forgive those who trespass
against us. And lead us not into temptation, But deliver
us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Enlighten our darkness, we beg you O Lord; and by
Your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers
of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Savior,
Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

¶ *Here may be added any special Prayers*

The Lord bless us and keep us. The Lord make his
face to shine upon us, and be gracious unto us. The
Lord lift up his countenance upon us, and give us
peace, this night and evermore. *Amen.*

AN ORDER FOR PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL MORNING PRAYER

¶ *When you rise from bed in the morning, begin.*

“I laid me down and slept, and rose up again, for the Lord sustained me.” Psalm 3:5.

Almighty and Everlasting God, in Whom I live, move, and have my life, and whose mercy is all over Your works; I give you humble thanks for the preservation of my life. I thank You that You have protected me from the perils and dangers of the past night and have given me quiet and comfortable rest and brought me safely to the beginning of this day. Allow the same good Providence to continue to watch over me and preserve my comings and goings, that I may be defended from all dangers, the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil. Give me grace to act soberly, diligently, honestly, in my vocation, and with duty and submission to those You have set over me; and to desire and endeavor to live in peace and love with my neighbors. Preserve within me a strict regard to truth and sincerity in all my words and actions and let no fear of punishment or displeasure from men ever make me transgress my duty to You.

To the end may I walk in Your fear this day, and all the days of my life; keep in my mind a due sense and reverence of Your all-knowing wisdom, and the remembrance that in the last day I must give a strict account of my thoughts, words, and actions; and

according to the works done in my body, be sentenced by Your righteous judgment for eternity. Grant this, O Father, for the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, my blessed Savior and Redeemer. *Amen.*

AN ORDER FOR PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL EVENING PRAYER

¶ *Just prior to entering your bed, begin.*

Most gracious God, who by Your wise Providence have appointed to Mankind several vocations and offices in this life, I acknowledge Your wisdom and goodness; You desire all things submit to Your holy will. To this end, provide me with a spirit of humility, patience, and contentment, as is suitable to the condition in which Your Providence has placed me. Bless me with good health, a comforted mind that I may perform my work with cheerfulness and doing my duty to You, and resting on the gracious promises for a reward of my labor and obedience in this life.

Since, through the frailty of my nature and the numerous temptations which I daily meet, I cannot always stand upright; I pray You to forgive me all transgressions of my duty, whether in thought, word, or deed, and especially forgive the sins and failings of the past day, and enable me through the Holy Spirit to avoid them for the future, and to be ever growing in the graces and virtues of the Christian life, as long as You shall be pleased to continue my life in this world. I thank You for your constant care over me considering the changes of this mortal life, and in particular for Your preservation of my life during this past day. I ask You to continue Your gracious protection to me this night that I may enjoy such quiet and refreshing sleep as may fit me for the duties of the next day. I ask you for this in the Name and for the

merits of Your Son Jesus Christ, my blessed Savior and Redeemer. *Amen.*

Our Father, who art in heaven; hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. *Amen.*

“I will lie me down in peace, and take my rest, for I is You Lord only that makes me dwell in safety.” Psalm 4:9.

ADDITIONAL PRAYERS

For the Spirit of Prayer

ALMIGHTY God, who pours out on all who desires the spirit of grace and of supplication; Deliver us, when we draw away from you due to coldness of heart and wanderings of our mind so that with a diligent mind and heart we may worship You in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

In the Morning

O GOD, the King eternal, who separated the day from the night, and turns the shadow of death into the morning; Drive far off from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep Your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that having done Your will with cheerfulness while it was day, we may, when the night arrives, rejoice to give You thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ALMIGHTY God, who alone provided us the breath of life, and alone can keep alive in us the holy desires you do provide; We ask You for your compassion's sake, to sanctify all our thoughts and endeavors; that we may neither begin an action without a pure intention nor continue it without Your blessing. And grant that, having the eyes of the mind opened to behold things invisible and unseen, we may in he be inspired by your wisdom, and in work be upheld by Your strength, and in the end be accepted by You as Your faithful servants; through Jesus Christ our Savior. *Amen.*

At Night

O LORD, support us all the day long, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in your mercy grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last. *Amen.*

O GOD, who are the life of mortal men, the light of the faithful, the strength of those who labor, and the repose of the dead; We thank you for the timely blessings of the day, and humbly ask for your merciful protection all this night. Bring us in safety to the morning hours; through Him who died for us and rose again, Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Sunday Morning

O GOD, who makes us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of Your Son our Lord; Provide us this day such a blessing through our worship of you, that the days to come may be spent in Your service; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Quiet Confidence

O GOD of peace, who has taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and in confidence shall be our strength; By the might of Your Spirit lift us, we pray for Your presence, where we may be still and know that You are God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Guidance

O GOD, by whom the meek are guided in judgment, and light rises up in darkness for the godly; Grant us, in all our doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask what You would have us to do, that the Spirit of Wisdom may save us from all false choices, and that in Your light we may see light, and in Your straight path we may not stumble; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Trustfulness

O MOST loving Father, who wills us to give thanks for all things, to dread nothing but the loss of You, and to cast all our care on You and who cares for us; Preserve us from faithless fears and worldly anxieties, and grant that no clouds of this mortal life may hide from us the light of that love which is immortal, and which You have manifested to us in Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

O HEAVENLY Father, You understand all of Your children; through Your gift of faith we bring our confusion to the light of Your wisdom, and receive the blessed encouragement of Your sympathy, and a clearer knowledge of Your will. Glory be to You for all Your gracious gifts. *Amen.*

For Joy in God's Creation

O HEAVENLY Father, who has filled the world with beauty; Open our eyes to behold your gracious hand in all Your works; that rejoicing in Your whole creation, we may learn to serve You with gladness; for the sake of Him by whom all things were made, Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For the Children

ALMIGHTY God, heavenly Father, who has blessed us with the joy and care of children; Give us light and strength so to train them, that they may love the things that are true and pure and lovely and of good report, following the example of their Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

For the Absent

O GOD, whose fatherly care reaches to the ends of the earth; We humbly ask You graciously to behold and bless those whom we love, now absent from us. Defend them from all dangers of soul and body; and grant that both they and we, drawing nearer to You, may be bound together by Your love in the communion of your Holy Spirit, and in the fellowship of your saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Those We Love

ALMIGHTY God, we entrust all who are dear to us to your never-failing care and love, for this life and the life to come; knowing that you are doing for them better things than we can desire or pray for; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For the Recovery of a Sick Person

O MERCIFUL God, giver of life and health; Bless, we pray You that Your servant, [N.], and those who administer to *him* of your healing gifts; that *he* may be restored to health of body and of mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For One about to undergo an Operation

ALMIGHTY God our heavenly Father, we ask You graciously to comfort Your servant in *his* suffering, and to bless the means made use of for *his* cure. Fill *his* he with confidence, that though *he* be sometime afraid, *he* yet may put his trust in You; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For a Birthday

WATCH over Your child, O Lord, as *his* days increase; bless and guide him wherever *he* may be, keeping *him* unspotted from the world. Strengthen *him* when *he* stands; comfort *him* when discouraged or sorrowful; raise *him* up if *he* falls; and in *his* he may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of *his* life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For an Anniversary of One Departed

ALMIGHTY God, we remember this day your faithful servant [N.], and we pray that, having opened to *him* the gates of the life hereafter, you will receive *him* more and more into your joyful service; that *he* may rest until the resurrection, with You and Your servants everywhere, in Your eternal victory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For Those in Mental Darkness

O HEAVENLY Father, we ask you to have mercy upon all your children who are living in mental darkness. Restore them to strength of mind and cheerfulness of spirit, and give them health and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For a Blessing on the Families of the Land

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who places us in families; We place in your continual care the homes in which your people dwell. Put far from them every root of bitterness, the desire of vainglory, and the pride of life. Fill them with faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness. Knit together in constant affection those who, in holy wedlock, have been made one flesh; turn the he of the fathers to the children, and the he of the children to the fathers; and so enkindle fervent love among us all, that we be endued with brotherly love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For all Poor, Homeless, and the Neglected

O GOD, Almighty and merciful, who heals those that are broken in he, and turns the sadness of the sorrowful to joy; Let Your fatherly goodness be upon all that You have made. Remember in pity those

that are destitute, homeless, or forgotten of their fellow-neighbor. Bless the congregation of your poor. Uplift those who are cast down. Mightily befriend innocent sufferers, and sanctify to them the endurance of their wrongs. Cheer with hope all discouraged and unhappy people, and by your heavenly grace preserve from falling those whose extreme poverty tempts them to sin; Although they be troubled on every side, let them not be distressed and though they be perplexed, save them from despair. Grant this, O Lord, for the love of Him, who for our sakes became poor, Your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

For Faithfulness in the Use of this World's Goods

ALMIGHTY God, whose loving hand has given us all that we possess; Grant us grace that we may honor you with our substance, and remembering the account which we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of Your bounty; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

A General Intercession

O GOD, at whose word we go to our work and to our vocation until the evening; Be merciful to all whose duties are difficult or burdensome, and comfort them concerning their toil. Shield from bodily accident and harm the employees at their work. Protect the efforts of sober and honest industry, and allow not laborers to be defrauded. Incline the heart of employers and of those whom they employ to mutual patience, fairness, and goodwill. Give the spirit of governance and of a sound mind to all in places of authority. Bless all those who labor in works of mercy. Care for all elderly persons, all little children, the sick and the afflicted, and those who travel. Remember all who by reason of weakness are overtaken, or because of poverty are forgotten. Let the sorrowful sighing of the prisoners come before You; and according to the greatness of Your power, preserve those that are appointed to die. Give ear unto our prayer, O merciful and gracious Father, for the love of Your dear Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Grace before Meat

BLESS, O Father, Your gifts to our use and us to your service; for Christ's sake. *Amen.*

GIVE us grateful hearts, our Father, for all Your mercies, and make us mindful of the needs of others; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*