

The Lord's Prayer is used in most sessions. Refer to this page when so indicated.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray (select a version of the prayer):

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

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.



WORSHIP LEAFLETS

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*Responses are in **bold**.

OPENING SENTENCES

(CWC-C1, p. 16)

God of our salvation, for you we wait in hope.

Night and day we pray for your return.

Come and fulfill your promise to us.

Come and deliver your people!

HYMN

Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;

From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;

Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

SCRIPTURE

3:23Jesus was about thirty years old when he began his work. He was the son (as was thought) of Joseph son of Heli...

^{31b}son of Nathan, son of David, ³²son of Jesse, son of Obed, son of Boaz, son of Sala, son of Nahshon.

4:9Then Boaz said to the elders and all the people, "You are witnesses today that I have acquired from the hand of Naomi all that belonged to Elimelech and all that belonged to Chilion and Mahlon. ¹⁰I have also acquired Ruth the Moabite, the wife of Mahlon, to be my wife, to maintain the dead man's name on his inheritance, in order that the name of the dead may not be cut off from his kindred and from the gate of his native place; today you are witnesses." ¹¹Then all the people who were at the gate, along with the elders, said, "We are witnesses. May the LORD make the woman who is coming into your house like Rachel and Leah, who together built up the house of

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" (*GtG*, #82) Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king,

Born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.

By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;

By thine all sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.

Luke 3:23, 31–32; Ruth 4:9–17

Israel. May you produce children in Ephrathah and bestow a name in Bethlehem; ¹²and, through the children that the LORD will give you by this young woman, may your house be like the house of Perez, whom Tamar bore to Judah."

¹³So Boaz took Ruth, and she became his wife. When they came together, the LORD made her conceive, and she bore a son. ¹⁴Then the women said to Naomi, "Blessed be the LORD, who has not left you this day without next-of-kin, and may his name be renowned in Israel! ¹⁵He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age, for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him." ¹⁶Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her bosom and became his nurse. ¹⁷The women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, "A son has been born to Naomi." They named him Obed; he became the father of Jesse, the father of David.

BIBLE STUDY

To be led using the Participant's Book, p. 2, and Leader's Guide, p. 3.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

(*CWC-C1*, p. 16, adapted; *FOWWC-B2*, pp. 234–40)

God of all generations, though signs and seasons change, your promise is faithful and your word will never pass away.

We gather today with the saints of every time and place to honor and praise your holy name. As you have revealed your mercy and might to your faithful people in every age, so let us glimpse the mystery of your life-giving grace.

Because you are faithful, we come to you now to make our petitions known to you. We pray for the church and its leaders;

may we continue to be living witnesses for you.

We pray for the global community;

enable us to serve those in need and work for peace.

We pray for all those who are cheated and abused;

help us be advocates for the powerless, that we might enact godly justice.

We pray for those who suffer;

make us agents of your restoration and healing.

We pray for your creation;

make us good stewards, that many generations will know the goodness of your gifts.

We remember those who have come to their eternal rest;

help us to comfort those who grieve their loss.

We lift up to you the prayers we hold secretly,

for we know that you know all things.

Ever-present God, give us courage and strength as we watch and wait for Jesus Christ, our redeemer, who is coming in glory to reign. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pray the Lord's Prayer found on page iii.

DISMISSAL

Romans 15:13 (FOWWC-A1, p. 8)

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope. Amen.