

FAMILY EVENING PRAYER TIME

Lighting of the candles

Light a candle or candles. Perhaps one for each member of the family.

As evening falls we come before God as a family
The light and peace of Jesus be with you.

The light and peace of Jesus be with us all. Amen

**Lord Jesus,
as evening falls
we bring our thanks to you,
we bring our worries and our concerns to you,
we bring our praise to you
for you are good
and your love for us and our world
goes on and on.
Amen.**



Song of praise

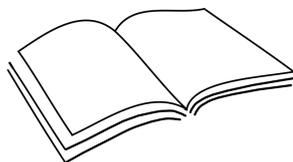
Choose a praise song that all the family enjoys or use the following perhaps accompanied by instruments you have.



Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise him all creatures here below
Praise him above you heavenly host
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost

Reading from the Bible *use your own or read and memorise a verse below*

Psalms 149v9 | Joshua 1v9 | Matthew 22v36-39 |
Hebrews 13v8 | Proverbs 3v5 | Psalm 139v14
| Ephesians 4v32 | Philippians 4v4 | John 3v16



Prayers

Short prayers for our:

- ❖ World, country and the community where we live
- ❖ Church family and our own family
- ❖ Ourselves

There are some prayers that could be used over the page.

You may wish to use the response after each prayer:

Our loving Heavenly Father
Hear us as we pray.



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.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.

Blessing

May the Lord bless you heart so you will love God and those around you
May the Lord bless your mind so you might learn his ways
May the Lord bless your ears so you might hear his voice
May the Lord bless your mouth so you might speak words of kindness
May the Lord bless your feet so you might go where he guides you
May the Lord bless you, watch over you and keep you, now and always.
Amen.

PRAYERS

A prayer for those who are ill and isolating

Dear God,
Please help those who are ill.
Help them to get better and to know that you love them.
Help those who have to be on their own at the moment.
We're sad because we miss them.
They must be feeling miserable and lonely as well.
Please be close to them. Amen

A prayer for the world

God of love and hope,
you made the world and care for all creation,
but the world feels strange right now.
Some people are worried that they might get ill.
Others are anxious for their family and friends.
Be with them and help them to find peace.
We pray for the doctors and nurses and scientists, and all who are working
to discover the right medicines to help those who are ill.
Thank you that even in these anxious times, you are with us.
Help us to put our trust in you and keep us safe. Amen.

A prayer at bedtime

Before the ending of the day,
Creator of the world, we pray
That you, with steadfast love, would keep
Your watch around us while we sleep.

Tonight we pray especially for *(family or friends)*
and the people of *(country or place)*.
Please give skill and wisdom
to all who are caring for them. Amen.

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