

Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich
St John the Baptist, Needham Market
Morning Prayer

A Note: We have left the words in normal and in bold print in case anybody would like to read morning prayer with friends or family, perhaps over the telephone. In this case, one person may take the role of 'leader'. If you are praying on your own, of course, please use all the liturgy as you wish.

Blessed be the Lord God of heaven and earth, for he has visited and redeemed his people. He has raised up a mighty salvation for us in Christ Jesus our Lord.

(Silence)

The Father is with us.

The Creator is with us.

Amen.

Jesus is with us.

The Saviour is with us.

Amen.

The Spirit is with us.

The Strengthener is with us.

Amen.

God is with us.

Amen.

Psalm 84

Happy are the people who trust in you.

How lovely is your dwelling place,
Lord Almighty!

2 My soul yearns, even faints,
for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh cry out
for the living God.

3 Even the sparrow has found a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may have her young—
a place near your altar,
Lord Almighty, my King and my God.

4 Blessed are those who dwell in your house;
they are ever praising you.

5 Blessed are those whose strength is in you,
whose hearts are set on pilgrimage.

6 As they pass through the Valley of Baka,
they make it a place of springs;
the autumn rains also cover it with pools.

7 They go from strength to strength,
till each appears before God in Zion.

8 Hear my prayer, Lord God Almighty;
listen to me, God of Jacob.

9 Look on our shield, O God;
look with favour on your anointed one.

10 Better is one day in your courts
than a thousand elsewhere;
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

11 For the Lord God is a sun and shield;
the Lord bestows favor and honour;
no good thing does he withhold
from those whose walk is blameless.

12 Lord Almighty,
blessed is the one who trusts in you.

Happy are the people who trust in you.

Deuteronomy 6:4-5

The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might.

Everlasting Peace
Isaiah 2:3-4

That he may teach us his ways

“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,
to the temple of the God of Jacob.

He will teach us his ways,
so that we may walk in his paths.”

The law will go out from Zion,
the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

He will judge between the nations
and will settle disputes for many peoples.

They will beat their swords into ploughshares
and their spears into pruning hooks.

Nation will not take up sword against nation,
nor will they train for war anymore.

That he may teach us his ways.

Lord, have mercy.

The Lords 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.**

Prayers

That the church may show its unity in Christ,
Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

That all churches may work together for the benefit of all peoples,
Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

That all movements towards unity may prosper,
Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

That divisions and conflicts may cease,
Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

That the world may find a lasting peace,
Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

That none may hunger or thirst,
Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

That the sick may be healed and held,
Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Almighty God, give us wisdom to perceive you,
Intelligence to understand you,
Diligence to seek you,
Patience to wait for you,
Vision to behold you,
A heart to meditate upon you,
A life to proclaim you;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Who lives with you and the Holy Spirit,
One God now and forever.

Amen.

Lord, be with us to guide us,
Within us to strengthen us,
Without us to protect us,
Above us to raise us,
Beneath us to uphold us,
Before us to lead us,
Behind us to guard us,
Ever about us,
This day and ever more;
This day, and ever more.

Amen.

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