

ST MATTHIAS AND ST LUKE CHURCH



**I SAY TO YOU, WHOEVER BELIEVES IN ME
WILL ALSO DO THE WORKS THAT I DO;
AND GREATER WORKS THAN THESE WILL
THEY DO, BECAUSE I AM GOING TO THE FATHER.
WHATSOEVER YOU ASK IN MY NAME,
THIS I WILL DO, THAT THE FATHER MAY BE
GLORIFIED IN THE SON. IF YOU ASK ME
ANYTHING IN MY NAME, I WILL DO IT.**

JOHN 14:12-14

MORNING PRAYERS FOR RENEWAL

INVITATION

"As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love."

John 15.9

Quiet

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day, so may the light of your presence, O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you; now and forever.

Amen.

PRAYERS FOR RENEWAL

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as it is 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 yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever.

Amen.

For the Lost

Almighty God our Saviour, you desire that none should perish, and you have taught us through your Son that there is great joy in heaven over every sinner who repents: Grant that our hearts may ache for a lost and broken world. May your Holy Spirit work through our words, deeds, and prayers, that the lost may be found and the dead made alive, and that all your redeemed may rejoice around your throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For Our New Rector

Almighty God, who knows the needs of your Church in every place:

Look graciously at this time upon the people of this parish;

and give to them a faithful Rector, who shall feed your flock according to your will, and make ready a people acceptable unto you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For the Flourishing of the Church

Pray in your own words:

- For our pastors and leaders
- For a new meeting place for ministry, mission and Sunday services
- For a spirit of mission and invitation toward those who don't know the Lord
- For willing labourers and a fruitful harvest

O Lord God, who makes light shine out of darkness, and who has again awakened us to praise you for your goodness and to ask for your grace: accept the offering of our worship and thanksgiving, and grant to us all such requests as may be acceptable to your holy will.

Make us to live as children of the light, and heirs of your everlasting kingdom. And remember Lord, according to the vastness of your mercies, your whole Church, those who join us in prayer, and all our brothers and sisters wherever they may be who stand in need of your help:

Dwell here. Pray for people who come to mind.

Pour down upon us all the riches of your grace, so that, redeemed in soul and body, and steadfast in faith, we may ever praise your wonderful and holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

God most High and Holy, Three in One,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:
today we offer you ourselves,
our souls and bodies, and all that we have,
to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice to you, to whom be all praise and glory.
Amen.

BENEDICTION

Lord, be gracious to us and bless us
and make your face shine upon us,
that your way may be known on earth
and your saving power among all nations. Amen.

EVENING PRAYERS FOR RENEWAL

INVITATION

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

Matthew 11.28

O Lord, support us all the day long through this trouble-filled life, 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.

REFLECTION

"Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honourable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise."

Philippians 4.8

Take St. Paul's instruction to heart and reflect upon your day. Have you seen any prayer answered? A conflict resolved? The Spirit working? Sincere love in a friendship? Demonstrations of mercy? Anything worthy of praise?

Slow down, reflect, and take time to thank God for the good you've seen in your day.

PRAYERS FOR RENEWAL

O God, grant that we may desire you, and desiring you seek you, and seeking you find you, and finding you be satisfied in you for ever. Amen.

For Mission:

O God, our heavenly Father, you manifested your love by sending your only-begotten Son into the world, that all might live through him: Pour out your Spirit on your Church, that we may fulfill his command to preach the Gospel to all people. Send forth labourers into your harvest; defend them in all dangers and temptations; and hasten the time when the fullness of the World shall be gathered in, and your faithful people shall be saved; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For A New Church Building:

O Eternal God, mighty in power, of majesty incomprehensible, whom the heavens cannot contain, much less the walls of temples made with hands: You have graciously promised your holy presence wherever two or three of your faithful servants gather together in the Name of your Son. Be present with us who now come with humility to request a new place of worship for the honour of your great Name. May we receive a building consecrated for the work of your kingdom: for reading your most holy Word, for celebrating your holy Sacraments, for offering to your glorious majesty the sacrifice of prayer and thanksgiving, for the blessing of your people, and for the mission of your Church. Accept, O Lord, this prayer of our hearts, and provide a place to be filled with your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

For the Spirit of Love:

O God, you manifest in your servants the signs of your presence: Send forth upon us the Spirit of love, that in companionship with one another your abounding grace may increase among us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

For All People:

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.

For Peace in God

Be present, merciful God, and protect us through the silent hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this fleeting world, may find repose in your eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

BENEDICTION

The Lord grant us a quiet night, and at the last a perfect end; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with us this night, and forevermore.

Amen.

**IF MY PEOPLE WHO ARE CALLED BY MY
NAME HUMBLE THEMSELVES, AND PRAY
AND SEEK MY FACE AND TURN FROM
THEIR WICKED WAYS, THEN I WILL HEAR
FROM HEAVEN AND WILL FORGIVE THEIR
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2 CHRONICLES 7:14



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