morning lauds
a prayer service for the start of the day

Opening Prayer
Almighty God, in the beginning hours of this day I seek You. Grant me the grace and mercy to see Your goodness. Amen.

Morning Psalm
"Praise the L ORD, all you nations.
Praise him, all you people of the earth.
For he loves us with unfailing love;
The faithfulness of the L ORD endures forever.
Praise the L ORD!"

-Samson 117

Silence
Share a minute of silence with the L ORD.

Prayer of Confession
Have mercy on me, O God, for I am a sinner.
You know my short comings very well. It is against You that have I sinned.
It's time to be honest. I come clean about my sin. I am wrong, You are right.
Wash me. Purify me. Break me.
Craft in me a clean heart—a beautiful, joy saturated heart.
Grant me a repentant spirit.
It is my desire to obey You.
It is my longing to please You.
All praise be to You, merciful God.
Amen.

-bas ed on Psalm 51

Scripture Reading
"Open my eyes, that I may see wonderful things in your law."

Psalm 119.18

Read a selection from the Scriptures.

Silent Reflection
Receive the gifts of silence and reflect on the L ORD and the Scriptures that have been read.

Prayers
Pray to the L ORD for peace and hope for the peoples of the world.
Pray to the L ORD about the upcoming day's activities and concerns.

Closing Blessing
"The L ORD bless you and keep you;
the L ORD make his face shine upon you
and be gracious to you;
the L ORD turn his face toward you
and give you peace."

-The prayer of Moses, Numbers 6.24-26
LORD God, may this time of prayer and reflection come before You like a sweet smelling incense, may the raising of my hands be like the evening offering. Amen.

- based on Psalm 141.2

Share the gift of silence with the LORD.

Reflect on the gifts that the LORD has given to you today. Express gratitude to the LORD for these gifts.

“To the LORD I cry aloud, and he answers me from his holy hill. I lie down and sleep; I wake again, because the LORD sustains me. I will not fear the tens of thousands drawn up against me on every side.”

- Psalm 3.4-6

Pray to the LORD for family and friends.

Pray to the LORD for those without shelter and food this evening.

God Almighty, For another day of life I give You thanks. You are most gracious and wonderful. As my head nears my pillow I thank you that I can rest in confidence. You will sustain me. I need not fret or worry but receive this night’s rest as a gift from You. I will soon awake to a new day but until then You will stay near. You are shield that surrounds my life. For this I am grateful.

Amen.