

ORDER for BAPTIST MINISTRY

Midday Prayers **Mondays and Pentecost**

Celebrating the presence of God

Optional:

+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit

*In the midst of the day,
we pause to reflect upon
God's goodness and mercy,
and to commit the day afresh
to his guidance and upholding.*

Lord of all life,
in whom we have our being,
breathing your Spirit upon us
until we are filled
with grace and love,
***we give you thanks
that in the midst of time
we breathe the air of eternity;
in the crush of a busy day
we are given space to breathe;
in a fragmented world
you centre us in Christ
by your loving Spirit
in the Father's peace.***

*A pause to acknowledge
any specific thanks and praise*

Acknowledging our humanity

We pause
..... ***and recollect.***

We rest
..... ***and find fresh strength.***

We repent
..... ***and receive your forgiveness.***

We lift up our eyes
..... ***and find new hope.***

We listen to the Spirit....
.... ***and hear the whisper of grace.***

Listening for the Word

*A freely chosen reading, the Gospel
from the Communion readings from
the Common Lectionary, or*

¹⁶Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. ¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are obvious:

²²By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

Galatians 5:16–19a; 22–25.

Bringing our concerns

We pray for those who have no time to rest,
who have no time to breathe deeply,
who are anxious and busy.
Put them on 'pause.'

We pray for those who have nothing to do,
whose life seems fruitless,
whose days pass slow
Set their life to 'play' again

We pray for those who are resisting your call to act, to pray, to live.
Refresh your story written into theirs, until all of life sings with your song.

We pray for our world,
church,
members of this Order
and circle of friends and family ...

Continuing to love and serve

***Spirit of God
Come, replay the melody of
grace through us;
Come, refresh the story of Christ
among us;
Come, remake the image of Jesus
within us;
Come, renew our hearts in the
Father's love,
until all of life is carried on the
breath of your gentle presence.
Amen.***

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