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Midday Prayers for All Saints and Saturday

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.*

God who is Alpha and Omega
You journey with us from our
beginning to our end
***We give you thanks for calling us
with all the saints to be part of
your kingdom.***

We acknowledge that you have
brought us to this time and this
place.
***Enable us to be your people now
and always.***

*A pause to acknowledge
any specific thanks and praise*

Acknowledging our humanity

God in whose image we are
made, our desire is for you but
we fall and we fail. Although we
are not what we should be, we
are by your grace not what we
once were.

***You are building your Church—
an unready and unlikely Bride.
So keep our lamps burning that
we may anticipate with great
joy your coming kingdom.***

Listening for the Word

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

After this I looked, and there
before me was a great multitude
that no one could count, from
every nation, tribe, people and
language, standing before the
throne and before the Lamb.
They were wearing white robes
and were holding palm branches
in their hands. And they cried out
in a loud voice:
***"Salvation belongs to our God,
who sits on the throne,
and to the Lamb."***

Revelation 7 9-10. NIV

Bringing our concerns

We name before you those who
have nurtured us in faith –
***as they have blessed us we pray
your blessing on them this day.***

We remember those who have
accompanied us in our walk,
sharing our burdens.
***We give thanks for those who
are Mothers and Fathers in the
faith in whose footsteps we
tread.***

We bring before you those who
you are calling us to journey
alongside...
***asking for patience, grace, and
tenderness to serve and nurture
them in the journey of faith.***

Recognising your Kingdom,
present yet unfulfilled, we bring
before you those who are subject
to injustice, oppression,
loneliness, and despair and pray
your Kingdom come.

Silent prayer

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer. Amen.

Continuing to love and serve

...since we are surrounded by
such a great cloud of witnesses,
let us throw off everything that
hinders and the sin that so easily
entangles.

***And let us run with perseverance
the race marked out for us fixing
our eyes on Jesus, the author
and perfecter of our faith.***

For the joy set before him he
endured the cross, scorning its
shame, and sat down at the right
hand of the throne of God.

***Consider him who endured such
opposition from sinners, so that
we will not grow weary and lose
heart.***

Hebrews 12 1-3. NIV

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