

ORDER for BAPTIST MINISTRY

Midday Prayers for Tuesday and Advent

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.*

In the busy rush of this day
we pause and wait,
thankful for your coming
ever anew by your Spirit.
***Be born afresh in our lives
with the promise
that you will never leave
until we see you face to face
and promise is embraced
by the perfection of your
Kingdom.***

*A pause to acknowledge
any specific thanks and praise*

Acknowledging our humanity

Our minds become filled
with the thoughts and actions
of our morning's work
and our hearts clouded
by the fears and hopes
of those we carry on our hearts.

**So, we forget to pray,
become imprisoned by
the present,
and begin to lose our way.**

Forgive us, Lord
and set our feet once more
in the path of prayer
with our hearts
set on pilgrimage.
***we ask this
in the name of Jesus Christ.
Amen***

Listening for the Word

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

Owe no one anything,
except to love one another;
for the one who loves another
has fulfilled the law....

**Love does no wrong to a
neighbour;
therefore, love is the
fulfilling of the law.**

Besides this,
you know what time it is,
how it is now the moment
for you to wake from sleep.
**For salvation is nearer to us now
than when we became believers;
the night is far gone
the day is near.**

Let us then lay aside
the works of darkness
and put on the armour of light;
**let us live honourably
as in the day, not in revelling
and drunkenness,
not in debauchery and
licentiousness,
not in quarrelling and jealousy.**

Instead, put on the
Lord Jesus Christ,
and make no provision for the
flesh, to gratify its desires.
Romans 13:8, 10–14. NRSV

Bringing our concerns

We pray for those we have
encountered, or whose
circumstances have captured our
hearts and prayers ...

We pray for all that the
remainder of this day promises ...

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

**We pray for the light to shine in
the darkest places of our world,
bringing the hope of the
Kingdom of Christ where fear
reigns and lives most broken.**

Silent prayer

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

Continuing to love and serve

***May we be ready for your
coming,
with lamps lit
ears ready to hear your call
and our hearts aflame with love
for you. Amen.***

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