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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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