

The Mitchell – Bird Evening Prayer

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Opening Prayer

Gracious and loving God, as we gather together in this sacred moment of evening prayer, we come before you with hearts full of gratitude and longing. Bless our time together as we seek to draw closer to you and to one another. May your presence be felt among us, guiding our words and thoughts. Amen.

First Scripture Reading: (choose an appropriate scripture selection)

Second Scripture Reading: (choose an appropriate scripture selection)

Optional short reflection: (if used, relates to the scripture readings)

Prayer for Peace:

God of peace, we pray for peace in our hearts, in our homes, and in our world. Grant us the wisdom and courage to be agents of reconciliation and instruments of your peace. May your peace, which surpasses all understanding, fill us and guide us in all that we do. Amen.

Prayer for All People:

Gracious God, we lift up all people to you, regardless of race, ethnicity, or creed. Help us to see the inherent dignity and worth of every individual, and empower us to work together for justice, equality, and compassion. May your love encompass all humanity, uniting us as one family under your care. Amen.

Prayer For Those Suffering from Illness, Violence, and War:

Merciful God, we pray for all who are suffering from illness, violence, and war. Comfort those who are sick and suffering, bring healing to their bodies and peace to their minds. Strengthen those who are victims of violence and conflict, and guide us in our efforts to build a world free from hatred and injustice. May your presence be a source of hope and healing to all who are in need. Amen.

Individual Prayers and Petitions: (prayer list, individual prayers)

The Lord's Prayer: (in unison)

Concluding Blessing:

May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. May you go forth from this time of prayer filled with renewed faith, strengthened in community, and empowered to be agents of love and compassion in the world. And may the blessings of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you now and forevermore. Amen.