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THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER



HOME LITURGY – MORNING PRAYER

This liturgy with one unlit candle in the centre of the table.

Good morning loving God!
I/We give thanks for this new day!
May this candle be a sign of your light.
May its light brighten our day and our lives.

Let us pray

Jesus, your Son walked our roads and lived with us
in all the uncertainty and darkness of life
so that we might walk in your light.
May this candle be a sign of your light.
May its light take away our darkness and give your world hope.

A BLESSING OF LIGHT

The Leader lights the candle and says this prayer.

Leader

Let us pray
Blessed are you, Lord, God of light, Creator of the Universe.
Gather us near to you on this holy day.
May the warmth and light of this flame remind us of your love and presence, God with us through the Risen Christ.
Amen.

A Reading from Acts (2.42-47)

They devoted themselves
to the teaching of the apostles and to the communal life,
to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.
Awe came upon everyone,



and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles.
All who believed were together and had all things in common;
they would sell their property and possessions
and divide them among all according to each one's need.
Every day they devoted themselves
to meeting together in the temple area
and to breaking bread in their homes.
They ate their meals with exultation and sincerity of heart,
praising God and enjoying favour with all the people.
And every day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Please add your own prayers

The Lord's Prayer

Everyone prays this together

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

Leader

God almighty, merciful Saviour,
You are our faith and our great consolation.
Bless us in the days to come
that we may radiate your peace and healing to the world.
In Christ's name.

Amen



THE HOME LITURGY – EVENING PRAYER

This liturgy maybe shared at the table before a meal, with three unlit candles in the centre of the table. The following may be said by one person or everyone.

The first candle is lit.

Loving God,
(Father and Mother of us all),
in the family life you have given to us,
you have offered us yourself.
May this candle be a sign of your light.
May its light take away our darkness.

The second candle is lit.

Jesus, your Son walked our roads and lived with us
in all the uncertainty and darkness of life
so that we might walk in your light.
May this candle be a sign of your light.
May its light take away our darkness.

The third candle is lit.

And your Spirit is given to us,
as a light to guide our steps
and as a brightness of heart to signal welcome
to those who have found other doors closed.
May this candle be a sign of your light.
May its light take away our darkness.

Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
these three candles are for you.
Three candles giving one light;

BLESSING OF BREAD AND WINE

With enough bread for each and wine for each person the following prayer can be said together or by one person.

Within each one, Abba, you have planted a seed,
the seed of Christ that grows no matter how deeply buried;
the seed that becomes a tree in whose branches
all your children may come and rest.



Teach us to share, Abba, as your Son shared.
Teach us to be both Mary and Martha.
Teach us to know that we are your home.
Let us have the courage of Mary Magdalene
to announce that Christ is Risen!

Amen.

(Family let us/ Let me) never forget to show kindness
and to share what I/we have with others
for these are the gifts that please God.

Jesus of the wedding feast and of breakfast by the lake,
bless this bread, this wine and this meal.
Be with us now and at all our meals

All: Blessed be God for daily bread.

All: Blessed be God for wine and water.

The meal is eaten. At the end of the meal

A BLESSING OF PEACE

At the end of the meal the following prayer is said. In a family or with others each person may lay hands on another member of the household, saying to each

Blessing of the individual

N, God bless you and keep you secure in this place.
May your all people (your family/ your brothers/ your sisters)
Find in you Christ's love and understanding.

Family blessing

Hear Wonderous God's our prayers.
Bless each one with your peace.
Eternal Spirit,
enfold this home with love;
stay with us through the night.
Bless our home with joy;
Bless our home with peace.
We ask this in Jesus' name.

Alleluia, Amen.

