

Christmas SeasonsMorning Prayer 2025

As we begin the day, we focus on our calling to live faithfully, for who knows what today holds?

Opening

The Word made flesh
makes God known to us.

Prayer

Light of life, you came in flesh, born into human pain and joy, and gave us power to be your children: Grant us faith, O Christ, to see your presence among us, so that all creation may sing new songs of gladness and walk in the way of peace. **AMEN.**

Praise

***The Song of Mary** Luke 1;46-55*

**My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
My spirit rejoices in you, O God, my Savior,
For you have looked with favor on your servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed:
You, the Almighty, have done great things for me,
And holy is your Name.
You have mercy on those who fear you
From generation to generation.
You have shown strength with your arm,
And scattered the proud in their conceit,
Casting down the might from their thrones
And lifting up the lowly.
You have filled the hungry with good things
And sent the rich away empty.
You have come to the help of your servant Israel,
For you have remembered your promise of mercy,
The promise made to our forebears,
To Abraham and his children forever.**

Scripture

Leader will read 1 or 2 passages from the Readings of the Day

Leader may have some words for us to ponder

Meditation

“You will know when it is time to bring to birth the new creation. The signs will be all around you, urging, insisting: Now is the time. You have to know just when to bear down and concentrate on one thing only. It takes labor, hard, hard labor to bring to birth something new.” *Mirian Therese Winter*

What is God calling forth from us? How will we labor to birth what God calls for?

Affirmation

**We believe in God, the source of love,
Who created humanity in God’s own image and likeness,
Who blessed them and asked them to
Procreate, nurture and preserve God’s creation
For prosperity.
We believe in Jesus Christ, God incarnate,
Who was born of a woman and was a carpenter,
Who identified himself with women, men and children,
Transforming them to have life abundantly.
We believe in the Holy Spirit active before creation,
Who through the ages has inspired Christians
Without number,
Who continues to inspire us to usher in the reign
Of God,
Where no one is cast out, lonely or bereft. Amen.**

Prayers

Wonderful Counselor,
Whose glory is beyond our understanding
And whose love is beyond measure:

Let us know your presence now.

Mighty God,

Whose power gives creation,

Whose hands cradle the hills, yet whose mercy is
boundless:

Let us know your presence now.

Prince of Peace,

Whose righteousness is like the strong mountains

And whose justice is as the great deep:

Let us know your presence now.

Emmanuel,

Whose property it is always to have mercy,

And whose arm is long to save, we lift before you now:

Here, the people may add particular intercessions or thanksgivings.

Hold all those we love in your unbounded love.

Make us your healing presence in the world. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,

Source of all that is and that shall be,

Father and Mother of us all,

Loving God, in whom is heaven:

The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!

***The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the
world!***

Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!

***Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope
and come on earth.***

With the bread we need for today, feed us.

In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.

From trials too great to endure, spare us.

From the grip of all that is evil, free us.

***For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and
for ever. Amen.***

- The New Zealand Book of Prayer | He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa

Prayer

Loving Word of God, you have shown us the fullness of your glory in taking human flesh: Fill us, in our bodily life, with your grace and truth, that our pleasure may be boundless and our integrity complete. **Amen.**

Going Out

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makes God known to us. Amen.