



WORD OF LIFE CHURCH  
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**Anglican Liturgical Prayer**

The great contribution of the English Reformation of the 16th century is *The Book of Common Prayer (BCP)*. Thomas Cramner composed the first common prayer book to be a guide for the English-speaking world. Within the BCP are services for morning and evening prayers. The following liturgical prayer service is from “Daily Devotions for Individuals and Families.”

Liturgies like this one give us the structure and words for prayer, but we provide the intentionality.

We will pray the words in bold together. Let’s pray.

**Lord have mercy.**

**Christ have mercy.**

**Lord have mercy.**

*O gracious light, pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,  
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!*

*Now as we come to the setting of the sun, and our eyes behold the vesper light, we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

*You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices, O Son of God, O Giver of Life, and to be glorified through all the worlds.*

**Lord have mercy on us.**

*A reading from the Gospel of John*

*1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*

*2 He was in the beginning with God.*

*3 All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being*

*4 in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.*

5 *The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.*  
6 *There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.*  
7 *He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him.*  
8 *He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.*  
9 *The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.*  
10 *He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him.*  
11 *He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him.*  
12 *But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God,*  
13 *who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.*  
14 *And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.*  
15 *(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, "He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' ")*  
16 *From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.*  
17 *The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.*  
18 *No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.*

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***It is not ourselves that we proclaim; we proclaim Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your servants, for Jesus' sake.***

*For the same God who said, "Out of darkness let light shine," has caused his light to shine within us, to give the light of revelation--the revelation of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.*

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***Our Father who art in heaven  
Hallowed be thy name  
Thy kingdom come  
Thy will be done  
On earth as it is in heaven  
Give us this day our daily bread  
Forgive us our trespasses  
As we forgive those who trespass against us  
And lead us not into temptation  
But deliver us from evil  
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.  
Amen.***

*Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love. **Amen***