

# Extracts from A Prayer Book for Australia

Daily Prayer

## The Daily Services

### Wednesday Morning

*1* Rejoice always; pray without ceasing;  
in everything give thanks;  
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5.16–18

Glory to God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit:  
as in the beginning, so now, and for ever. Amen.

*2 The Opening Canticle, A Song of God's Grace*

Blessed are you,  
the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ:  
for you have blessed us in Christ Jesus  
with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.  
You chose us to be yours in Christ  
before the foundation of the world:  
that we should be holy and blameless before you.  
In love you destined us to be your children,  
through Jesus Christ:  
according to the purpose of your will,  
To the praise of your glorious grace:  
which you freely bestowed on us in the Beloved.

Ephesians 1.3–6

*3 The Opening Prayer*

The night has passed and the day lies open before us;  
let us pray with one heart and mind.

*Silence may be kept.*

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,  
so may the light of your presence, O God,  
set our hearts on fire with love for you;  
now and for ever. Amen.

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*4 The Psalms as appointed. A pause is observed after each.*

*5 At the end of the (last) pause there may follow*

We consecrate this day to your service, O Lord; may all our thoughts, words, and actions be well-pleasing to you and serve the good of our brothers and sisters; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*6 One or two Readings from the Bible as appointed.*

*The readings may be followed by a period of silence for reflection, a hymn or*

May your word live in us  
and bear much fruit to your glory.

*7 The Canticle, Te Deum Laudamus*

We praise you, O God:  
we acclaim you as Lord.  
All creation worships you:  
the Father everlasting.  
To you all angels, all the powers of heaven:  
the cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise:  
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might:  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
The glorious company of apostles praise you:

The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.  
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you:  
Throughout the world, the holy Church acclaims you:  
Father, of majesty unbounded:  
your true and only Son, worthy of all praise,  
the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.  
You, Christ, are the King of glory:  
the eternal Son of the Father.  
When you took our flesh to set us free:  
you humbly chose the virgin's womb.  
You overcame the sting of death:  
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

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You are seated at God's right hand in glory:  
We believe that you will come to be our judge.  
Come then, Lord, and help your people,  
bought with the price of your own blood:  
and bring us with your saints  
to glory everlasting.

*8 The Apostles' Creed may be said.*

*9 The Prayers*

Lord have mercy.

Christ have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

*10 The Lord's Prayer and the Collect of the Day*

*11 Intercessions and Thanksgivings may be made according to local custom and need.*

*12 The Morning Collect*

Eternal God and Father, by whose power we are created and by whose love we are redeemed: guide and strengthen us by your Spirit, that we may give ourselves to your service, and live this day in love to one another and to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*13 The Lord be with you.*

And also with you.

Let us praise the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant us to live in such harmony with one another in accord with Christ Jesus, that we may with one voice glorify our God and Father. Amen.

Romans 15.5–6

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