

Adapted from *Take Our Moments and Our Days: An Anabaptist Prayer Book*

Centering Bell

Opening

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
**Because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.**

Psalm

Thanksgiving

My heart is ready, O God;  
**I will sing your praise.**  
Your steadfast love is higher than the heavens,  
**and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.**  
*The people add their prayers of thanksgiving.*  
Be exalted, O God, above the heavens,  
**and let your glory shine over all the earth. Amen.**

Call to Discipleship

Jesus said, "Let anyone who has ears to hear listen:  
**You shall love the Lord your God**  
**with all your heart, and with all your soul,**  
**and will all your strength, and all your mind;**  
**and your neighbor as yourself."**  
Do this, and you will live.  
**Lord Jesus, you have the words of eternal life.**

Scripture

Confession and Assurance of Pardon

Have mercy on me, O God,  
**according to your steadfast love;**  
according to your abundant mercy  
**blot out my transgressions.**  
*Silence is kept.*  
Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
**and put a new and right spirit within me.**  
Restore me to the joy of your salvation  
**and sustain me in a willing spirit. Amen.**

God forgives us all our sins and heals all our infirmities. from Psalm 108  
God lifts us from the low places and sets mercy and love upon us.  
God fills us with goodness and renews our lives.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Intercessions and the Lord's Prayer (using debts)

Rejoice in the Lord always.

**The Lord is near.**

Do not worry about anything, but in everything with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

God who works wonders, we bring our prayers to you as acts of love for you and our neighbors.

**In your mercy, Lord, hear our prayer.**

You are our helper, whatever our need. We pray for ourselves and those dear to us.

*Silence is kept.*

We put our trust in you, Lord;

**Hear our prayer.**

Your presence dispels fear. We pray for our community and our neighbors.

*Silence is kept.*

We put our trust in you, Lord;

**Hear our prayer.**

You are the strength and song of your people. We pray for the church in all places, that we may daily follow in the footsteps of Christ.

*Silence is kept.*

We put our trust in you, Lord;

**Hear our prayer.**

Your Spirit breathes forgiveness and peace. We pray for the world, that your reign may come and your will be done on earth.

*Silence is kept.*

We put our trust in you, Lord;

**Hear our prayer.**

We offer you other concerns we carry in our hearts.

*Silence is kept.*

We put our trust in you, Lord;

**Hear our prayer.**

God, your grace touches us in our brokenness; you come near and speak the healing word.

Reveal to us signs of your glory, that we may hear your voice and walk in your ways; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray:

**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. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

## Benediction

Now to God, who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, be all glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever.

**Amen.**

Closing

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