



## Morning Prayer

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*We begin our day alone,*  
honoring this life, with all its potentials and possibilities.

*We begin our day with trust,*  
knowing we are created for loving encounter.

*We begin our day with hope,*  
knowing the day can hold  
love, kindness,  
forgiveness and justice.

A verse for the thirteenth day: Mark 9:41

*For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose their reward.*

*The verse will be read twice times. A short silence will follow each reading and you are invited to respond to these prompts. If you wish, please share your thoughts in the chat.*

- 1. Let a word rise into your thoughts.*
- 2. Who is offering you a cup of water today?*

Collect for the thirteenth day

*Jesus our rewarding friend,  
You knew need.  
You knew thirst and hunger.  
And so do we.  
We praise and honor  
the surprising providers  
of comfort and care.  
We praise and honor them  
because without them  
we thirst.  
Amen.*

*...a short silence*

*We recall our day yesterday.  
May we learn, may we love, may we live on.*

*We make room for the unexpected.  
May we find wisdom and life in the unexpected.*

*Help us to embrace possibility,  
respond graciously to disappointment  
and hold tenderly those we encounter.  
Help us be fully present to the day.*

*...a short silence*

*We pray for those who days with be difficult.  
May we support, may we listen, may we change*

*We resolve to live life in its fullness:  
We will welcome the people who'll be part of this day.  
We will greet God in ordinary and hidden moments.  
We will live the life we are living.*

*...a short silence*

*May we find the wisdom we need,  
God be with us.*

*May we hear the needs of those we meet,  
God be with us.*

*May we love the life we are given.  
God be with us.*

### The Prayer for Courage

*Courage comes from the heart  
and we are always welcomed by God,  
the Heart of all being.*

*We bear witness to our faith  
knowing we are called  
to live lives of courage,  
love and reconciliation  
in the ordinary and extraordinary  
moments of each day.*

*We bear witness, too, to our failures  
and our complicity in the fractures of our world.*

*May we be courageous today.  
May we learn today.  
May we love today  
Amen.*