

# MORNING DEVOTION

Leader: God, our Father, each day is a gift of your grace.

**Group: Your mercies are new every morning.**

Guide our steps by the light of your Word.

**Shield us from harm and keep us from evil.**

Better than life is your love.

**Put joy in our hearts and praise on our lips. Alleluia!**

## PRAYER FOR GRACE

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us safely to this new day. Defend us with your mighty power, and grant that this day we neither fall into sin nor run into any kind of danger; and in all we do, direct us to what is right in your sight, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.

**Amen.**

## READING

*A Scripture lesson, a portion of Luther's Small Catechism, or a devotional selection may be read.*

## HYMN OR PSALM

*A hymn or psalm may be sung or said.*

## INTERCESSION

*One or more prayers may be used, concluding with all praying Luther's Morning Prayer.*

## LUTHER'S MORNING PRAYER

**I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have kept me this night from all harm and danger. Keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please you. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

## BLESSING

May the love of the Lord Jesus draw us to himself. May the power of the Lord Jesus make us strong to do his will. May the peace of the Lord Jesus fill our lives.

**Amen.**

## EVENING DEVOTION

Leader: Lord Jesus, you are the light of the world,

**Group: The light no darkness can overcome.**

Stay with us, for it is evening,

**And the day is almost over.**

Let your light scatter the darkness.

**Let it shine in our hearts and lives. Amen.**

### PRAYER FOR PEACE

Lord God, all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works come from you. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments. Defend us also from the fear of our enemies, that we may live in peace and quietness, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### READING

*A Scripture lesson, psalm, or devotional selection may be read.*

### HYMN OR PSALM

*A hymn or psalm may be sung or said.*

### INTERCESSION

*One or more prayers may be used, concluding with all praying Luther's Evening Prayer.*

### LUTHER'S EVENING PRAYER

**I thank you, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, that you have graciously kept me this day. Forgive me all my sins, and graciously keep me this night. Into your hands I commend my body and soul and all things. Let your holy angel be with me, that the wicked foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

### BLESSING

May the blessing of the eternal God be upon us: his light to guide us, his presence to shelter us, his peace to unite us.

**Amen.**