

# CONGREGATIONAL PRAYERS FOR MORAVIAN WORSHIP

## 1. THE LORD'S PRAYER

O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

**For he is our God; we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.**

WORSHIP (159 A), hymn 110

This day is holy to the Lord;  
this day the Lord has made;  
we will rejoice with one accord  
and in his name be glad.  
Come, let us worship and bow down,  
with thanks appear before his throne;  
he to our songs of praise and prayer  
will lend a gracious ear.

Let us pray for trust in God, that in all the situations of life we may not be troubled by needless anxiety or doubt, but may come to him as our loving heavenly Father, hallowing God's Name in everything that reveals God, both in the natural world and in the Holy Scriptures, given for the guidance and salvation of all.

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.**

Let us pray for divine guidance, that God's will may be known and done among the nations, so that we and the whole world may come to a fuller knowledge of God's truth and love, as the gospel of Jesus Christ spreads throughout the whole world until all people come to know him as Savior and Lord.

**Thy kingdom come.**

Let us pray for faithfulness, not only in great matters, but also in the smallest things, that we may pattern our lives after Christ's example and be his holy people to our life's end.

**Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

Let us pray for earthly necessities, not only for ourselves, but that all God's children may be clothed and sheltered and fed.

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

Let us pray for forgiveness, that our merciful Father may renew his image in us, so that we and all people may be freed from bitterness and malice, forgiving one another as he in Christ has forgiven us.

**And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

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Let us pray for strength from above, that God may grant us his power and protection to support us in all the dangers and temptations of life.

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

Let us pray for the constant awareness of God's presence within each of us and within God's whole church, that we may be comforted by his love and strengthened for witness and service to all of creation in the name of Christ.

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.  
Amen.**

CASSEL (167 A), hymn 53

Jesus, Prince of Peace, be near us;  
fix in all our hearts your home;  
with your gracious presence cheer us;  
let your sacred kingdom come;  
raise to heav'n our expectation,  
give our favored souls to prove  
glorious and complete salvation  
in the realms of bliss above.

## 2. GOD'S LOVING KINDNESS

Blessed be the Lord, for he has shown me his marvelous loving-kindness.

**I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.**

HOLY LORD (119 A), hymn 65

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord!  
He with you deals bounteously.  
Highly favored church of Jesus,  
he chose you through mercy free  
to show forth his matchless praises  
and rich fruit, blessed for the Master's use,  
to produce, to produce.

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.

**There is no end to his greatness.**

Yet we who are called to be God's people have fallen short of God's glory, and have wandered from the paths which God has set before us. Therefore let us confess our sins, trusting in God's mercy.

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Hear what the Lord says: I am the God who forgives your sins, and I do this because of who I am. I will not hold your sins against you. Go, and sin no more.

Having received God's gracious word of forgiveness, in the peace of God let us profess our faith.

**I believe in God the Father, who wills our salvation.  
I believe in God the Son, who offered himself that our sins  
might be forgiven.  
I believe in God the Holy Spirit, who gives us spiritual  
gifts that we may live our lives in Christ.  
Because of what God has done for us, we respond in faith,  
and love, and hope.**

(Prayers of thanksgiving and intercessions for church, nation,  
and world, the afflicted, and the coming of God's kingdom  
are offered. These prayers close with the following:)

Lord God, Father, hear us as we 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 trespasses, – OR –  
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 and ever. Amen.**

Our Father in heaven,

**hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

Lord God, Son, the Savior of the world,

**Be gracious unto us.**

Lord God, Holy Spirit,

**Abide with us forever. Amen.**

Hear then, dear Lord Jesus,  
hear our earnest prayer,  
grant your loving mercy,  
keep us in your care.

BERTHELSDORF (141 A), hymn 120

All that is displeasing  
unto you, forgive;  
more to your name's glory  
may we henceforth live.