AN ORDER FOR MIDDAY PRAISE AND PRAYER

*This service is for use by groups in the middle of the day, possibly before a noon meal or following a morning meeting.*

*The congregation may be invited to stand for the entire service. The service is most effective when sunlight is visible.*

CALL TO PRAISE AND PRAYER \*

Even youths will faint and be weary,

and the young will fall exhausted;

but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,

they shall mount up with wings like eagles,

they shall run and not be weary,

they shall walk and not faint. (ISAIAH 40:30–31)

HYMN \*

*A hymn for the midday may be sung. Suggested from UMH:*

62 All Creatures of Our God and King

154 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

155 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

451 Be Thou My Vision

527 Do, Lord, Remember Me

404 Every Time I Feel the Spirit

465 Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

397 I Need Thee Every Hour

521 I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

494 Kum Ba Yah

402 Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

102 Now Thank We All Our God

119 O God in Heaven

480 O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

454 Open My Eyes, That I May See

96 Praise the Lord Who Reigns Above

492 Prayer Is the Soul's Sincere Desire

116 The God of Abraham Praise

601 Thy Word Is a Lamp

67 We, Thy People, Praise Thee

526 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING\*

*A brief ex tempore prayer or collect may be offered. See* [*The Book of Common Prayer*](http://sheena.home.mindspring.com/noon.html#107) *(The Episcopal Church, 1979) p. 107 for several examples.*   
  
SONG OF PRAISE \*

*A scripture song or hymn may be sung. Suggested from UMH:*

834 Psalm 113 847 Psalm 126

844 Psalm 121 74 Canticle of Thanksgiving

845 Psalm 122 91 Canticle of Praise to God

846 Psalm 124

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE \*

*The following or other of litany of intercession (see another litany) may be prayed, during which any person may offer a brief prayer of intercession or petition.*

*After each prayer, the leader may conclude:* Lord, in your mercy, *and all may respond:* ***Hear our prayer.***

*Or the leader may intone:* Let Us Pray to the Lord (UMH *485*), *and all respond singing:* ***Lord, have mercy.***

Together, let us pray

for the people of this congregation...

for those who suffer and those in trouble...

for the concerns of this local community...

for the world, its peoples, and its leaders...

for the Church universal—its leaders, its members, and its mission...

in communion with the saints....

*Following these prayers, all may sing a response. Suggested from UMH:*

490 Hear Us, O God 491 Remember Me

488 Jesus, Remember Me 487 This Is Our Prayer

485 Let Us Pray to the Lord

*See also from* The United Methodist Book of Worship:

God Hears Our Every Need (Hymn 183) Tino tenda Jesu (Hymn 203)

Jesus, We Are Here (Hymn 187) Señor Apiádate de Nostros (Hymn 188)

Teach Me to Hear in Silence (Hymn 194) O Lamb of God (Hymn 201)

THE LORD'S PRAYER \* *Sung or spoken. See* UMH *270–71, 894–96.*

BLESSING \*

The God of peace be with us.

**Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

THE PEACE \* *Signs of peace may be exchanged.*  
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