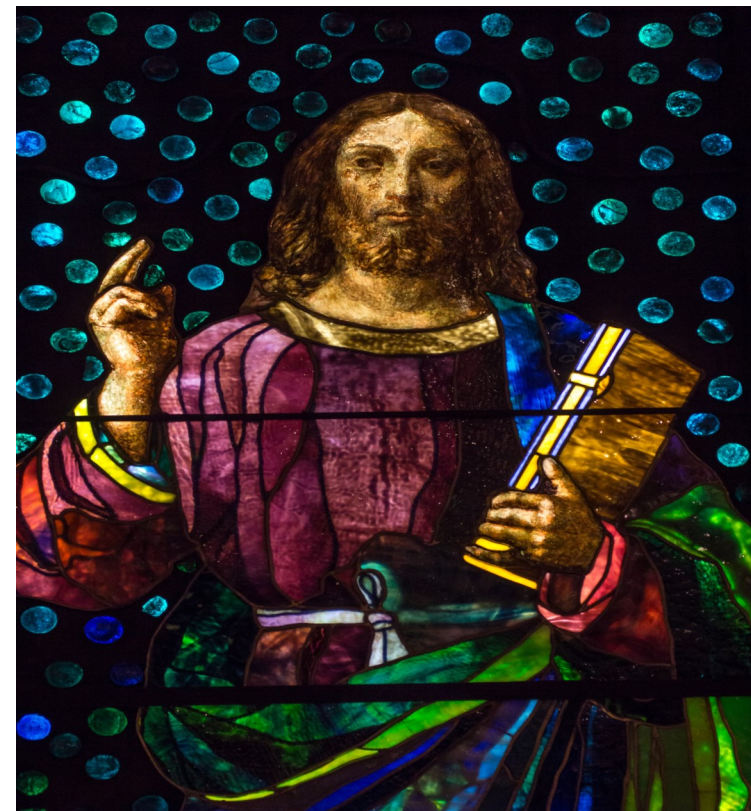




Personal Prayer

from the words of Jesus:

Morning.



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Preparation

Father, glorify your Son, so that
the Son may glorify you. (John 17.1-2)

God, be merciful to me, a sinner. (Luke 18.13)

Lord, if you are willing you can make me clean.
I am willing - be clean. (Matthew 18.2-3)

God's Will

I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth,
because you have hidden the knowledge of yourself
from the wise and intelligent of this world and,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ alone
to whom you have given all authority,
you have revealed yourself to those of simple faith;
yes, Father, for this is your gracious will. Amen. (Mat 11.25-26)

Act of Love

Jesus said,
You shall love the Lord your God
with all your heart, and with all your soul,
and with all your mind.
This is the greatest and the first commandment.
And a second is like it:
You shall love your neighbour as yourself.
On these two commandments hang all the law
and the prophets. (Matt 22.37-40)

Lord, have mercy on me; and write all these laws in my heart.

Pattern Prayer

Jesus said, Pray then, in this way:
Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin
against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. Amen. (Matthew 6.9-13)

Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it (Luke
11.28)

Read a passage from the Bible or something Spiritual.

Act of Faith

I believe that Jesus Christ, the one who came from above,
is above all.
Whoever is from the earth belongs to the earth and speaks of
earthly things,
but the one who came from heaven is above all.
He bore witness to what he saw and heard.
Not all accepted his testimony,
but whoever has accepted it affirms that God is truthful.
He whom God sent speaks the words of God,
for God gives his Spirit without limit.
The Father loves the Son and has placed everything in his
hands.
Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever
rejects the Son will not see life; God's wrath remains on them.
(John 3.31-36)

Prayers of Concern for Others

I pray for myself and for those dear to me....

My Father, if it be possible let this cup be taken from me.
Yet not as I will but as you will. (Matthew 26.39)

I pray for my community and neighbours....

Lord of the harvest, the harvest is plentiful, but the
labourers are few, send out workers into your harvest. (Matthew
9.38)

*I pray for the church of Jesus Christ in all places.... that their
faith may not fail.*

Father, may those who believe in you be one, as you and I are
one;
so the world may know that you sent me. Stay in my love.
(John 17. 20-23)

I pray for all in authority and for the needs of the world....

Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.
(Luke 23.34)

Conclusion

Father, I thank you that you have heard me.
I know that you always hear me; through Jesus, my Lord. Amen.
(John 11.41)

(Material from 'Prayers of Great Traditions' by Christopher Voke. C. Bloomsbury Press). MW