Friday Morning Prayer for the Season of Harvest

Opening sentences

Lord, open our lips
And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.
O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory to you, Source of all Being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Opening Prayer

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us. Let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day, so may the light of your presence, O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you; now and forever. **Amen.**

Gratitude

Let us give thanks to God our Creator always and for everything, saying, "We thank you, God."

For the beauty and wonder of creation,
We thank you, God.
For all that is gracious in the lives of all people, revealing the image of Christ,
We thank you, God.
For our daily food, for our homes and families, community and friends,
We thank you God
For minds to think and hearts to love,
We thank you, God.
For health, strength, and skill to work, and for leisure to rest and play,
We thank you, God.
For those who are brave and courageous, patient in suffering and faithful in adversity,
We thank you, God.
For all who pursue peace, justice, and truth,
We thank you, God.

I invite your spoken or silent prayers of gratitude… **We thank you, God.**

Psalm

Glory to you Source of All Being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Gospel

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to …
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

…

The Gospel of Christ.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Silence followed by shared reflections

Shared Reflections

Affirmation of Faith

Let us affirm our faith as we say,
We believe in God above us, Creator of all things, sustainer of all life.
We believe in Christ beside us, Companion and friend, redeemer of all the broken pieces of our universe. Who calls us to lives of reconciliation and renewal.
We believe in Spirit deep within us, Advocate and guide, who lifts up the groans of creation and lives with us eternally.
We believe in the hope of God's resurrection created world, where all creation fits together in vibrant harmonies.
We believe in God above, beside, within, God yesterday, today and forever, Amen.

Prayers

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:6-7)

United in the company of all the faithful and looking for the coming of the kingdom, let us offer our prayers to God, the source of all life and holiness. Spoken or silent intercessions are offered to God and before each other.

The Lord's Prayer

Blessing

A blessing for today (Rev. Virginia Going)

Let me live today.
Let me be open to the miracle of this day.
Let me breathe the best of today.
Let me not miss the heart of today.
Let me find the gift of today
Hidden like a jewel in rubble of care, duty, and detail.

Let me pause to hear
the steady beat of the heart of God –
hoping, aching, sorrowing, expectant, patient
despairing heart of God.

Listen, listen.
Do you hear it?
Ever so faint but steady, steady,
Rhythmic organ, strong music,
Thumping, beating, pumping, sustaining, encompassing,
Wildly dancing heart of God.

Let us live this day, aware, open, listening, breathing, alive. **Amen**