

## Morning Prayer

**All**            **Praise the Lord!**  
**Praise the Lord, O my soul!**  
**I will sing and praise the Lord for as long as I live.**  
**I will sing praises to my God all my life long.**

**Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.**  
**When their breath departs, they return to the earth;**  
**on that very day their plans perish.**

**The Lord of Jacob blesses everyone who trusts in him**  
**and depends on him.**

*Psalm 146*

**Praise the Lord, my mind and memory,**  
**my thoughts and deeds of this day.**

**Glory be to the Father...**

## Reading

**Leader**        We have everything we need to live a life that pleases God. It was given to us by God's own power, when we learned that he had invited us to share in his wonderful goodness. God made great and marvelous promises, so that his nature would become part of us. Then we could escape our evil desires and the corrupt influences of this world. Do your best to improve your faith. You can do this by adding goodness, understanding, self-control, patience, devotion to God, concern for others, and love. *2 Peter 1:3-7*

**Music...**

## Intercessions

**Leader**        Blessed are you, Creator of heaven and earth,

**All**            **...you made the world and offer it life.**

**Leader**        Remember us as we begin our work,

**All**            **...that we work in harmony with others.**

**Leader**        May we do what is useful for our brothers and sisters,

**All**            **...and together build a world that is pleasing to you.**

**Leader**        To us and all whom we meet today,

**All**            **...give your joy and peace.**  
**Amen**

## Closing Prayer

**Leader** As we begin a new year of work, let us pray to St. Joseph for success in our work.

**All** **Glorious St. Joseph, model of all those who are devoted to labour, obtain for me the grace to work conscientiously, putting the call of duty above my many sins. To work with thankfulness and joy, considering it an honour to employ and develop, by means of labour, the gifts received from God. To work with order, peace, prudence and patience, never surrendering to weariness or difficulties. To work above all, with purity of intention, and with detachment from self, having always before my eyes the account which I must render of lost time, of talents wasted, of good omitted, of vain complacency in success so fatal to the work of God. All for Jesus, all for Mary, all after thy example, O Patriarch Joseph. Such shall be my motto in life and death. Amen.**