



**A Guide to Morning Praise and Prayer  
Week of December 10, 2017**

*“You will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart” (Jer. 29:12-13).*

**CALL TO PRAISE AND PRAYER**

This is the day the Lord has made;  
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**MORNING HYMN** "Angels We Have Heard on High" (see next page)

**CONFESSION AND PARDON**

(Confession is the most neglected area of personal prayer. The Bible says, *“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:9).* **Ask God to forgive your sins as soon as you are aware of them. Turn away from your sins and accept God's forgiveness and renewed fellowship with Jesus.**

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Eternal God, hallowed be your name. Early in the morning, before we begin our work, we give you glory. We thank you for the gift of a brand new day. Renew our bodies as fresh as the morning flowers. Open our eyes, as the sun casts new light dispelling the darkness. Like the birds of the sky, give us wings of freedom to begin a new journey. Guide us to do what pleases You this day, in Jesus' name. Amen.

**SCRIPTURE** Luke 2:1-52

**REFLECT ON THE WORD**

**PRAYER MATTERS** (Kneel in body or in spirit.)

Pray for children whose parents are incarcerated during this special season.  
Pray that God's Kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven during Advent.  
Pray for your community, your church, your family, and for yourself.

**CLOSING HYM**

**"Emmanuel, Emmanuel"**

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**Angel We Have Heard on High**

Angels we have heard on high  
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply  
Echoing their joyous strains.

*Refrain*

*Gloria, in excelsis Deo!*  
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Shepherds, why this jubilee?  
Why your joyous strains prolong?  
What the gladsome tidings be  
Which inspire your heavenly song?

*Refrain*

Come to Bethlehem and see  
Christ Whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee,  
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.

*Refrain*

See Him in a manger laid,  
Whom the choirs of angels praise;  
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,  
While our hearts in love we raise.

*Refrain*

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**Emmanuel, Emmanuel**

Emmanuel, Emmanuel,  
His name is called Emmanuel.  
God with us, revealed in us,  
His name is called Emmanuel.