

Prayers for use in the morning

The night has passed and the day lies open before us;
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 of you;
now and forever. Amen

Lord, grant to me strength to do what has to be done today,
and wisdom calmly to leave on one side what cannot be done.
Fill me with prayer,
draw together my scattered preoccupations,
and help me to respond to every moment with my full attention;
for your love's sake. Amen

Lord, I do not know what this day may bring,
but each moment is in your hands and I offer it to you in advance.
Nothing that will happen or be said today can separate me from you.
Let me rest assured in that peace. Amen

O God of love,
true light and radiance of our world,
shine into our hearts like the rising sun,
and banish the darkness of sin and the mists of error.
May we, this day and all our life,
walk without stumbling
along the way which you have set before us;
through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Erasmus (1466-1536)

Blessèd are you, Sovereign God of all,
to you be glory and praise for ever!
In your tender compassion,
the dawn from on high is breaking upon us
to dispel the lingering shadows of night.
As we look for your coming among us this day,
open our eyes to behold your presence
and strengthen our hands to do your will,
that the world may rejoice and give you praise,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit:
Blessèd be God for ever. Amen