**Prayers for Daily Guidance:**

1. Day by day, dear Lord,   
   of thee three things I pray:  
   to see thee more clearly,  
   love thee more dearly,  
   follow thee more nearly, day by day. Amen.

*A prayer attributed to Richard of Chichester*

1. Disturb us, Lord,

when we are too well pleased with ourselves;

when our dreams have come true because we dreamed too little;

when we arrive safely because we sailed too close to the shore.

Disturb us, Lord,

when with the abundance of things we possess we have lost our thirst for the Waters of Life;

having fallen in love with life, we have ceased to dream of eternity;

and in our efforts to build a new earth, we have allowed our vision of the new heaven to dim.

Disturb us, Lord,

to dare more boldly –

to venture on wider seas where storms will show your mastery;

where losing sight of land, we shall find the stars.

We ask you push back the horizons of our hopes,

and to push us in the future with strength, courage, hope and love. Amen.

*A prayer attributed to Sir Francis Drake*

1. Grant us, O God, in all our doubts and uncertainties, the grace to ask what you would have us do, that the Spirit of wisdom may save us from all false choices, and that in your light we may see light, and in your straight path may not stumble; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  Amen.

*From a prayer “For Guidance” in The Book of Common Prayer (1979), p. 832.*

1. God of peace, you have taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and confidence shall be our strength: By the might of your Spirit lift us, we pray , to your presence, where we may be still and know that you are God; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  Amen.

*From a prayer “For Quiet Confidence” in The Book of Common Prayer (1979), p. 832.*

1. Almighty and eternal God, so draw our hearts to you so guide our minds, so fill our imaginations, so control our wills, that we may be wholly yours, utterly dedicated to you; and then use us, we pray, to your glory and the welfare of your people; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.  Amen.

*From a prayer “For Guidance” in The Book of Common Prayer (1979), p. 832.*

1. Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let us sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is discord, union;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that we may not so much seek

to be consoled as to console;

to be understood as to understand;

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.  Amen.

*From “A Prayer attributed to St. Francis” in The Book of Common Prayer (1979), p. 833.*

1. Merciful God, you are my guide, the joy of my heart, the author of my hope, and the object of my love. I come seeking refreshment and peace. Show me your mercy, relieve my fears and anxieties, and grant me a quiet mind and an expectant heart, that by the assurance of your presence I may learn to abide in you, who is my Lord and my God. Amen.

*A prayer “For Serenity” from Grace Cathedral, San Francisco.*