



**A PRAYER CONCERNING
STARTING THE DAY WITH GOD
(Psalm 143:8)**

*⁸ Let the morning bring me word
of your unfailing love,
for I have put my trust in you.
Show me the way I should go,
for to you I entrust my life.*

Dear God,

I thank you for the many blessings you bestow on me each and every day. Today, please grant me the wisdom to learn from my mistakes, and to apply that knowledge in my everyday life. Help me to focus on those things that are eternal and pleasing to your eye, and keep me from those distractions that bring only temporary happiness at the cost of displeasing you. Enlighten my mind by helping me to spend time each day studying and meditating on your Word, and deepen my faith and my love for you as I continually work to develop a spirit of understanding of your Truth. When I am confronted with choices today, both large and small, grant me the spirit of counsel and right judgment, and help me to always choose the surest way of pleasing you and receiving the peace that only you can provide. If difficulties arise, help me to bear my cross with you, and give me the strength to overcome with courage all of the obstacles that oppose my salvation. Strengthen my knowledge of you each day, and help me grow more perfect in the science of the Saints. Empower me to develop the gift of piety so that I might find peace and fulfillment in joyfully serving you, and serving the needs of my neighbor. Bless me with a spirit of wonder and awe so that I may always be filled with loving reverence toward you, and may I dread any sinful thoughts or acts that will place distance between us. Lord, God, I rejoice in your greatness and power, your gentleness and love, and your mercy and justice. Enable me by your Spirit to honor and glorify you today in all of my thoughts, words, and deeds, and help me to serve you faithfully in every aspect of my life. In the name of Jesus Christ, my Lord and Savior, I pray.

Amen