

Daily Prayer

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We enter into a time of quiet. We offer to God our selves and in the silence know that God embraces us as God's very own. We offer our hopes and our concerns through our prayers and in the silence listen for God. Today we hold in our prayers the ordinary moments in life—the trials and the joys.

We begin by saying

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Make me to know your ways, O Lord.

and teach me your paths.

The First Reading

Woe is me, my mother, that you ever bore me, a man of strife and contention to the whole land! I have not lent, nor have I borrowed, yet all of them curse me.

O LORD, you know;

remember me and visit me,

and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors.

In your forbearance do not take me away;

know that on your account I suffer insult.

Your words were found, and I ate them,

and your words became to me a joy

and the delight of my heart;

for I am called by your name,

O LORD, God of hosts.

I did not sit in the company of merrymakers,

nor did I rejoice;

under the weight of your hand I sat alone,
for you had filled me with indignation.

Why is my pain unceasing,
my wound incurable,
refusing to be healed?

Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook,
like waters that fail.

Therefore, thus says the LORD:

If you turn back, I will take you back,
and you shall stand before me.

If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,
you shall serve as my mouth.

It is they who will turn to you,
not you who will turn to them.

And I will make you to this people
a fortified wall of bronze;

they will fight against you,
but they shall not prevail over you,

for I am with you
to save you and deliver you,

says the LORD.

I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,
and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

Jeremiah 15.10, 15-21

The Psalm

Rescue me from my enemies, O my God; ♦
set me high above those that rise up against me.

Save me from the evildoers ♦
and from murderous foes deliver me.

For see how they lie in wait for my soul ♦
and the mighty stir up trouble against me.
Not for any fault or sin of mine, O Lord; ♦
for no offence, they run and prepare themselves for war.
Yet will I sing of your strength ♦
and every morning praise your steadfast love;
For you have been my stronghold, ♦
my refuge in the day of my trouble.
To you, O my strength, will I sing; ♦
for you, O God, are my refuge,
my God of steadfast love.

Psalm 59.1-4, 18-20

The Gospel Reading

‘The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

‘Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

Matthew 13.44-46

In silence, we ask what the readings have to say to us today. Is there something that draws us more deeply into the reading? What does God have to say to us? What do we have to ask God?

When the time is right, we conclude our time of silence with the canticle

The Canticle ~ A Song of Lamentation

Great is your faithfulness, O Lord.

Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by? ♦

Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow,

Which was brought upon me, ♦

which the Lord inflicted

on the day of his fierce anger.

For these things I weep;

my eyes flow with tears; ♦

for a comforter is far from me,

one to revive my courage.

Remember my affliction and my bitterness, ♦

the wormwood and the gall!

But this I call to mind, ♦

and therefore I have hope:

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, ♦

his mercies never come to an end;

They are new every morning; ♦

great is your faithfulness.

'The Lord is my portion,' says my soul, ♦

'therefore I will hope in him.'

The Lord is good to those who wait for him, ♦

to the soul that seeks him.

It is good that we should wait quietly ♦

for the salvation of the Lord.

For the Lord will not reject for ever; ♦

though he causes grief, he will have compassion,

According to the abundance of his steadfast love; ♦
for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

Lamentations 1.12, 16a,b; 3.19,21-26,31-33

Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.

Great is your faithfulness, O Lord.

We continue in prayer for those people and situations that we hold up before God (The Intercessions) and continue with the concluding collect, the Lord's prayer and the closing sentences.

The Intercessions

That this and all our days
may be full of your praise:
we pray to you, O Lord.

That you will keep us this day without sin:
we pray to you, O Lord.

That we may walk before you
in the paths of righteousness and peace:
we pray to you, O Lord.

That you will bless your people
and lift them up for ever:
we pray to you, O Lord.

That you will guide and protect us by your Holy Spirit
and bring us with your saints to glory everlasting:
we pray to you, O Lord.

Let us commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray,
to the mercy and protection of God.

Our prayers conclude

O Lord, you have called us into one body
to worship you in spirit and in truth.
Grant us your grace to live together
as brothers, sisters and siblings in Christ.
Take from us all hostility and lack of understanding,
that we may bear witness to the world
to that generous love you have revealed to us
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

[let us pray as our Saviour taught us,]

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen

We conclude

May Christ our Saviour give us peace.
Amen.

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