

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

Then Job answered:

'Indeed I know that this is so;

but how can a mortal be just before God?

If one wished to contend with him,

one could not answer him once in a thousand.

He is wise in heart, and mighty in strength

—who has resisted him, and succeeded?—

he who removes mountains, and they do not know it,

when he overturns them in his anger;

who shakes the earth out of its place,

and its pillars tremble;

who commands the sun, and it does not rise;

who seals up the stars;

who alone stretched out the heavens

and trampled the waves of the Sea;

who made the Bear and Orion,
the Pleiades and the chambers of the south;
who does great things beyond understanding,
and marvellous things without number.
Look, he passes by me, and I do not see him;
he moves on, but I do not perceive him.
He snatches away; who can stop him?
Who will say to him, "What are you doing?"

'God will not turn back his anger;
the helpers of Rahab bowed beneath him.
How then can I answer him,
choosing my words with him?
Though I am innocent, I cannot answer him;
I must appeal for mercy to my accuser.
If I summoned him and he answered me,
I do not believe that he would listen to my voice.

Job 9.1-16

The Psalm

Do you work wonders for the dead? ♦
Will the shades stand up and praise you?
Shall your loving-kindness be declared in the grave, ♦
your faithfulness in the land of destruction?
Shall your wonders be known in the dark ♦
or your righteous deeds in the land where all is forgotten?
But as for me, O Lord, I will cry to you; ♦
early in the morning my prayer shall come before you.

Lord, why have you rejected my soul? ♦

Why have you hidden your face from me?

I have been wretched and at the point of death from my youth; ♦

I suffer your terrors and am no more seen.

Psalm 88.10-15

The Gospel Reading

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' And Jesus said to him, 'Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.' To another he said, 'Follow me.' But he said, 'Lord, first let me go and bury my father.' But Jesus said to him, 'Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.' Another said, 'I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.' Jesus said to him, 'No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'

Luke 9.57-62

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 Redemption

The Father has delivered us from the dominion of darkness, ♦
and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son;

In whom we have redemption, ♦
the forgiveness of our sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, ♦
the firstborn of all creation.

For in him all things were created, ♦
in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible.
All things were created through him and for him, ♦
he is before all things and in him all things hold together.
He is the head of the body, the Church, ♦
he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead.
In him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell; ♦
and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things.

Colossians 1.13-18a,19,20a

*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.*

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

Lord of life,
who through your word bring all things into being
and through your love bring all things to fulfilment,
bless us as we seek to serve you,
that in all that we say and do and think
we may catch a glimpse of your presence,
which strengthens us on our journey
and guides us onwards on our path,
through 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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