Daily Prayer

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Wednesday, October 5, 2022

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, makes 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 after fourteen years I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, taking Titus along with me. I went up in response to a revelation. Then I laid before them (though only in a private meeting with the acknowledged leaders) the gospel that I proclaim among the Gentiles, in order to make sure that I was not running, or had not run, in vain. On the contrary, when they saw that I had been entrusted with the gospel for the uncircumcised, just as Peter had been entrusted with the gospel for the circumcised (for he who worked through Peter making him an apostle to the circumcised also worked through me in sending me to the Gentiles), and when James and Cephas and John, who were acknowledged pillars, recognized the grace that had been given to me, they gave to Barnabas and me the right hand of fellowship, agreeing that we should go to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised. They asked only one thing, that we remember the poor, which was actually what I was eager to do.

But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood self-condemned; for until certain people came from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles. But after they came, he drew back and kept himself separate for fear of the circumcision faction. And the other Jews joined him in this hypocrisy, so that even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy. But when I saw that they were not acting consistently with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas before them all, 'If you, though a Jew, live like a Gentile and not like a Jew, how can you compel the Gentiles to live like Jews?'

Galatians 2.1-2, 7-14

The Psalm

O praise the Lord, all you nations; • praise him, all you peoples.

For great is his steadfast love towards us,
and the faithfulness of the Lord endures for ever.

Alleluia.

Psalm 117

The Gospel Reading

He was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

Give us each day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial.'

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 ~ Benedicite—A Song of Creation

- Bless the Lord all you works of the Lord: ◆ sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
- Bless the Lord you heavens: ◆ sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
- Bless the Lord you angels of the Lord: ◆ bless the Lord all you his hosts;
- bless the Lord you waters above the heavens: sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
- Bless the Lord sun and moon: ♦ bless the Lord you stars of heaven;
- bless the Lord all rain and dew: ◆ sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
- Bless the Lord all winds that blow: ◆ bless the Lord you fire and heat;
- bless the Lord scorching wind and bitter cold: sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
- Bless the Lord dews and falling snows: bless the Lord you nights and days;
- bless the Lord light and darkness: sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
- Bless the Lord frost and cold: ♦ bless the Lord you ice and snow;
- bless the Lord lightnings and clouds: sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

- O let the earth bless the Lord: ♦ bless the Lord you mountains and hills;
- bless the Lord all that grows in the ground: sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
- Bless the Lord you springs: ♦ bless the Lord you seas and rivers;
- bless the Lord you whales and all that swim in the waters: sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
- Bless the Lord all birds of the air: ♦ bless the Lord you beasts and cattle;
- bless the Lord all people on earth: sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
- O people of God bless the Lord: ◆ bless the Lord you priests of the Lord;
- bless the Lord you servants of the Lord: sing his praise and exalt him for ever.
- Bless the Lord all you of upright spirit: ◆ bless the Lord you that are holy and humble in heart.

The Song of the Three 35-65

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

O God,

you fashioned us to live in harmony with the world you have made.

Deepen our respect for the gift of your creation,

that working with the earth

in ways that are sustainable,

we may provide enough to feed all the peoples of this planet now and for generations to come,

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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