

# Daily Prayer

*Feria*

*Wednesday, June 7, 2023*

*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 with much grief and anguish of heart I wept, and with groaning began to pray:

'You are righteous, O Lord,

and all your deeds are just;

all your ways are mercy and truth;

you judge the world.

And now, O Lord, remember me

and look favourably upon me.

Do not punish me for my sins

and for my unwitting offences

and those that my ancestors committed before you.

They sinned against you,

and disobeyed your commandments.

So you gave us over to plunder, exile, and death,

to become the talk, the byword, and an object of reproach,

among all the nations among whom you have dispersed us.  
And now your many judgements are true  
in exacting penalty from me for my sins.  
For we have not kept your commandments  
and have not walked in accordance with truth before you.  
So now deal with me as you will;  
command my spirit to be taken from me,  
so that I may be released from the face of the earth and become  
dust.  
For it is better for me to die than to live,  
because I have had to listen to undeserved insults,  
and great is the sorrow within me.  
Command, O Lord, that I be released from this distress;  
release me to go to the eternal home,  
and do not, O Lord, turn your face away from me.  
For it is better for me to die  
than to see so much distress in my life  
and to listen to insults.'

On the same day, at Ecbatana in Media, it also happened that Sarah, the daughter of Raguel, was reproached by one of her father's maids. For she had been married to seven husbands, and the wicked demon Asmodeus had killed each of them before they had been with her as is customary for wives. So the maid said to her, 'You are the one who kills your husbands! See, you have already been married to seven husbands and have not borne the name of a single one of them. Why do you beat us? Because your husbands are dead? Go with them! May we never see a son or daughter of yours!'

On that day she was grieved in spirit and wept. When she had gone up to her father's upper room, she intended to hang herself. But she

thought it over and said, 'Never shall they reproach my father, saying to him, "You had only one beloved daughter but she hanged herself because of her distress." And I shall bring my father in his old age down in sorrow to Hades. It is better for me not to hang myself, but to pray the Lord that I may die and not listen to these reproaches any more.' At that same time, with hands outstretched towards the window, she prayed and said, 'Blessed are you, merciful God!

Blessed is your name for ever;  
let all your works praise you for ever.

At that very moment, the prayers of both of them were heard in the glorious presence of God. So Raphael was sent to heal both of them: Tobit, by removing the white films from his eyes, so that he might see God's light with his eyes; and Sarah daughter of Raguel, by giving her in marriage to Tobias son of Tobit, and by setting her free from the wicked demon Asmodeus. For Tobias was entitled to have her before all others who had desired to marry her. At the same time that Tobit returned from the courtyard into his house, Sarah daughter of Raguel came down from her upper room.

*Tobit 3.1-11, 16-17*

## **The Psalm**

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;  
O my God, in you I trust; ♦  
let me not be put to shame;  
let not my enemies triumph over me.

Let none who look to you be put to shame, ♦  
but let the treacherous be shamed and frustrated.

Make me to know your ways, O Lord, ♦  
and teach me your paths.

Lead me in your truth and teach me, ♦  
for you are the God of my salvation;  
for you have I hoped all the day long.

Remember, Lord, your compassion and love, ♦  
for they are from everlasting.

Remember not the sins of my youth  
or my transgressions, ♦  
but think on me in your goodness, O Lord,  
according to your steadfast love.

Gracious and upright is the Lord; ♦  
therefore shall he teach sinners in the way.

He will guide the humble in doing right ♦  
and teach his way to the lowly.

*Psalm 25.1-8*

## **The Gospel Reading**

Some Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to him and asked him a question, saying, 'Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no child, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. There were seven brothers; the first married and, when he died, left no children; and the second married her and died, leaving no children; and the third likewise; none of the seven left children. Last of all the woman herself died. In the resurrection whose wife will she be? For the seven had married her.'

Jesus said to them, 'Is not this the reason you are wrong, that you know neither the scriptures nor the power of God? For when they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but are like angels in heaven. And as for the dead being raised, have you not read in the book of Moses, in the story about the bush, how

God said to him, "I am the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob"? He is God not of the dead, but of the living; you are quite wrong.'

*Mark 12.18-27*

*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 Wisdom**

Send Wisdom forth from your holy heavens;  
from the throne of your glory  
send what is pleasing to you.

O God of our ancestors and Lord of mercy, ♦  
you have made all things by your word.

By your wisdom you have formed us ♦  
to have dominion over the creatures you have made;

To rule the world in holiness and righteousness ♦  
and to pronounce judgement in uprightness of soul.

Give us the Wisdom that sits by your throne; ♦  
do not reject us from among your servants,

For we are your servants, ♦  
with little understanding of judgement and laws.

Even one who is perfect among us ♦  
will be regarded as nothing  
without the wisdom that comes from you.

With you is Wisdom, she who knows your works, ♦  
and was present when you made the world.

She understands what is pleasing in your sight ♦

and what is right according to your commandments.  
Send her forth from the holy heavens, ♦  
from the throne of your glory send her.  
That she may labour at our side ♦  
and that we may learn what is pleasing to you.  
For she knows and understands all things, ♦  
she will guide us wisely in our actions  
and guard us with her glory. *Wisdom 9.1-5a,c,6,9-11*

*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.*

Send Wisdom forth from your holy heavens;  
from the throne of your glory  
send what is pleasing to you.

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

## **The Intercessions**

In peace, let us pray to Jesus our Lord,  
who ever lives to make intercession for us.

Saviour of the world,  
be present in all places of suffering, violence and pain,  
and bring hope even in the darkest night.  
Inspire us to continue your work of reconciliation today.  
*In peace we pray.*

Lord of the Church,  
empower by your Spirit the work of your Church in every land.  
Give us grace to proclaim the gospel joyfully in word and deed.  
*In peace we pray.*

Shepherd and Guardian of our souls,

guide and enable all who lead and serve this community  
and those on whom we depend for our daily needs.  
Grant that we may seek the peace and welfare of this place.  
*In peace we pray.*

Great Physician,  
stretch out your hand to bring comfort, wholeness and peace  
to all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit.  
Fill us with compassion, that we may be channels of your healing  
love.  
*In peace we pray.*

Conqueror of death,  
remember for good those whom we love but see no longer.  
Help us to live this day in the sure and certain hope of your eternal  
victory.  
*In peace we pray.*

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

*Our prayers conclude*

God our life and our love,  
our companion and our goal,  
help us to find in our faith in you  
such joy as will make living a delight,  
such thankfulness as will lead us to wonder  
and such hope as will bring us to eternal peace,  
through one who though rich became poor,  
for the sake of his surpassing love,  
even 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 God grant to the world justice, truth and peace.

**Amen.**



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