

Daily Prayer

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Wednesday, June 14, 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

Such is the confidence that we have through Christ towards God. Not that we are competent of ourselves to claim anything as coming from us; our competence is from God, who has made us competent to be ministers of a new covenant, not of letter but of spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

Now if the ministry of death, chiselled in letters on stone tablets, came in glory so that the people of Israel could not gaze at Moses' face because of the glory of his face, a glory now set aside, how much more will the ministry of the Spirit come in glory? For if there was glory in the ministry of condemnation, much more does the ministry of justification abound in glory! Indeed, what once had glory has lost its glory because of the greater glory; for if what was set aside came through glory, much more has the permanent come in glory!

2 Corinthians 3.4-11

The Psalm

The Lord is king: let the peoples tremble; ♦
he is enthroned above the cherubim: let the earth shake.

The Lord is great in Zion ♦
and high above all peoples.

Let them praise your name, which is great and awesome; ♦
the Lord our God is holy.

Mighty king, who loves justice,
you have established equity; ♦
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

*Exalt the Lord our God; ♦
bow down before his footstool, for he is holy.*

Moses and Aaron among his priests
and Samuel among those who call upon his name; ♦
they called upon the Lord and he answered them.

He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; ♦
they kept his testimonies and the law that he gave them.

You answered them, O Lord our God; ♦
you were a God who forgave them
and pardoned them for their offences.

Exalt the Lord our God
and worship him upon his holy hill, ♦
for the Lord our God is holy.

Psalm 99

The Gospel Reading

Jesus said, 'Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5.17-19

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

Lord God,
you call us to follow you each day,
and the more we seek you, the more we find of your truth.
Stir up our spirits within us,
that renewed in our desire for you
and watchful in our prayer,
we may open up the space in our lives
where you may be found in stillness,
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 God grant to the world justice, truth and peace.
Amen.

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