

# Daily Prayer

*Anne, Mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

*Wednesday, July 26, 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

Hannah prayed and said,  
'My heart exults in the LORD;  
my strength is exalted in my God.  
My mouth derides my enemies,  
because I rejoice in my victory.

'There is no Holy One like the LORD,  
no one besides you;  
there is no Rock like our God.

Talk no more so very proudly,  
let not arrogance come from your mouth;  
for the LORD is a God of knowledge,  
and by him actions are weighed.  
The bows of the mighty are broken,  
but the feeble gird on strength.

Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread,  
but those who were hungry are fat with spoil.  
The barren has borne seven,  
but she who has many children is forlorn.  
The LORD kills and brings to life;  
he brings down to Sheol and raises up.  
The LORD makes poor and makes rich;  
he brings low, he also exalts.  
He raises up the poor from the dust;  
he lifts the needy from the ash heap,  
to make them sit with princes  
and inherit a seat of honour.  
For the pillars of the earth are the LORD'S,  
and on them he has set the world.

*1 Samuel 2.1-8*

## **The Psalm**

Show us your mercy, O Lord, ♦  
and grant us your salvation.

I will listen to what the Lord God will say, ♦  
for he shall speak peace to his people and to the faithful,  
that they turn not again to folly.

Truly, his salvation is near to those who fear him, ♦  
that his glory may dwell in our land. [R]

Mercy and truth are met together, ♦  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other;

Truth shall spring up from the earth ♦  
and righteousness look down from heaven.

The Lord will indeed give all that is good, ♦  
and our land will yield its increase.

Righteousness shall go before him ♦  
and direct his steps in the way.

*Psalm 85.7-13*

## **The Gospel Reading**

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.'

*Luke 1.26-33*

*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 ~ Magnificat**

In the heavenly kingdom,  
the blessed have their dwelling place and their rest for ever  
and ever.

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour; ♦

he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.  
From this day all generations will call me blessed; ♦  
the Almighty has done great things for me  
and holy is his name.  
He has mercy on those who fear him, ♦  
from generation to generation.  
He has shown strength with his arm ♦  
and has scattered the proud in their conceit,  
Casting down the mighty from their thrones ♦  
and lifting up the lowly.  
He has filled the hungry with good things ♦  
and sent the rich away empty.  
He has come to the aid of his servant Israel, ♦  
to remember his promise of mercy,  
The promise made to our ancestors, ♦  
to Abraham and his children for ever.

*Luke 1.46-55*

*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.*

In the heavenly kingdom,  
the blessed have their dwelling place and their rest for ever  
and ever.

*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,  
the Source and Goal of all creation,  
we bless you for your servant Anne,  
whose daughter Mary was the Mother of our Lord.  
Grant us grace in our succeeding generations  
to honour the gift of life,  
that young and old together  
may learn the love  
whose fruit is life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*[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.**

## **Anne**

### *Mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary — Commemoration*

Today we remember a woman of Israel named Anne, the mother of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Her story first appeared in an apocryphal writing called "The Book of James," as part of a mythical account of Mary's childhood.

According to this legend, Anne was the childless wife of a man named Jo'-achim, whose neighbours would not let him join in public worship because he had "begotten no offspring in Israel." Grieved by the reproach, Jo'-achim went into the desert to fast for forty days and forty nights, leaving Anne to deal with her own grief at home. One afternoon, "she put on her bridal garments, and ... went into her garden to walk there. And she saw a laurel tree and sat down beneath it and implored the Lord" to grant her a child. God heard her prayer and sent an angel who said: "Anne, Anne, the Lord has heard your prayer, and you shall conceive and bear a child, and your offspring shall be spoken of in all the world."

And so it came to pass that she conceived a child in her womb; and when the time was fulfilled she gave birth to a daughter and named her Mary. Anne turned her bedchamber into a sanctuary, so that nothing unclean according to the Law of Moses might touch her child; and when Mary was three years old, her parents brought her to the temple at Jerusalem and presented her as a virgin dedicated to God's service.

Because of this story the figure of Anne came to be venerated throughout the Church, and even today many pilgrims are drawn to her shrine at Ste-Anne-de-Beaupré in Quebec. By her legend she takes her place as a symbol of all childless but faithful women who, after years of prayerful longing, have at last been able to conceive and bear a child — and who have given thanks to God by seeking to protect their child as a truly sacred gift.

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