

# Daily Prayer

*Feria*

*Wednesday, September 6, 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**

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow-servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

*Colossians 1.1-8*

## The Psalm

Fear the Lord, all you his holy ones, ♦  
for those who fear him lack nothing.

Lions may lack and suffer hunger, ♦  
but those who seek the Lord  
lack nothing that is good.

Come, my children, and listen to me; ♦  
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

Who is there who delights in life ♦  
and longs for days to enjoy good things?

Keep your tongue from evil ♦  
and your lips from lying words.

Turn from evil and do good; ♦  
seek peace and pursue it.

The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous ♦  
and his ears are open to their cry.

The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, ♦  
to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.

The righteous cry and the Lord hears them ♦  
and delivers them out of all their troubles.

The Lord is near to the brokenhearted ♦  
and will save those who are crushed in spirit.

Many are the troubles of the righteous; ♦  
from them all will the Lord deliver them.

He keeps all their bones, ♦  
so that not one of them is broken.

But evil shall slay the wicked ♦  
and those who hate the righteous will be condemned.  
The Lord ransoms the life of his servants ♦  
and will condemn none who seek refuge in him.

*Psalm 34.9-22*

## **The Gospel Reading**

After leaving the synagogue he entered Simon's house. Now Simon's mother-in-law was suffering from a high fever, and they asked him about her. Then he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. Immediately she got up and began to serve them.

As the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various kinds of diseases brought them to him; and he laid his hands on each of them and cured them. Demons also came out of many, shouting, 'You are the Son of God!' But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Messiah.

At daybreak he departed and went into a deserted place. And the crowds were looking for him; and when they reached him, they wanted to prevent him from leaving them. But he said to them, 'I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God to the other cities also; for I was sent for this purpose.' So he continued proclaiming the message in the synagogues of Judea.

*Luke 4.38-44*

*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 Deliverance

All the earth, shout and sing for joy,  
for great in your midst is the Holy One.

'Behold, God is my salvation; ♦  
I will trust and will not be afraid;

'For the Lord God is my strength and my song, ♦  
and has become my salvation.'

With joy you will draw water ♦  
from the wells of salvation.

On that day you will say, ♦  
'Give thanks to the Lord, call upon his name;

'Make known his deeds among the nations, ♦  
proclaim that his name is exalted.

'Sing God's praises, who has triumphed gloriously; ♦  
let this be known in all the world.

'Shout and sing for joy, you that dwell in Zion, ♦  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.'

*Isaiah 12.2-6*

*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.*

All the earth, shout and sing for joy,  
for great in your midst is the Holy One.

*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 of our calling,  
you have summoned us to serve the world with generosity  
and to know that in serving others we are serving your Son.  
Strengthen all those who follow your way  
to remain faithful in prayer and active in service,  
that many in our world may experience the gift of your love,  
in 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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