

Daily Prayer

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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

Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness.

Romans 6.12-18

The Psalm

If the Lord himself had not been on our side, ♦
now may Israel say;

If the Lord had not been on our side, ♦
when enemies rose up against us;

Then would they have swallowed us alive ♦
when their anger burned against us;

Then would the waters have overwhelmed us
and the torrent gone over our soul; ♦
over our soul would have swept the raging waters.

But blessed be the Lord ♦
who has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.

Our soul has escaped
as a bird from the snare of the fowler; ♦
the snare is broken and we are delivered.

Our help is in the name of the Lord, ♦
who has made heaven and earth.

Psalm 124

The Gospel Reading

'But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.'

Peter said, 'Lord, are you telling this parable for us or for everyone?' And the Lord said, 'Who then is the faithful and prudent manager whom his master will put in charge of his slaves, to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Blessed is that

slave whom his master will find at work when he arrives. Truly I tell you, he will put that one in charge of all his possessions. But if that slave says to himself, "My master is delayed in coming", and if he begins to beat the other slaves, men and women, and to eat and drink and get drunk, the master of that slave will come on a day when he does not expect him and at an hour that he does not know, and will cut him in pieces, and put him with the unfaithful. That slave who knew what his master wanted, but did not prepare himself or do what was wanted, will receive a severe beating. But one who did not know and did what deserved a beating will receive a light beating. From everyone to whom much has been given, much will be required; and from one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded.

Luke 12.39-48

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 Father, Son and Holy Spirit;
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

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.*

Bless the Father, Son and Holy Spirit;
sing his praise and exalt him for 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

God of plenty,
who made the earth to yield its fruit in season
and fashioned it with a beauty that inspires us all,
grant us the gentleness to care for our planet with love,
help us to understand what is best for it,
help us to commit to preserve it for our children
and help us to nurture it, as it nurtures us,
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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