

# Daily Prayer

*Feria*

*Wednesday, July 24, 2024*

*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 Lord, open our lips.

**And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Make me to know your ways, O Lord,

**and teach me your paths.**

## The First Reading

The words of Jeremiah son of Hilkiah, of the priests who were in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin,

Now the word of the LORD came to me saying,

'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,  
and before you were born I consecrated you;  
I appointed you a prophet to the nations.'

Then I said, 'Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I  
am only a boy.' But the LORD said to me,

'Do not say, "I am only a boy";  
for you shall go to all to whom I send you,  
and you shall speak whatever I command you.

Do not be afraid of them,

for I am with you to deliver you,

says the LORD.'

Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and

the LORD said to me,

'Now I have put my words in your mouth.

See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms,

to pluck up and to pull down,

to destroy and to overthrow,

to build and to plant.'

*Jeremiah 1.1, 4-10*

## **The Psalm**

In you, O Lord, do I seek refuge; ♦

let me never be put to shame.

In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; ♦

incline your ear to me and save me.

Be for me a stronghold to which I may ever resort; ♦

send out to save me, for you are my rock and my fortress.

Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, ♦

from the grasp of the evildoer and the oppressor.

For you are my hope, O Lord God, ♦

my confidence, even from my youth.

Upon you have I leaned from my birth,

when you drew me from my mother's womb; ♦

my praise shall be always of you.

My mouth shall tell of your righteousness

and salvation all the day long, ♦

for I know no end of the telling.

I will begin with the mighty works of the Lord God; ♦

I will recall your righteousness, yours alone.

O God, you have taught me since I was young, ♦

and to this day I tell of your wonderful works.

*Psalm 71.1-6, 15-17*

## The Gospel Reading

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!'

*Matthew 13.1-9*

*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 the Word of the Lord

Return to the Lord, who will have mercy,  
to our God, who will richly pardon.

Seek the Lord while he may be found, ♦  
call upon him while he is near;

Let the wicked abandon their ways, ♦  
and the unrighteous their thoughts;

Return to the Lord, who will have mercy; ♦  
to our God, who will richly pardon.

'For my thoughts are not your thoughts, ♦  
neither are your ways my ways,' says the Lord.

'For as the heavens are higher than the earth, ♦  
so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.  
'As the rain and the snow come down from above, ♦  
and return not again but water the earth,  
'Bringing forth life and giving growth, ♦  
seed for sowing and bread to eat,  
'So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; ♦  
it will not return to me fruitless,  
'But it will accomplish that which I purpose, ♦  
and succeed in the task I gave it.'

*Isaiah 55.6-11*

*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.*

Return to the Lord, who will have mercy,  
to our God, who will richly pardon.

*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 the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ,  
let us pray to the Father.

O God, the creator and preserver of all,  
we pray for people in every kind of need;  
make your ways known on earth,  
your saving health among all nations ...

We pray for the good estate of the catholic Church;  
guide and govern us by your good Spirit,  
that all who profess and call themselves Christians  
may be led into the way of truth,  
and hold the faith in unity of spirit,  
in the bond of peace and in righteousness of life ...

We commend to your goodness  
all those who are any ways afflicted or distressed,  
in mind, body or estate;  
comfort and relieve them in their need,  
give them patience in their sufferings,  
and bring good out of all their afflictions ...

We remember those who have gone before us  
in the peace of Christ,  
and we give you praise for all your faithful ones,  
with whom we rejoice in the communion of saints ...

All this we ask for Jesus Christ's sake.

*Our prayers conclude*

God, you know us from our creation  
and you understand our nature before we are born.  
Bless us in our searching for your will for our lives.  
Help us to hear the voice of your call when our lives seem empty  
and you seem far away,  
and grant us the courage to follow the path of service you have  
laid before each one of us  
and to find in it meaning, peace and joy,  
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, peace and truth.

**Amen.**



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