

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 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

Every word of God proves true;

he is a shield to those who take refuge in him.

Do not add to his words,

or else he will rebuke you, and you will be found a liar.

Two things I ask of you;

do not deny them to me before I die:

Remove far from me falsehood and lying;

give me neither poverty nor riches;

feed me with the food that I need,

or I shall be full, and deny you,

and say, 'Who is the LORD?'

or I shall be poor, and steal,

and profane the name of my God.

Proverbs 30.5-9

The Psalm

Your word is a lantern to my feet ♦
and a light upon my path.

I have sworn and will fulfil it, ♦
to keep your righteous judgements.

I am troubled above measure; ♦
give me life, O Lord, according to your word.

Accept the freewill offering of my mouth, O Lord, ♦
and teach me your judgements.

My soul is ever in my hand, ♦
yet I do not forget your law.

The wicked have laid a snare for me, ♦
but I have not strayed from your commandments.

Your testimonies have I claimed as my heritage for ever; ♦
for they are the very joy of my heart.

I have applied my heart to fulfil your statutes: ♦
always, even to the end.

Psalm 119.105-112

The Gospel Reading

Then Jesus called the twelve together and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases, and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal. He said to them, 'Take nothing for your journey, no staff, nor bag, nor bread, nor money—not even an extra tunic. Whatever house you enter, stay there, and leave from there. Wherever they do not welcome you, as you are leaving that town shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them.' They departed and went through the villages, bringing the good news and curing diseases everywhere.

Luke 9.1-6

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 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: ♦
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord all people on earth: ♦
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

O people of God bless the Lord: ♦
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

Bless the Lord you priests of the Lord: ♦
sing his praise and exalt him for ever.

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 35-37, 60-65

*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 Lord all you works of the Lord: ♦
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

Let us offer our prayers to God for the life of the world
and for all God's people in their daily life and work.
God, the beginning and end of all things,
in your providence and care
you watch unceasingly over all creation;
we offer our prayers
that in us and in all your people your will may be done,
according to your wise and loving purpose in Christ our Lord.
Lord of all life:

hear our prayer.

We pray for all through whom we receive sustenance and life;
for farmers and agricultural workers,
for packers, distributors and company boards;
as you have so ordered our life that we depend upon each other,
enable us by your grace to seek the well-being of others before
our own.

Lord of all creation:

hear our prayer

We pray for all engaged in research to safeguard crops against
disease,
and to produce abundant life among those who hunger
and whose lives are at risk.

Prosper the work of their hands
and the searching of their minds,
that their labour may be for the welfare of all.

Lord of all wisdom:

hear our prayer.

We pray for governments and aid agencies,
and those areas of the world where there is disaster, drought
and starvation.

By the grace of your Spirit,
touch our hearts
and the hearts of all who live in comfortable plenty,
and make us wise stewards of your gifts.

Lord of all justice:

hear our prayer.

We pray for those who are ill,
remembering those in hospital and nursing homes
and all who are known to us.

We pray for all who care for them.

Give skill and understanding
to all who work for their well-being.

Lord of all compassion:

hear our prayer.

We remember those who have died,
whom we entrust to your eternal love
in the hope of resurrection to new life.

Lord of all peace:

hear our prayer.

We offer ourselves to your service,
asking that by the Spirit at work in us
others may receive a rich harvest of love and joy and peace.

Lord of all faithfulness:

hear our prayer.

God of grace,
as you are ever at work in your creation,
so fulfil your wise and loving purpose in us
and in all for whom we pray,

that with them and in all that you have made,
your glory may be revealed
and the whole earth give praise to you,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Our prayers conclude

O God,
you fashioned us to live in harmony
with the world you have made.
Deepen our respect for the gift of your creation,
that working with the earth
in ways that are sustainable,
we may provide enough
to feed all the peoples of this planet
now and for generations to come,
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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