

# Daily Prayer

*Feria*

*Wednesday, September 4, 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**

And so, brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarrelling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, 'I belong to Paul', and another, 'I belong to Apollos', are you not merely human?

What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labour of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

## The Psalm

On God alone my soul in stillness waits; ♦  
from him comes my salvation.

He alone is my rock and my salvation, ♦  
my stronghold, so that I shall never be shaken.

How long will all of you assail me to destroy me, ♦  
as you would a tottering wall or a leaning fence?

They plot only to thrust me down from my place of honour;  
lies are their chief delight; ♦  
they bless with their mouth, but in their heart they curse.

Wait on God alone in stillness, O my soul; ♦  
for in him is my hope.

He alone is my rock and my salvation, ♦  
my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.

In God is my strength and my glory; ♦  
God is my strong rock; in him is my refuge.

Put your trust in him always, my people; ♦  
pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.

The peoples are but a breath,  
the whole human race a deceit; ♦  
on the scales they are altogether lighter than air.

Put no trust in oppression; in robbery take no empty pride; ♦  
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.

God spoke once, and twice have I heard the same, ♦  
that power belongs to God.

Steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord, ♦  
for you repay everyone according to their deeds.

## 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 ~ 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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