

# Daily Prayer

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*Wednesday, October 2, 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**

Then Job answered:

'Indeed I know that this is so;

but how can a mortal be just before God?

If one wished to contend with him,

one could not answer him once in a thousand.

He is wise in heart, and mighty in strength

—who has resisted him, and succeeded?—

he who removes mountains, and they do not know it,

when he overturns them in his anger;

who shakes the earth out of its place,

and its pillars tremble;

who commands the sun, and it does not rise;

who seals up the stars;

who alone stretched out the heavens

and trampled the waves of the Sea;

who made the Bear and Orion,

the Pleiades and the chambers of the south;  
who does great things beyond understanding,  
and marvellous things without number.  
Look, he passes by me, and I do not see him;  
he moves on, but I do not perceive him.  
He snatches away; who can stop him?  
Who will say to him, "What are you doing?"  
'God will not turn back his anger;  
the helpers of Rahab bowed beneath him.  
How then can I answer him,  
choosing my words with him?  
Though I am innocent, I cannot answer him;  
I must appeal for mercy to my accuser.  
If I summoned him and he answered me,  
I do not believe that he would listen to my voice.

*Job 9.1-16*

## **The Psalm**

I am so fast in prison that I cannot get free; ♦  
my eyes fail from all my trouble.  
Lord, I have called daily upon you; ♦  
I have stretched out my hands to you.  
Do you work wonders for the dead? ♦  
Will the shades stand up and praise you?  
Shall your loving-kindness be declared in the grave, ♦  
your faithfulness in the land of destruction?  
Shall your wonders be known in the dark ♦  
or your righteous deeds in the land where all is forgotten?  
But as for me, O Lord, I will cry to you; ♦  
early in the morning my prayer shall come before you.

*Psalm 88.10-15*

## The Gospel Reading

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' And Jesus said to him, 'Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.' To another he said, 'Follow me.' But he said, 'Lord, first let me go and bury my father.' But Jesus said to him, 'Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.' Another said, 'I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home.' Jesus said to him, 'No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'

*Luke 9.57-62*

*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 are our guide on our journey through life  
and the light on our way.  
Shine, we pray, in all places of darkness of our lives,  
that in all our confusions we may know your guidance,  
in all our doubts we may know your hope  
and in all our loneliness  
we may know your company and your peace,  
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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