



Daily Prayer

in

Advent

Monday Daily Prayer

Preparation

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O Lord, make haste to help us.

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Psalm 119.11

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Salus Aeterna

The Word of God

Psalm 13

- 1 How long, O Lord, will you so utterly forget me:
how long will you hide your face from me?
- 2 How long must I suffer anguish in my soul,
and be so grieved in my heart day and night:
how long shall my enemy triumph over me?
- 3 Look upon me, O Lord my God, and answer me:
lighten my eyes, lest I sleep in death;
- 4 Lest my enemy say 'I have prevailed':
lest my foes exult at my overthrow.
- 5 Yet I put my trust in your unfailing love:
O let my heart rejoice in your salvation.
- 6 And I will make my song to the Lord:
because he deals so bountifully with me.

Reading

A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.
His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

Isaiah 11:1-4

Response

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- 1 Fools have said in their hearts 'There is no God':
they have all become vile and abominable in their doings,
there is not one that does good.
- 2 The Lord looked down from heaven
upon the children of Adam:
to see if there were any who would act wisely
and seek after God.
- 3 But they have all turned out of the way,
they have all alike become corrupt:
there is none that does good, no not one.
- 4 Are all the evildoers devoid of understanding:
who eat up my people as they eat bread,
and do not pray to the Lord?
- 5 They shall be struck with terror:
for God is with the company of the righteous.
- 6 Though they frustrate the poor in their hopes:
surely the Lord is their refuge.
- 7 O that deliverance for Israel might come forth
from Zion:
when the Lord turns again the fortunes of his people,
then shall Jacob rejoice and Israel be glad.

Reading

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,

‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way;

the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

“Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight” ’,

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

Mark 1:1-5

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Psalm 54

- 1 Save me, O God, by the power of your name:
and vindicate me by your might.
- 2 Hear my prayer, O God:
and listen to the words of my mouth.
- 3 For the insolent have risen against me:
the ruthless, who have not set God before them,
seek my life.
- 4 But surely God is my helper:
the Lord is the upholder of my life.
- 5 Let evil recoil on those that would waylay me:
O destroy them in your faithfulness !
- 6 Then will I offer you sacrifice with a willing heart:
I will praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.
- 7 For you will deliver me from every trouble:
my eyes shall see the downfall of my enemies.

Reading

Jesus said to his disciples, 'Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them.'

Luke 12:35-37

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Psalm 70

- 1 O God, be pleased to deliver me:
O Lord, make haste to help me.
- 2 Let them be put to shame and confounded
who seek my life:
let them be turned back and disgraced who wish me evil.
- 3 Let them turn away for shame:
who say to me 'Aha, aha!'
- 4 Let all who seek you be joyful and glad because of you:
let those who love your salvation
say always 'God is great.'
- 5 As for me, I am poor and needy:
O God, be swift to save me.
- 6 You are my helper and my deliverer:
O Lord, make no delay.

Reading

Jesus said to Peter, James, John, and Andrew, 'It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.'

Mark 13:34-37

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Psalm 75

- 1 We give you thanks, O God, we give you thanks:
we call upon your name
and tell of all the wonders you have done.
- 2 'I will surely appoint a time:
when I, the Lord, will judge with equity.
- 3 'Though the earth shake, and all who dwell in it:
it is I that have founded its pillars.
- 4 'I will say to the boasters "Boast no more":
and to the wicked "Do not flaunt your horns;
- 5 "'Do not flaunt your horns so high:
or speak so proud and stiff-necked.'"
- 6 For there is none from the east or from the west:
or from the wilderness who can raise up;
- 7 But it is God who is the judge:
who puts down one and exalts another.
- 8 For there is a cup in the Lord's hand:
and the wine foams and is richly mixed;
- 9 He gives it in turn to each of the wicked of the earth:
they drink it and drain it to the dregs.
- 10 But I will sing praises to the God of Jacob:
I will glorify his name for ever.
- 11 All the horns of the wicked I will break:
but the horns of the righteous shall be lifted high.

Reading

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Romans 13.11-14

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Psalm 85

- 1 O Lord, you were gracious to your land:
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.
- 2 You forgave the iniquity of your people:
and covered all their sin.
- 3 You put aside all your wrath:
and turned away from your fierce indignation.
- 4 Return to us again, O God our saviour:
and let your anger cease from us.
- 5 Will you be displeased with us for ever:
will you stretch out your wrath
from one generation to another?
- 6 Will you not give us life again:
that your people may rejoice in you?
- 7 Show us your mercy, O Lord:
and grant us your salvation.
- 8 I will hear what the Lord God will speak:
for he will speak peace to his people,
to his faithful ones, whose hearts are turned to him.
- 9 Truly his salvation is near to those that fear him:
and his glory shall dwell in our land.
- 10 Mercy and truth are met together:
righteousness and peace have kissed each other;
- 11 Truth shall flourish out of the earth:
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
- 12 The Lord will also give us all that is good:
and our land shall yield its plenty.
- 13 For righteousness shall go before him:
and tread the path before his feet.

Reading

The angel said to Mary, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

Luke 1. 35,38

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Psalm 82

- 1 God has stood up in the council of heaven:
in the midst of the gods he gives judgement.
- 2 'How long will you judge unjustly:
and favour the cause of the wicked?
- 3 'Judge for the poor and fatherless:
vindicate the afflicted and oppressed.
- 4 'Rescue the poor and needy:
and save them from the hands of the wicked.
- 5 'They do not know, they do not understand,
they walk about in darkness:
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.
- 6 'Therefore I say, "Though you are gods:
and all of you children of the Most High,
- 7 "'Nevertheless you shall die like a mortal:
and fall like one of the princes.'"
- 8 Arise, O God, and judge the earth:
for you shall take all nations as your possession.

Reading

The Spirit and the bride say, 'Come.'

And let everyone who hears say, 'Come.'

And let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

The one who testifies to these things says, 'Surely I am coming soon.'

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

Revelations 22.17,20,21

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