



Christmas

25<sup>th</sup> December - 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022

Prayer in the Middle of the Day

# Sunday Daily Prayer

## Preparation

O God, make speed to save us.

**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Your words have I hidden within my heart,  
**that I should not sin against you**

*Psalm 119.11*

## Praise

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*Salus Aeterna*

# The Word of God

## Psalm 48.8-13

- 8 As we have heard, so have we seen  
in the city of the Lord of hosts:  
in the city of our God,  
which God has established for ever.
- 9 We have called to mind your loving-kindness, O God:  
in the midst of your temple.
- 10 As your name is great, O God, so also is your praise:  
even to the ends of the earth.
- 11 Your right hand is full of victory  
—let Zion's hill rejoice:  
let the daughters of Judah be glad,  
because of your judgements.
- 12 Walk about Zion, go round about her,  
and count all her towers:  
consider well her ramparts, pass through her palaces;
- 13 That you may tell those who come after that such is God:  
our God for ever and ever, and he will guide us eternally.

## 1 John 3.1-3

<sup>1</sup>See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

## Response

*Silence*

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
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*Matthew 5.6*

## Prayer

*Concluding Prayer*

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**Amen.**

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## The Conclusion

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## Psalm 17.1-7

- 1 Hear my just cause, O Lord, give heed to my cry:  
listen to my prayer, that comes from no lying lips.
- 2 Let judgement for me come forth from your presence:  
and let your eyes discern the right.
- 3 Though you search my heart,  
and visit me in the night-time:  
though you try me by fire,  
you will find no wickedness in me.
- 4 My mouth does not transgress, like the mouth of others:  
for I have kept the word of your lips.
- 5 My steps have held firm in the way of your commands:  
and my feet have not stumbled from your paths.
- 6 I call upon you, O God, for you will surely answer:  
incline your ear to me, and hear my words.
- 7 Show me the wonders of your steadfast love,  
O saviour of those who come to you for refuge:  
who by your right hand deliver them  
from those that rise up against them.

## Hebrews 10.32-36

<sup>32</sup> But recall those earlier days when, after you had been enlightened, you endured a hard struggle with sufferings, <sup>33</sup>sometimes being publicly exposed to abuse and persecution, and sometimes being partners with those so treated. <sup>34</sup>For you had compassion for those who were in prison, and you cheerfully accepted the plundering of your possessions, knowing that you yourselves possessed something better and more lasting. <sup>35</sup>Do not, therefore, abandon that confidence of yours; it brings a great reward. <sup>36</sup>For you need endurance, so that when you have done the will of God, you may receive what was promised.

## Response

*Silence*

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## The Conclusion

May the Lord make us ready for his coming in glory.  
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# Tuesday Daily Prayer

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## Psalm 119.89-96

- 89 Lord, your word is for ever:  
it stands firm in the heavens.
- 90 Your faithfulness abides from one generation to another:  
firm as the earth which you have made.
- 91 As for your judgements, they stand fast this day:  
for all things are your servants.
- 92 If your law had not been my delight:  
I would have perished in my affliction.
- 93 I will never forget your precepts:  
for by them you have given me life.
- 94 I am yours, O save me:  
for I have sought your precepts.
- 95 The wicked have lain in wait for me to destroy me:  
but I think on your commands.
- 96 I have seen that all perfection comes to an end:  
only your commandment has no bounds.

## 1 John 4.16-19

<sup>16</sup>So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. <sup>17</sup>Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. <sup>18</sup>There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. <sup>19</sup>We love because he first loved us.

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## The Conclusion

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# Wednesday Daily Prayer

## Preparation

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# The Word of God

## Psalm 66.7-11, 19

- 7 O bless our God, you peoples:  
and cause his praises to resound,
- 8 Who has held our souls in life:  
who has not suffered our feet to slip.
- 9 For you have proved us, O God:  
you have tried us as silver is tried.
- 10 You brought us into the net:  
you laid sharp torment on our loins.
- 11 You let our enemies ride over our heads,  
we went through fire and water:  
but you brought us out into a place of liberty.
- 19 Praise be to God:  
who has not turned back my prayer,  
or his steadfast love from me.

## Ephesians 5.8b-14

<sup>8</sup>Live as children of light— <sup>9</sup>for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. <sup>10</sup>Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. <sup>12</sup>For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; <sup>13</sup>but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, <sup>14</sup>for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, ‘Sleeper, awake!  
Rise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.’

## Response

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## Psalm 48.1-3, 8-11

- 1 Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised:  
in the city of our God.
- 2 High and beautiful is his holy hill:  
it is the joy of all the earth.
- 3 On Mount Zion, where godhead truly dwells,  
stands the city of the Great King:  
God is well known in her palaces as a sure defence.
- 8 As we have heard, so have we seen  
in the city of the Lord of hosts:  
in the city of our God,  
which God has established for ever.
- 9 We have called to mind your loving-kindness, O God:  
in the midst of your temple.
- 10 As your name is great, O God, so also is your praise:  
even to the ends of the earth.
- 11 Your right hand is full of victory  
—let Zion's hill rejoice:  
let the daughters of Judah be glad,  
because of your judgements.

## Romans 13.8-10

<sup>8</sup> Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

## Response

*Silence*

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# The Word of God

## Psalm 144.9-16

- 9 I will sing you a new song, O God:  
on the ten-stringed lute will I sing your praises.
- 10 You have given victory to kings:  
and deliverance to David your servant.
- 11 O save me from the peril of the sword:  
pluck me out of the hands of the aliens,
- 12 Whose mouths speak perjury:  
and their right hand is a right hand of falsehood.
- 13 Our sons in their youth shall be like sturdy plants:  
and our daughters as the carved corners of palaces.
- 14 Our barns shall be full and give food of every kind:  
the sheep shall lamb in our fields  
in thousands and tens of thousands.
- 15 Our cattle shall be heavy with calf,  
there shall be no miscarriage or untimely birth:  
and no loud crying in our streets.
- 16 Happy the people whose lot is such as this:  
happy that people who have the Lord for their God!

## Ephesians 3.14-19

<sup>14</sup> For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, <sup>15</sup>from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. <sup>16</sup>I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, <sup>17</sup>and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. <sup>18</sup>I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, <sup>19</sup>and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

## Response

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# The Word of God

## Psalm 7.1-5, 9-10

- 1 O Lord my God, to you have I come for shelter:  
save me from all who pursue me, O save and deliver me,
- 2 Lest like lions they tear my throat:  
lest they carry me off and none can save me.
- 3 O Lord my God, if I have done such a thing:  
if there is any wickedness on my hands,
- 4 If I have repaid with evil one that was my friend:  
or plundered my enemy without just cause,
- 5 Then let the enemy pursue me and overtake me:  
let them trample my life to the ground,  
and lay my honour in the dust.
- 9 Judge for me, O Lord, according to my righteousness:  
and as my integrity requires.
- 10 Let the wickedness of the ungodly cease,  
but establish the righteous:  
for you try our very hearts and minds, O righteous God.

## 1 Peter 1.3-5

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup>and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup>who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

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