



Daily Prayer
in
the Fourth Week of Epiphany

followed by
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after Gregory the Great (604)

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Reading

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Genesis 15.1-6

Response

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1 Timothy 3.16; 6.15,16

The Word of God

Psalm 148.1-6

- 1 Praise the Lord, praise the Lord from heaven:
O praise him in the heights.
- 2 Praise him, all his angels:
O praise him, all his host.
- 3 Praise him, sun and moon:
praise him, all you stars of light.
- 4 Praise him, you highest heaven:
and you waters that are above the heavens.
- 5 Let them praise the name of the Lord:
for he commanded and they were made.
- 6 He established them for ever and ever:
he made an ordinance which shall not pass away.

Reading

How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,
who brings good news,
who announces salvation,
who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns.'
Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices,
together they sing for joy;
for in plain sight they see
the return of the Lord to Zion.
Break forth together into singing,
you ruins of Jerusalem;
for the Lord has comforted his people,
he has redeemed Jerusalem.
The Lord has bared his holy arm
before the eyes of all the nations;
and all the ends of the earth shall see
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Isaiah 52.7-10

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Psalm 84.9-13

9 Behold, O God, him who reigns over us:

and look upon the face of your anointed.

10 One day in your courts is better than a thousand:

I would rather stand at the threshold

of the house of my God

than dwell in the tents of ungodliness.

11 For the Lord God is a light and a shield,

the Lord gives favour and honour:

and no good thing will he withhold

from those who walk in innocence.

12 O Lord God of hosts:

blessed are those who put their trust in you.

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Psalm 19.2-7

- 2 One day tells it to another:
and night to night communicates knowledge.
- 3 There is no speech or language:
nor are their voices heard;
- 4 Yet their sound has gone out through all the world:
and their words to the ends of the earth.
- 5 There he has pitched a tent for the sun:
which comes out as a bridegroom from his chamber,
and rejoices like a strong man to run his course.
- 6 Its rising is at one end of the heavens,
and its circuit to their farthest bound:
and nothing is hidden from its heat.

- 7 For this cause shall everyone that is faithful
make their prayer to you in the day of trouble:
and in the time of the great water-flood,
it shall not come near them.

Reading

Like a woman with child,
who writhes and cries out in her pangs
when she is near her time,
so were we because of you, O Lord;
we were with child, we writhed,
but we gave birth only to wind.
We have won no victories on earth,
and no one is born to inhabit the world.
Your dead shall live, their corpses shall rise.
O dwellers in the dust, awake and sing for joy!
For your dew is a radiant dew,
and the earth will give birth to those long dead.

Isaiah 26.17-19

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Psalm 32.1-7

- 1 Blessed are those whose sin is forgiven:
whose iniquity is put away.
- 2 Blessed are those to whom the Lord imputes no blame:
and in whose spirit there is no guile.
- 3 For whilst I held my tongue:
my bones wasted away with my daily complaining.
- 4 Your hand was heavy upon me day and night:
and my moisture was dried up like a drought in summer.
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you:
and my iniquity I did not hide;
- 6 I said 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord':
and so you forgave the wickedness of my sin.

- 7 The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul:
the command of the Lord is true,
and makes wise the simple.

Reading

Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Ephesians 3.8-12

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I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you; and I will remove from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you, and make you follow my statutes and be careful to observe my ordinances. Then you shall live in the land that I gave to your ancestors; and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

Ezekiel 36.25-28

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The Word of God

Psalm 125

- 1 Those who put their trust in the Lord
shall be as Mount Zion:
which cannot be shaken, but endures for ever.
- 2 As the mountains stand about Jerusalem,
so stands the Lord about his people:
from this time forward for evermore.
- 3 For the sceptre of wickedness shall have no sway
over the land apportioned to the righteous:
lest the righteous set their hands to do evil.
- 4 Do good, O Lord, to those who are good:
to those that are upright in heart.
- 5 As for those who turn aside to crooked ways,
let the Lord lead them away with the evildoers:
and in Israel let there be peace.₉

Reading

Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

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'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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Psalm 27.1-4

- 1 The Lord is my light and my salvation;
whom then shall I fear?:
the Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?
- 2 When the wicked, even my enemies and my foes,
come upon me to devour me:
they shall stumble and fall.
- 3 If an army encamp against me,
my heart shall not be afraid:
and if war should rise against me, yet will I trust.
- 4 One thing I have asked from the Lord,
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that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
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Psalm 119.97-104

- 97 Lord, how I love your law:
it is my meditation all the day long.
- 98 Your commandments have made me
wiser than my enemies:
for they remain with me for ever.
- 99 I have more understanding than all my teachers:
for I study your commands.
- 100 I am wiser than the aged:
because I have kept your precepts.
- 101 I have held back my feet from every evil path:
that I might keep your word;
- 102 I have not turned aside from your judgements:
for you yourself are my teacher.

- 103 How sweet are your words to my tongue:
sweeter than honey to my mouth.
- 104 Through your precepts I get understanding:
therefore I hate all lying ways.

Reading

But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the Lord', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Jeremiah 31.33-34

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