

Daily Prayer in Lent 14-20 March 2021

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The people spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.' Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, 'We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us.' So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, 'Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.'

Numbers 21.5a, 6-8

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- To you, Lord, have I come for shelter: let me never be put to shame.
- In your righteousness rescue and deliver me: incline your ear to me and save me.
- 3 Be for me a rock of refuge, a fortress to defend me: for you are my high rock, and my stronghold.
- 4 Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked: from the grasp of the pitiless and unjust.
- For you, Lord, are my hope: you are my confidence, O God, from my youth upward.
- On you have I leaned since my birth:

 you are he that brought me out of my mother's womb,
 and my praise is of you continually.

Look towards the east, O Jerusalem, and see the joy that is coming to you from God.

Look, your children are coming, whom you sent away; they are coming, gathered from east and west, at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing in the glory of God.

Take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction, O Jerusalem, and put on for ever the beauty of the glory from God.
Put on the robe of the righteousness that comes from God; put on your head the diadem of the glory of the Everlasting; for God will show your splendour everywhere under heaven.
For God will give you evermore the name, 'Righteous Peace, Godly Glory'.

Baruch 4.36-5.4

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The Word of God Psalm 142.2-5b, 6-8

- 2 I pour out my complaint before him: and tell him all my trouble.
- When my spirit is faint within me, you know my path: in the way where I walk

they have hidden a snare for me.

- 4 I look to my right hand and see: but no one will know me;
- 5 All escape is gone:

and there is no one who cares for me.

- 6 I call to you, O Lord, I say 'You are my refuge: you are my portion in the land of the living.'
- Heed my loud crying, for I am brought very low:
 O save me from my persecutors,

for they are too strong for me.

8 Bring me out of the prison-house: that I may praise your name.

On that day there shall not be either cold or frost. And there shall be continuous day (it is known to the Lord), not day and not night, for at evening time there shall be light.

On that day living waters shall flow out from Jerusalem, half of them to the eastern sea and half of them to the western sea; it shall continue in summer as in winter.

And the Lord will become king over all the earth; on that day the Lord will be one and his name one.

Zechariah 14.6-9

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The Word of God Psalm 135.1b-6, 13-14

- 1 Praise him, you servants of the Lord,
- Who stand in the house of the Lord: in the courts of the house of our God.
- 3 Praise the Lord, for the Lord is gracious: sing praises to his name, for it is good.
- 4 For the Lord has chosen Jacob for himself: and Israel as his own possession.
- 5 I know that the Lord is great: and that our Lord is above all gods.
- 6 He does whatever he wills, in heaven and upon the earth: in the seas and in the great depths.
- O Lord, your name shall endure for ever: so shall your renown, throughout all generations.
- 14 For the Lord will vindicate his people: he will take pity on his servants.

Indeed the Lord will vindicate his people, have compassion on his servants, when he sees that their power is gone, neither bond nor free remaining.

Then he will say: Where are their gods, the rock in which they took refuge, who ate the fat of their sacrifices, and drank the wine of their libations?

Let them rise up and help you, let them be your protection!

See now that I, even I, am he; there is no god besides me.

I kill and I make alive;
I wound and I heal; and no one can deliver from my hand.

Deuteronomy 32.36-37, 38b-39

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Psalm 2.1-4, 6-9

Why are the nations in tumult:

and why do the peoples cherish a vain dream?

2 The kings of the earth rise up

and the rulers conspire together:

against the Lord and against his anointed, saying,

3 'Let us break their bonds asunder:

let us throw off their chains from us.'

4 He that dwells in heaven shall laugh them to scorn:

the Lord will hold them in derision.

6 I will announce the Lord's decree,

that which he has spoken:

'You are my son, this day have I begotten you.

- 7 'Ask of me,
 - and I will give you the nations for your inheritance:

the uttermost parts of the earth for your possession.

8 'You may break them with a rod of iron:

and shatter them in pieces like a potter's vessel.'

9 Now therefore be wise, O kings:

be advised, you that are judges of the earth.

You will say on that day:

I will give thanks to you, O Lord,
for though you were angry with me,
your anger turned away,
and you comforted me.

Surely God is my salvation;
I will trust, and will not be afraid,
for the Lord God is my strength and my might;
he has become my salvation.

With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And you will say on that day:
Give thanks to the Lord,
call on his name;

Isaiah 12.1-4

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Happy is the person who meditates on wisdom and reasons intelligently,
Whoever fears the Lord will do this, and whoever holds to the law will obtain wisdom.
She will come to meet him like a mother, and like a young bride she will welcome him.
She will feed him with the bread of learning, and give him the water of wisdom to drink.
He will lean on her and not fall, and he will rely on her and not be put to shame.
He will find gladness and a crown of rejoicing, and will inherit an everlasting name.

Sirach 14.20, 15.1-4, 6

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Psalm 122

- Lord, how numerous are my enemies:many they are that rise against me.
- 2 Many there are that talk of me and say: 'Here is one who has no help in God.'
- But you, Lord, are about me as a shield: you are my glory, and the lifter up of my head.
- 4 I cry to the Lord with a loud voice: and he answers me from his holy hill.
- 5 I lay myself down and sleep:
 I wake again, because the Lord sustains me.
- Therefore I will not be afraid of the multitudes of the nations:

 who have set themselves against me on every side.
- 7 Arise, Lord, and deliver me, O my God: for you will strike all my enemies upon the cheek, you will break the teeth of the ungodly.
- 8 Deliverance belongs to the Lord:O let your blessing be upon your people.

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined.

For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

Isaiah 8.23-9.2. 5a

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