

Daily Prayer

in

Ordinary Time

Week 3

Sunday Daily Prayer

Preparation

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

My heart tells of your word, 'Seek my face.'

Your face, Lord, will I seek.

Psalm 27.10

Praise

We praise you, O God, we acclaim you as the Lord; all creation worships you, the Father everlasting.

To you all angels, all the powers of heaven, the cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

from Te Deum Laudamus

The Word of God

Psalm 141.1-4, 9-11

- 1 O Lord, I call to you, make haste to help me: and hear my voice when I cry.
- 2 Let my prayer be as incense before you: and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.
- 3 Set a guard, O Lord, on my mouth: and keep the door of my lips.
- 4 Let not my heart incline to evil speech, to join in wickedness with wrongdoers: let me not taste the pleasures of their table.
- 9 But my eyes look to you, O Lord my God: to you I come for refuge, do not pour out my life.
- 10 Keep me from the snare that they have laid for me: and from the traps of the evildoers.
- 11 Let the wicked fall together into their own nets: whilst I pass safely by.

1 Corinthians 11.23-26

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Response

Silence

Jesus said, I am the living bread that came down from heaven.

Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever.

John 6.5 1a

Prayer

Concluding Prayer

Christ be with me, Christ within me,

Christ behind me, Christ before me,

Christ beside me, Christ to win me,

Christ to comfort and restore me.

Christ beneath me, Christ above me,

Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,

Christ in hearts of all that love me,

Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

Amen.

from St Patrick's Breastplate

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 forever. Amen.

The Conclusion

May God who made both heaven and earth bless us.

Amen.

Monday Daily Prayer

Preparation

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart

be acceptable in your sight,

O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

Psalm 19.14

Praise

I bind unto myself today

the strong name of the Trinity,

by invocation of the same,

the Three in One, and One in Three.

Of whom all nature hath creation;

eternal Father, Spirit, Word:

Praise to the Lord of my salvation,

salvation is of Christ the Lord.

from St Patrick's Breastplate

The Word of God

Psalm 146.1-2, 5-10

- 1 Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul: while I live I will praise the Lord;
- 2 While I have any being:I will sing praises to my God.
- 5 Blessed are those whose help is the God of Jacob: whose hope is in the Lord their God,
- 6 The God who made heaven and earth: the sea, and all that is in them,
- 7 Who keeps faith for ever: who deals justice to those that are oppressed.
- 8 The Lord gives food to the hungry: and sets the captives free.
- 9 The Lord gives sight to the blind: the Lord lifts up those that are bowed down.
- 10 The Lord loves the righteous: the Lord cares for the stranger in the land.

Romans 13.3-4, 6-7

For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Do you wish to have no fear of the authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive its approval; for it is God's servant for your good. But if you do what is wrong, you should be afraid, for the authority does not bear the sword in vain! It is the servant of God to execute wrath on the wrongdoer. For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, busy with this very thing. Pay to all what is due to them—taxes to whom taxes are due, revenue to whom revenue is due, respect to whom respect is due, honour to whom honour is due.

Response

Silence

Jesus said, I am the true vine.

My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit.

John 15.1a,8

Prayer

Concluding Prayer

Eternal light, shine into our hearts,

eternal goodness, deliver us from evil,

eternal power, be our support,

eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance,

eternal pity, have mercy upon us;

that with all our heart and mind and soul and strength

we may seek your face and be brought by your infinite mercy

to your holy presence;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Alcuin of York (804)

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 forever. Amen.

The Conclusion

May God who made both heaven and earth bless us.

Amen.

Tuesday Daily Prayer

Preparation

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

O my God, in you I trust.

Psalm 25. 1a

Praise

I am giving you worship with all my life,
I am giving you obedience with all my power,
I am giving you praise with all my strength,
I am giving you honour with all my speech.

I am giving you love with all my heart,
I am giving you affection with all my sense,
I am giving you my being with all my mind,
I am giving you my soul, O most high and holy God.

Praise to the Father,

Praise to the Son,

Praise to the Spirit,

The Three in One.

adapted from Alexander Carmichael, Carmina Gadelica (1900)

The Word of God

Psalm 116.9-18

9 I will walk before the Lord: in the land of the living.

- 10 I believed that I would perish, I was brought very low: I said in my haste 'Everyone is a liar.'
- 11 How shall I repay the Lord: for all his benefits to me?
- 12 I will take up the cup of salvation: and call upon the name of the Lord.
- 13 I will pay my vows to the Lord: in the presence of all his people.
- 14 Grievous in the sight of the Lord: is the death of his faithful ones.
- 15 O Lord, I am your servant, your servant and the child of your handmaid: you have unloosed my bonds.
- 16 I will offer you a sacrifice of thanksgiving: and call upon the name of the Lord.
- 17 I will pay my vows to the Lord: in the presence of all his people,
- 18 In the courts of the house of the Lord: even in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord.

1 Peter 4.12-14

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice in so far as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Response

Silence
Jesus said, I am the light of the world.
Whoever follows me will have the light of life.

John 8.12

Prayer

Concluding Prayer

Eternal God,

the light of the minds that know you,

the joy of the hearts that love you,

and the strength of the wills that serve you:

grant us so to know you

that we may truly love you,

so to love you that we may truly serve you,

whose service is perfect freedom;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

after Augustine of Hippo (430)

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 forever. Amen.

The Conclusion

Amen.

May Christ our redeemer bring us healing and wholeness.

Wednesday Daily Prayer

Preparation

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Make me to know your ways, O Lord,

and teach me your paths.

Psalm 25.3

Praise

You, Christ, are the King of glory,

the eternal Son of the Father.

When you took our flesh to set us free

you humbly chose the Virgin's womb.

You overcame the sting of death

and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

You are seated at God's right hand in glory.

from Te Deum Laudamus

The Word of God

Psalm 55.1-8

- 1 Hear my prayer, O God: and do not hide yourself from my petition.
- 2 Give heed to me, and answer me: I am restless in my complaining.

- 3 I am in turmoil at the voice of the enemy: at the onslaught of the wicked.
- 4 For they bring down disaster upon me: they persecute me with bitter fury.
- 5 My heart writhes within me: and the terrors of death have fallen upon me.
- 6 Fear and trembling come upon me: and horror overwhelms me.
- 7 And I said 'O for the wings of a dove: that I might fly away and find rest.
- 8 'Then I would flee far off: and make my lodging in the wilderness.

Galatians 6.1-5

My friends, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfil the law of Christ. For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbour's work, will become a cause for pride. For all must carry their own loads.

Response

Silence

Jesus said, I am the way, and the truth, and the life.

No one comes to the Father except through me.

John 14.6

Prayer

Concluding Prayer

O Lord our God,

grant us grace to desire you with our whole heart;

that so desiring, we may seek and find you;

and so finding, may love you;

and so loving, may hate those sins from which you have delivered us;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Anselm (1109)

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 forever. Amen.

The Conclusion

May God grant to the world justice, truth and peace.

Amen.

Thursday Daily Prayer

Preparation

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Teach me to do what pleases you, for you are my God;

let your kindly spirit lead me on a level path.

Psalm 143.10

Praise

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:

Such a Way, as gives us breath:

Such a Truth, as ends all strife:

And such a Life, as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:

Such a Light, as shows a Feast:

Such a Feast, as mends in length:

Such a Strength, as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:

Such a Joy, as none can move:

Such a Love, as none can part:

Such a Heart, as joys in Love.

George Herbert (1633)

The Word of God

Psalm 66.1-8, 19

- 1 O shout with joy to God, all the earth: sing to the honour of his name, and give him glory as his praise.
- 2 Say to God 'How fearful are your works: because of your great might your enemies shall cower before you.'
- 3 All the earth shall worship you: and sing to you, and sing praises to your name.
- 4 Come then and see what God has done: how terrible are his dealings with the children of Adam.
- 5 He turned the sea into dry land, they crossed the river on foot: then were we joyful because of him.
- 6 By his power he rules for ever, his eyes keep watch on the nations: and rebels shall never rise against him.
- 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.
- 19 Praise be to God:
 who has not turned back my prayer,
 or his steadfast love from me.

2 Corinthians 5.17-21

So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Response

Silence

Jesus said, I am the gate for the sheep.

I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

John 10.7,10b

Prayer

Concluding Prayer

O gracious and holy Father, give us wisdom to perceive you, diligence to seek you, patience to wait for you, eyes to behold you, a heart to meditate upon you, and a life to proclaim you, through the power of the Spirit of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Benedict of Nursia (c.550)

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 forever. Amen.

The Conclusion

May God kindle in us the fire of love.

Amen.

Friday Daily Prayer

Preparation

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Make me a clean heart, O God;

and renew a right spirit within me.

Psalm 51.11

Praise

Jesus, Saviour of the world,

come to us in your mercy:

we look to you to save and help us.

By your cross and your life laid down,

you set your people free:

we look to you to save and help us.

When they were ready to perish, you saved your disciples: we look to you to come to our help.

In the greatness of your mercy, loose us from our chains, forgive the sins of all your people.

Make yourself known as our Saviour and mighty deliverer; save us and help us that we may praise you.

Come now and dwell with us, Lord Christ Jesus:

hear our prayer and be with us always.

And when you come in your glory:

make us to be one with you

and to share the life of your kingdom.

The Word of God

Psalm 22.1-11

- 1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me: why are you so far from helping me and from the words of my groaning?
- 2 My God, I cry to you by day, but you do not answer: and by night also I take no rest.
- 3 But you continue holy: you that are the praise of Israel.
- 4 In you our forebears trusted: they trusted, and you delivered them;
- 5 To you they cried and they were saved: they put their trust in you and were not confounded.
- 6 But as for me, I am a worm and no man: the scorn of all and despised by the people.
- 7 Those that see me laugh me to scorn: they shoot out their lips at me and wag their heads, saying,
- 8 'He trusted in the Lord—let him deliver him: let him deliver him, if he delights in him.'
- 9 But you are he that took me out of the womb: that brought me to lie at peace on my mother's breast.
- 10 On you have I been cast since my birth: you are my God, even from my mother's womb.
- 11 O go not from me, for trouble is hard at hand: and there is none to help.

Ephesians 5.29-33

For no one ever hates his own body, but he nourishes and tenderly cares for it, just as Christ does for the church, because we are members of his body. 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.' This is a great mystery, and I am applying it to Christ and the church. Each of you, however, should love his wife as himself, and a wife should respect her husband.

Response

Silence Jesus said, I am the good shepherd.

The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

John 10.11

Prayer

Concluding Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, we thank you

for all the benefits that you have won for us,

for all the pains and insults that you have borne for us.

Most merciful redeemer,

friend and brother,

may we know you more clearly,

love you more dearly,

and follow you more nearly,

day by day. Amen

after Richard of Chichester (1253)

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 forever. Amen.

The Conclusion

May Christ our Saviour give us peace.

Amen.

Saturday Daily Prayer

Preparation

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens;

and your faithfulness to the clouds.

Psalm 36.5

Praise

What shall I give you, Lord, in return for all your kindness?

Glory to you for your love.

Glory to you for your patience.

Glory to you for forgiving us all our sins.

Glory to you for coming to save our souls.

Glory to you for your incarnation in the virgin's womb.

Glory to you for your bonds.

Glory to you for receiving the cut of the lash.

Glory to you for accepting mockery.

Glory to you for your crucifixion.

Glory to you for your burial.

Glory to you for your resurrection.

Glory to you that you were preached to all.

Glory to you in whom they believed.

Ephrem the Syrian (373)

The Word of God

Psalm 48.9-13

- 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 Peter 2.1-5

Rid yourselves, therefore, of all malice, and all guile, insincerity, envy, and all slander. Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

Response

Silence

Jesus said, I am the resurrection and the life.

Those who believe in me will never die

cf John 11.25,26

Prayer

Concluding Prayer

God be in my head, and in my understanding;

God be in my eyes, and in my looking;

God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;

God be in my heart, and in my thinking;

God be at mine end, and at my departing. Amen.

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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.

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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 forever. Amen

The Conclusion

May Christ dwell in our hearts by faith.

Amen.