

Morning Prayer

Thursday, July 23, 2020

Ordinary Time

Preparation

O Lord, open our lips
and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,

That your way may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

O let the nations rejoice and be glad,
for you will judge the peoples righteously
and govern the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.

Then shall the earth bring forth her increase,
and God, our own God, will bless us.

God will bless us,
and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be forever. Amen.**

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The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Pray together in Silence

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
so may the light of your presence, O God,
set our hearts on fire with love for you;
now and forever.

Amen.

The Word of God

Psalm 143 (NIV)

- ¹ LORD, hear my prayer,
listen to my cry for mercy;
in your faithfulness and righteousness
come to my relief.
- ² Do not bring your servant into judgment,
for no one living is righteous before you.
- ³ The enemy pursues me,
he crushes me to the ground;
he makes me dwell in the darkness
like those long dead.
- ⁴ So my spirit grows faint within me;
my heart within me is dismayed.
- ⁵ I remember the days of long ago;
I meditate on all your works
and consider what your hands have done.
- ⁶ I spread out my hands to you;
I thirst for you like a parched land.^[a]

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⁷ Answer me quickly, LORD;
my spirit fails.

Do not hide your face from me
or I will be like those who go down to the pit.

⁸ Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love,
for I have put my trust in you.

Show me the way I should go,
for to you I entrust my life.

⁹ Rescue me from my enemies, LORD,
for I hide myself in you.

¹⁰ Teach me to do your will,
for you are my God;
may your good Spirit
lead me on level ground.

¹¹ For your name's sake, LORD, preserve my life;
in your righteousness, bring me out of trouble.

¹² In your unfailing love, silence my enemies;
destroy all my foes,
for I am your servant.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be forever. Amen.**

New Testament Reading

Luke 21:29-38 (NIV)

²⁹ He told them this parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees. ³⁰ When they sprout leaves, you can see for yourselves and know that summer is

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near. ³¹ Even so, when you see these things happening, you know that the kingdom of God is near.

³² “Truly I tell you, this generation will certainly not pass away until all these things have happened. ³³ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.

³⁴ “Be careful, or your hearts will be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you suddenly like a trap. ³⁵ For it will come on all those who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ Be always on the watch, and pray that you may be able to escape all that is about to happen, and that you may be able to stand before the Son of Man.”

³⁷ Each day Jesus was teaching at the temple, and each evening he went out to spend the night on the hill called the Mount of Olives, ³⁸ and all the people came early in the morning to hear him at the temple.

Prayers

Let us pray together for:

That this day may be holy, good and joyful:

we pray to you, O Lord.

That we may offer to you our worship and our work:

we pray to you, O Lord.

That we may strive for the well-being of all creation:

we pray to you, O Lord.

That in the pleasures and pains of life,
we may know the love of Christ and be thankful:

we pray to you, O Lord.

That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit,
in communion with all your saints,

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entrusting one another and all our life to Christ:
we pray to you, O Lord.

Intercessions are Offered

*Local government, community leaders
All who provide local services
Those who work with young or elderly people
Schools, colleges and universities
Emergency and rescue organizations*

We pray for the Kingdom of God to come

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer

Collect

Merciful God,
you have prepared for those who love you
such good things as pass our understanding:
pour into our hearts such love toward you
that we, loving you in all things and above all things,
may obtain your promises,
which exceed all that we can desire;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Awaiting his coming in glory, as our Savior taught us, so we pray:

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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.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and forever.
Amen.**

The Conclusion

The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil,
and keep us in eternal life.
Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SOURCES:

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The New International Version (NIV). Zondervan, 2011.