

# Morning Prayer

Sunday, July 26, 2020

Ordinary Time

## Preparation

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

Bless the Lord all you works of the Lord:  
sing his praise and exalt him forever.

Bless the Lord you heavens:  
sing his praise and exalt him forever.

Bless the Lord you angels of the Lord:  
sing his praise and exalt him forever.

Bless the Lord all people on earth:  
sing his praise and exalt him forever.

O people of God bless the Lord:  
sing his praise and exalt him forever.

Bless the Lord you priests of the Lord:  
sing his praise and exalt him forever.

Bless the Lord you servants of the Lord:  
sing his praise and exalt him forever.

Bless the Lord all you of upright spirit:  
bless the Lord you that are holy and humble in heart.

**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 77 (NIV)

- <sup>1</sup> I cried out to God for help;  
I cried out to God to hear me.
- <sup>2</sup> When I was in distress, I sought the Lord;  
at night I stretched out untiring hands,  
and I would not be comforted.
- <sup>3</sup> I remembered you, God, and I groaned;  
I meditated, and my spirit grew faint.<sup>[b]</sup>
- <sup>4</sup> You kept my eyes from closing;  
I was too troubled to speak.
- <sup>5</sup> I thought about the former days,  
the years of long ago;
- <sup>6</sup> I remembered my songs in the night.  
My heart meditated and my spirit asked:
- <sup>7</sup> “Will the Lord reject forever?  
Will he never show his favor again?
- <sup>8</sup> Has his unfailing love vanished forever?  
Has his promise failed for all time?

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- <sup>9</sup> Has God forgotten to be merciful?  
Has he in anger withheld his compassion?"
- <sup>10</sup> Then I thought, "To this I will appeal:  
the years when the Most High stretched out his right hand.
- <sup>11</sup> I will remember the deeds of the LORD;  
yes, I will remember your miracles of long ago.
- <sup>12</sup> I will consider all your works  
and meditate on all your mighty deeds."
- <sup>13</sup> Your ways, God, are holy.  
What god is as great as our God?
- <sup>14</sup> You are the God who performs miracles;  
you display your power among the peoples.
- <sup>15</sup> With your mighty arm you redeemed your people,  
the descendants of Jacob and Joseph.
- <sup>16</sup> The waters saw you, God,  
the waters saw you and writhed;  
the very depths were convulsed.
- <sup>17</sup> The clouds poured down water,  
the heavens resounded with thunder;  
your arrows flashed back and forth.
- <sup>18</sup> Your thunder was heard in the whirlwind,  
your lightning lit up the world;  
the earth trembled and quaked.
- <sup>19</sup> Your path led through the sea,  
your way through the mighty waters,  
though your footprints were not seen.
- <sup>20</sup> You led your people like a flock  
by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

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

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## New Testament Reading

### 1 Peter 5:7-14 (NIV)

<sup>7</sup>The end of all things is near. Therefore be alert and of sober mind so that you may pray. <sup>8</sup>Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. <sup>9</sup>Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. <sup>10</sup>Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. <sup>11</sup>If anyone speaks, they should do so as one who speaks the very words of God. If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power for ever and ever. Amen.

<sup>12</sup>Dear friends, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that has come on you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. <sup>13</sup>But rejoice inasmuch as you participate in the sufferings of Christ, so that you may be overjoyed when his glory is revealed. <sup>14</sup>If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.

Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead  
**And Christ shall give you light.**

You have died and your life is hid with Christ in God.  
**Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead.**

Set your minds on things that are above,  
not on things that are on the earth.  
**And Christ shall give you light.**

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When Christ our life appears you will appear with him in glory.

**Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead,  
and Christ shall give you light.**

## Prayers

*Let us pray together for:*

That this and all our days  
may be full of your praise:  
**we pray to you, O Lord.**

That you will keep us this day without sin:  
**we pray to you, O Lord.**

That we may walk before you  
in the paths of righteousness and peace:  
**we pray to you, O Lord.**

That you will bless your people  
and lift them up for ever:  
**we pray to you, O Lord.**

That you will guide and protect us by your Holy Spirit  
and bring us with your saints to glory everlasting:  
**we pray to you, O Lord.**

Let us commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray,  
to the mercy and protection of God.

*Intercessions are Offered*

*The leaders of the nations  
The natural world and the resources of the earth  
All who are in any kind of need*

*We pray for the Kingdom of God to come*

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Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer**

## **Collect**

Lord of all power and might,  
the author and giver of all good things:  
graft in our hearts the love of your name,  
increase in us true religion,  
nourish us with all goodness,  
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;  
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:

**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**

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**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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