

Prayer Liturgy — Spring 2020

Address

Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth;
God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob;
God of Israel;
God and Father of our Lord and Savior, Jesus
Christ;
True and Living God, who is Father, Son, and
Holy Spirit,
You have mercy and You hear our prayer.

First Prayers

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

Psalm 51:15

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the
Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is
now, and will be for ever. *Amen. Alleluia.*

O God, come to my assistance,
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Psalm 38:22, 40:13, 70:1, 71:12

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the
Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is
now, and evermore shall be, world without
end. *Amen. Alleluia.*

Search me, O God, and know my heart!

Try me and know my thoughts!

And see if there be any grievous way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting!

Psalm 139:23-24 (ESV)

Prayer of Confession

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as
ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
You have mercy on us and forgiven us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of
grace, that we may receive mercy and find
grace to help in time of need.

Hebrews 4:16 (NKJV)

Your grace is sufficient for me, for your power is
made perfect in weakness. Therefore I will
boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses,
so that the power of Christ may rest upon
me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am
content with weaknesses, insults,
hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For
when I am weak, then I am strong.

2 Corinthians 12:9-10 (ESV)

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

be acceptable in your sight,

O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

Psalm 19:14 (ESV)

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters.
He restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness for
his name's sake.
Even though I walk through the valley of the
shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for you are with me;
Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.
You prepare a table before me in the
presence of my enemies;
You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
And I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
forever. ***Psalm 23:1-6 (ESV)***

He who dwells in the secret place of the Most
High
Shall abide under the shadow of the
Almighty.
I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my
fortress; My God, in Him I will trust."
Psalm 91:1-2 (NKJV)

You keep him in perfect peace
whose mind is stayed on you,
because he trusts in you.
Trust in the LORD forever,
for the LORD God is an everlasting rock.
Isaiah 26:3-4 (ESV)

Thus said the LORD God, the Holy One of Israel,
"In returning and rest you shall be saved; in
quietness and in trust shall be your strength."
Isaiah 30:15 (ESV)

[Pause for Thanksgiving and Praise]

Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!
Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits,
who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and
mercy,
who satisfies you with good
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
Psalm 103:1-5 (ESV)

I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
My soul makes its boast in the LORD;
let the humble hear and be glad.
Oh, magnify the LORD with me,
and let us exalt his name together!
I sought the LORD, and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.
Those who look to him are radiant,
and their faces shall never be ashamed.
This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him
and saved him out of all his troubles.

The angel of the LORD encamps
around those who fear him, and delivers
them.
Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!
Oh, fear the LORD, you his saints,
for those who fear him have no lack!
The young lions suffer want and hunger;
but those who seek the LORD lack no good
thing.

Psalm 34:1-10 (ESV)

One thing have I asked of the LORD,
that will I seek after:
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD
and to inquire in his temple.

Psalms 27:4 (ESV)

O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you;
my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no
water.

So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.
Because your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise you.

So I will bless you as long as I live;
in your name I will lift up my hands.

Psalm 63:1-4 (ESV)

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be Your Name,
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Matthew 6:9-13 (ESV)

I present my body as a living sacrifice, holy and
acceptable to God, which is my spiritual
worship. I pray that I may not be conformed
to this world, but that I might be
transformed by the renewing of my mind,
that by testing I may discern what is the will
of God, what is good and acceptable and
perfect.

Romans 12:1-2 (ESV)

The first of all the commandments is: "Hear, O
Israel, the LORD our God, the LORD is one.
And you shall love the LORD your God with
all your heart, with all your soul, with all your
mind, and with all your strength." This is the
first commandment.

And the second, like it, is this: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” There is no other commandment greater than these.

Mark 12:29-31 (NKJV)

Prayer attributed to St. Francis

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is error, truth; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

A Prayer During COVID-19 Emergency

Heavenly Father, we place our trust in You, for You are our Rock and Refuge, a very present help in time of trouble. Thank You for your promise to keep us in perfect peace as we keep our focus on You, and thank You for Your Holy Spirit that gives us power, reveals Your love for us, and gives us a sound mind in the face of fear and chaos in our world.

We stand on Your promises of healing given to us because of Christ Jesus, in the midst of the spread of COVID-19. We pray for those who've been affected by this virus, that You heal their bodies, and give peace to their minds and loved ones. We believe that You protect us and provide for us, so we stand

in faith together, believing for Your promises to be manifested in Jesus' name.

We pray for our government, civic, and medical leaders that they have divine wisdom on how to stop the spread of the virus, find the cure, and stabilize our economy. May they be filled with courage and strength to lead our nation and communities well.

We pray for our spiritual leaders that they have discernment and grace in meeting people's needs in a way that glorifies the name of Jesus. We pray for the Church, the Body of Christ worldwide, that in the midst of adversity, we are filled with the power of the Holy Spirit to shine the light of Christ and see revival in our land. May people be drawn closer to You as we lift Jesus high, and may we be vessels that fulfill Your will and bring heaven to earth.

We pray this in the mighty name of Jesus Christ,
Amen.

The Blessing

The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious to you;
the LORD lift up his countenance upon you
and give you peace.

Numbers 6:24-26 (ESV)

Benediction

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ
and the love of the Father
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with us all.

2 Corinthians 13:14 (ESV)