**Daily Prayer – December 19-24 2022**

Season: **Advent**

Festivals this week: Christmas Eve (Sat 24)

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**Morning Prayer**

***Opening prayer***

**God of our days and years**

**We set this time apart for you.**

**Form us in the likeness of Christ**

**So that our lives may glorify you.**

**Amen**

**O Lord open our lips**

**And our mouth shall proclaim your praise**

**Reveal among us the light of your presence**

**That we may behold your power and glory.**

**Blessed are you, Sovereign God of all,**

**to you be praise and glory for ever.**

**In your tender compassion**

**the dawn from on high is breaking upon us**

**to dispel the lingering shadows of night.**

**As we look for your coming among us this day,**

**open our eyes to behold your presence**

**and strengthen our hands to do your will,**

**that the world may rejoice and give you praise.**

**Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,**

**Blessed be God for ever.**

***Prayer of Preparation***

**The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;**

**Let us pray with one heart and mind.**

*Silence is kept*

**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 for ever**

**Amen.**

***The Word of God***

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| **Monday** | **Tuesday** | **Wednesday** | **Thursday** | **Friday** | **Saturday** |
| **Morning Prayer** | | | | |  |
| Ps. 146  Isaiah 52:13-end of 53  2 Peter 1:1-15 | Ps. 46  Isaiah 54  2 Peter 1:16-2:3 | Ps. 121  Isaiah 55  2 Peter 2:4-end | Ps. 124  Isaiah 56:1-8  2 Peter 3 | Ps. 130  Isaiah 63:1-6  2 John | Ps. 45  Isaiah 58  3 John |

*The appointed Psalm of the day is read*

**Glory to the Father and to the Son**

**And to the Holy Spirit**

**As it was in the beginning is now**

**And shall be for ever. Amen**

*The appointed Old Testament reading for the day*

**This is the word of the Lord**

**Thanks be to God**

*The appointed New Testament reading for the day*

**This is the word of the Lord**

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**Now is the time to awake out of sleep,**

**for the night is far spent and the day is at hand.**

**Now is our salvation nearer than when we first believed,**

**for the night is far spent.**

**Let us therefore cast off the works of darkness**

**and put on the armour of light,**

**for the day is at hand.**

**Put on the Lord Jesus Christ**

**and make no provision for the flesh,**

**for the night is far spent and the day is at hand.**

***Prayers of Intercession***

Pray for:

* The day and its tasks
* The world and its needs
* The Church and her life.

You may wish to include these concerns in your prayers during the week:

* The church, that she may be ready for the coming of Christ
* The leaders of the Church
* The nations, that they may be subject to the rule of God
* Those who are working for justice in the world
* The broken, that they may find God’s healing

And especially at this time, for the people of Ukraine:

**God of peace and justice,**

**We pray for the people of Ukraine today.**

**We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.**

**We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,**

**that your Spirit of comfort**

**would draw near to them.**

**We pray for those with power**

**over war or peace, for wisdom,**

**discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.**

**Above all, we pray for all your precious children,**

**at risk and in fear,**

**that you would hold and protect them.**

**We pray in the name of Jesus,**

**Prince of Peace.**

**Amen**

**Lord in your mercy**

**Hear our prayer**

***Collect for the week***

**God our redeemer,**

**who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**to be the mother of your Son:**

**grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour,**

**so we may be ready to greet him**

**when he comes again as our judge;**

**who is alive and reigns with you,**

**in the unity of the Holy Spirit,**

**one God, now and for ever.**

**Amen**

***The Lord’s Prayer***

Awaiting his coming in glory,

as our Saviour 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**

**now and for ever.**

**Amen.**

***Final Prayer***

**May the Lord, when he comes,**

**find us watching and waiting.**

**Amen**

**Let us bless the Lord.**

**Thanks be to God.**

**Evening Prayer**

***Opening Prayer***

**Blessed are you, Lord God, creator of day and night:**

**To you be praise and glory for ever.**

**As darkness falls you renew your promise**

**To reveal among us the light of your presence.**

**By the light of Christ, your living Word,**

**Dispel the darkness of our hearts**

**That we may walk as children of light**

**And sing your praise throughout the world.**

**Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:**

**Blessed be God for ever.**

**That this evening may be holy, good and peaceful,**

**let us pray with one heart and mind.**

***Silence is kept.***

**As our evening prayer rises before you, O God,**

**so may your mercy come down upon us**

**to cleanse our hearts**

**and set us free to sing your praise**

**now and for ever.**

**Amen.**

***A period of silence for reflection on the past day follows***

***Penitence***

**Most merciful God,**

**We confess to you,**

**Before the whole company of heaven and one another,**

**That we have sinned in thought, word and deed**

**And in what we have failed to do.**

**Forgive us our sins,**

**Heal us by your Spirit**

**And raise us to new life in Christ.**

**Amen**

**O God, make speed to save us,**

**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

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**My soul is waiting for you, O Lord:**

**in your word is my hope.**

**There is forgiveness with you,**

**so that you shall be feared.**

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***The Conclusion***

**In peace we will lie down and sleep;**

**for you alone, Lord, make us dwell in safety.**

**Abide with us, Lord Jesus,**

**For the night is at hand the day is now past.**

**As the night watch looks for the morning,**

**so do we look for you, O Christ.**

**May the living waters of Christ cleanse us,**

**may the Spirit descend upon us,**

**and the blessing of God be with us**

**this night and always.**

**Amen**