**Daily Prayer – September 18-23 2023**

Season: **Ordinary Time**

Festivals this week: St Matthew (Thursday 21)

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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**

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

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

**You founded the earth in the beginning**

**and the heavens are the work of your hands.**

**In the fullness of time you made us in your image,**

**and in these last days you have spoken to us**

**in your Son Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.**

**As we rejoice in the gift of your presence among us**

**Let the light of your love always shine in our hearts,**

**your Spirit ever renew our lives**

**and your praises ever be on our lips.**

**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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| Ps. 30  Zech 10  Mark 11:1-11 | Ps. 36  Zech 11:4-end  Mark 11:12-26 | Ps. 34  Zech 12:1-10 Mark 11:27-end | Ps. 49  1 Kings 19:15-end  2 Tim 3:14-end | Ps. 31  Zech 14:1-11  Mark 12:13-17 | Ps. 42  Zech 14:12-end  Mark 12:18-27 |

*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*

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**Trust in the Lord with all your heart;**

**and be not wise in your own sight.**

**In all your ways acknowledge him**

**and he will make straight your paths.**

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***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:

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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.**

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**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, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit**

**upon your Church in the burning fire of your love:**

**grant that your people may be forever**

**in the fellowship of the gospel**

**that, always abiding in you,**

**they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service,**

**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 for ever.**

**Amen**

***The Lord’s Prayer***

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***

**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.**

**Evening Prayer**

***Opening Prayer***

**From the rising of the sun to its setting**

**Your glory is proclaimed in all the world.**

**Hear our voice, O Lord, according to your faithful love,**

**According to your judgement give us life.**

**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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***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**