**Daily Prayer – November 20-25 2023**

Season: **All Saints to Advent**

Festivals this week: None

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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**

**Your faithful servants bless you**

**They make known the glory of your kingdom**

**Blessed are you, Sovereign God, ruler and judge of all,**

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

**In the darkness of this age that is passing away**

**may the light of your presence that the saints enjoy**

**surround our steps as we journey on.**

**May we reflect your glory this day**

**and so be made ready to see your face**

**in the heavenly city where night shall be no more.**

**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** |
| Ps. 47  Isaiah 9:8-10:4  Matthew 7:1-12 | Ps. 52  Isaiah 10:5-19  Matthew 7:13-end | Ps. 56  Isaiah 10:20-32  Matthew 8:1-13 | Ps. 62  Isaiah 10:33-11:9  Matthew 8:14-22 | Ps. 63  Isaiah 11:10-end of 12  Matthew 8:23-end | Ps. 78:1-39  Isaiah 13:1-13  Matthew 9:1-17 |

*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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**I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord,**

**My lips shall proclaim your faithfulness.**

**The heavens bear witness to your wonders;**

**I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.**

**The assembly of your saints proclaim your faithfulness.**

**My lips shall proclaim your faithfulness.**

**Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne;**

**Steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.**

**I will sign for ever of your love, O Lord,**

**My lips shall proclaim your faithfulness.**

***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 saints on earth, that they may live as citizens of heaven
* All people, that they may hear and believe the word of God
* All who fear the winter months
* All sovereigns and political leaders, that they may imitate the righteous rule of Christ
* All who grieve or wait with the dying.

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,**

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**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**

For the people of the Holy land:

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**We cry out to yourfor all who suffer in the Holy Land today.**

**For your precious children, Israelis and Palestinians,**

**traumatised and in fear for their lives;**

**Lord have mercy.**

**For the families of the bereaved,**

**for those who have seen images they will never forget,**

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**despairing with each passing day;**

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**For young men and women, heading into combat,**

**bearing the burden of what others have done**

**and what they will be asked to do,**

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**For civilians in Israel, Gaza and the West Bank,**

**that they would be protected,**

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**For people of peace,**

**whose imagination is large enough**

**to conceive of a different way,**

**that they may speak and act and be heard,**

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**Mighty and caring God,**

**you promised that one day,**

**swords will be beaten into ploughshares;**

**Meet us in our distress,**

**and bring peace upon this troubled land.**

**Amen.**

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***Collect for the week***

**Heavenly Father,**

**whose blessed Son was revealed**

**to destroy the works of the devil**

**and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:**

**grant that we, having this hope,**

**may purify ourselves even as he is pure;**

**that when he shall appear in power and great glory**

**we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;**

**where he is alive and reigns with you,**

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

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

**Amen**

***The Lord’s Prayer***

Uniting our prayers with the whole company of heaven,

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 Christ, who has opened the kingdom of heaven,**

**Bring us to reign with him in glory.**

**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.**

**Your faithful servants bless you,**

**They make known the glory of your kingdom.**

**Blessed are you, Sovereign God,**

**our light and our salvation,**

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

**Now, as darkness is falling,**

**wash away our transgressions,**

**cleanse us by your refining fire**

**and make us temples of your Holy Spirit.**

**By the light of Christ,**

**dispel the darkness of our hearts**

**and make us ready to enter your kingdom,**

**where songs of praise for ever sound.**

**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**