**Daily Prayer – Thursday October 5 2023**

**Generosity Week Day 4 Out of Dark Times**

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**Morning Prayer**

***Opening prayer***

**O Lord, open our lips**

**and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

**Let us offer the first fruits of our lives;**

**for where our treasure is,**

**there our heart will be also.**

**In the presence of God,**

**who gives life to all things,**

**we lift our voices in praise.**

**Blessed are you, Sovereign God,**

**life-giver and sustainer,**

**source of all that is and is to be;**

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

**You fashion us in your image,**

**and store within our hearts the joy of giving.**

**You provide us with every blessing in abundance,**

**so that by always having enough of everything,**

**we may share abundantly in every good work;**

**as our hearts overflow with many thanksgivings**

**to 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***

**Psalm 121**

**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**

**Genesis 37:17b-28**

**This is the word of the Lord**

**Thanks be to God**

**You, O Lord, have brought us into this place,**

**so now we offer our first fruits to you.**

**You heard our voice and saw our affliction;**

**You, O Lord, have brought us into this place.**

**You gave us this land, overflowing with milk and honey**

**so now we offer our first fruits to you.**

**We celebrate with all the abundance that you have given us.**

**You, O Lord, have brought us into this place,**

**so now we offer our first fruits to you.**

*from Deuteronomy 26.1-11*

***Gospel Canticle***

**I will make heard the voice of thanksgiving**

**and tell of all your wonderful deeds.**

**1 Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel,**

**who has come to his people and set them free.**

**2 He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,**

**born of the house of his servant David.**

**3 Through his holy prophets God promised of old**

**to save us from our enemies,**

**from the hands of all that hate us,**

**4 To show mercy to our ancestors,**

**and to remember his holy covenant.**

**5 This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:**

**to set us free from the hands of our enemies,**

**6 Free to worship him without fear,**

**holy and righteous in his sight**

**all the days of our life.**

**7 And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,**

**for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,**

**8 To give his people knowledge of salvation**

**by the forgiveness of all their sins.**

**9 In the tender compassion of our God**

**the dawn from on high shall break upon us,**

**10 To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,**

**and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

*Luke 1.68-79*

**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.**

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**and tell of all your wonderful deeds.**

***Prayers of Intercession***

Pray for:

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

**Lord in your mercy**

**Hear our prayer**

**God of abundance,**

**the author and giver of all good things;**

**grant us a gracious and humble heart, t**

**hat we may give you glory**

**through offering the first fruits of our lives,**

**and grow more into the likeness**

**of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.**

**Amen.**

***The Lord’s Prayer***

Offering to God our sacrifice of praise,,

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***

**Saving God,**

**open the gates of righteousness,**

**that your pilgrim people may enter**

**and be built into a living temple**

**on the cornerstone of our salvation,**

**Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

**God, who is the greatness and the power,**

**bless us and keep us.**

**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.**

***The Word of God***

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| **Monday**  | **Tuesday**  | **Wednesday** | **Thursday**  | **Friday**  | **Saturday**  |
| Ps. 72Acts 21:37=222:21  | Ps. 74Acts 22:22-23:11 | Ps. 119:81-104Acts 23:12-end | Ps. 78:40-endActs 24:1-23 | Ps. 69Acts 24:24-25:12 | Ps. 84Acts 25:13-end |

*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 New Testament reading for the day*

**This is the word of the Lord**

**Thanks be to God**

**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.**

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

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.**

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

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

***Prayers of Intercession***

Pray for:

* For peace
* For individuals and their needs.
* You may wish to include these concerns in your prayers during the week:

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| **Monday** | **Tuesday** | **Wednesday** | **Thursday** | **Friday** | **Saturday** |
| * The media & the arts
* Farming and fishing
* Commerce and industry
* Those whose work is unfulfillng, stressful or fraught with danger
* All who are unemployed
 | * All who are sick in body, mind or spirit
* Those who are in the midst of famine or disaster
* Victims of abuse and violence, intolerance and prejudice
* Those who are bereaved
* All who work in the medical and healing professions
 | * The social services
* All who work in the criminal justice system
* Victims and perpetrators of crime
* The work of aid agencies throughout the world
* Those living in poverty or under oppression
 | * Local government community leaders
* All who provide local services
* Those who work with young or elderly people
* Schools, colleges and universities
* Emergency and rescue organisations
 | * The King, Members of Parliament and the armed forces
* Peace and justice in the world
* Those who work for reconciliation
* All whose lives are devastated by war and civil strife
* Prisoners, refugees and homeless people
 | * Our homes, families, friends and all whom we love
* Those whose time is spent caring for others
* Those who are close to death
* Those who have lost hope
* The worship of the church
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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.**

**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**

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***Collect for the week***

**Almighty God,**

**you have made us for yourself,**

**and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you:**

**pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself,**

**and so bring us at last to heavenly city**

**where we shall see you face to face;**

**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***

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**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.**

***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**