**Daily Prayer – March 28-30 2024**

Season: **Passiontide: Holy Week**

Festivals: **Maundy Thursday; Good Friday; Easter Eve**

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**Morning Prayer - Thursday**

***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**

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**O Lord open our lips**

**And our mouth shall proclaim your praise**

**Let your ways be known upon earth,**

**Your saving power among the nations.**

**Blessed are you, Lord God of our salvation,**

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

**As a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief**

**your only son was lifted up**

**that he may draw the whole world to himself.**

**May we walk this day in the way of the cross**

**and always be ready to share its weight,**

**declaring your love for all the world.**

**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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| **Thursday** |
| Psalm 42  Leviticus 16:2-26  Luke 23:1-25 |

*The appointed Psalm of the day is read*

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

**And to the Holy Spirit**

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**God forbid that I should glory,**

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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:

* The persecuted Church
* The oppressed people of the world
* All who are lonely
* All who are near to death
* All who are facing loss

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,**

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**would draw near to them.**

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

**at risk and in fear,**

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

**Prince of Peace.**

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For the people of the Holy land:

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**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,**

**for those anxiously waiting for news,**

**despairing with each passing day;**

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**Meet us in our distress,**

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***Collect for the day***

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Standing at the foot of the cross,

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**Our Father in heaven,**

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**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 bore our sins on the cross**

**Set us free to serve him with joy.**

**Amen**

**Let us bless the Lord.**

**Thanks be to God.**

**Morning Prayer - Friday**

***The Word of God***

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| **Friday** |
| Psalm 69  Gen 22:1-18  John 19:16-37 |

*The appointed Psalm of the day is read*

**Hide not your face from your servant, O Lord.**

**Thirsting on the cross,**

**Your Son shared the reproach of the oppressed**

**And carried the sins of all;**

**In him, O God, may the despairing find you,**

**The afflicted gain life**

**And the whole creation know its true king,**

**Jesus Christ our Lord.**

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| **Saturday** |
| Ps. 116  Job 19:21-27  1 John 5:5-12 |

*The appointed Psalm of the day is read*

**Bring my soul out of prison**

**that I may give thanks to your name.**

**God of compassion,**

**you regard the forsaken**

**and give hope to the crushed in spirit;**

**hear those who cry to you in distress**

**and bring your ransomed people to sing your glorious praise,**

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**Amen**

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***Opening Prayer***

**Let your ways be known upon earth**

**Your saving power among the nations.**

**Blessed are you, Lord God, of our salvation:**

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

**As we behold your Son, enthroned on the cross,**

**stir up in us the fire of your love,**

**that we may be cleansed from all our sins**

**and walk with you in newness of life**

**singing the praise of him who died**

**for us and our salvation.**

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

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**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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***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**