**Daily Prayer – May 13-18 2024**

Season: **Easter/Ascension to Pentecost**

**Festivals this week: Matthias the Apostle (Tuesday 14)**

**Click here to go to** [**Evening Prayer**](#EveningPrayer)

**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**

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**O Lord open our lips**

**And our mouth shall proclaim your praise**

**Send you Holy Spirit upon us,**

**And clothe us with power from on high. Alleluia!**

**Blessed are you, creator God,**

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

**As your Spirit moved over the face of the waters**

**bringing light and life to your creation,**

**pour out your Spirit on us today**

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

**and by your grace reveal your presence**

**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** |
| Psalm 93  Numbers 22:1-35  Luke 7:36-end | Psalm 16  1 Samuel 2:27-35  Acts 2:37-end | Psalm 29  Numbers 22:13-end  Luke 8:16-25 | Psalm 24  Numbers 24  Luke 8:26-39 | Psalm 28  Numbers 27:12-end  Luke 8:40-end | Psalm 43  Numbers 32:1-27  Luke 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*

**This is the word of the Lord**

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**Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people**

**and kindle in us the fire of your love.**

**All who are led by the Spirit of God**

**are children of God and fellow-heirs with Christ.**

**Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people.**

**Renew the face of your creation, Lord,**

**pouring on us the gifts of your Spirit,**

**and kindle in us the fire of your love.**

**For the creation waits with eager longing**

**for the glorious liberty of the children of God.**

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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:

* God’s royal priesthood, for empowerment by the Spirit
* Those who wait on God, that they may find renewal
* All people, that they may acknowledge the kingdom of the ascended Christ
* The earth, for productivity and for fruitful harvests
* All who are struggling with broken relationships

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**

For the people of the Holy land:

**God of compassion and justice,**

**We cry out to your for 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,**

**for those anxiously waiting for news,**

**despairing with each passing day;**

**Lord have mercy.**

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

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**that they would be protected,**

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**whose imagination is large enough**

**to conceive of a different way,**

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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.**

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***Collect for the day***

**O God the King of glory,**

**you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ**

**with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:**

**we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,**

**but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us**

**and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before,**

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

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

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

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***The Lord’s Prayer***

Being made one in the power of the Spirit,

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**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 Spirit kindle in us the fire of God’s love.**

**Amen**

**Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Evening Prayer**

***Opening Prayer***

**Let your ways be known upon earth**

**Your saving power among the nations.**

**Send your Holy Spirit upon us,**

**and clothe us with power from on high. Alleluia!**

**Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,**

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

**Raised to your right hand on high**

**the ascended Christ shows the prints of love**

**and bestows on us the gifts of grace.**

**As your Spirit renews the face of the earth,**

**may we bring forth the fruit of the Spirit**

**and reveal your glory in all 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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**When you send forth your Spirit, we are created;**

**you renew the face of the earth.**

**O Lord, how manifold are your works;**

**in wisdom you have made them all.**

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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**