**Daily Prayer – May 20-25 2024**

Season: **Pentecost to Trinity**

**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**

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**O Lord open our lips**

**And our mouth shall proclaim your praise**

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

**to you be praise and glory 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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| Psalm 126  Joshua 1  Luke 9:18-27 | Psalm 132  Joshua 2  Luke 9:28-36 | Psalm 119:153-end  Joshua 3  Luke 9:37-50 | Psalm 143  Joshua 4:1-5:1  Luke 9:51-end | Psalm 144  Joshua 5:2-end  Luke 10:1-16 | Psalm 147  Joshua 6:1-20  Luke 10:17-24 |

*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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**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 the concerns in the table on the following page 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.**

**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:

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

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**For people of peace,**

**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.**

**Amen.**

**Lord in your mercy**

**Hear our prayer**

***Collect for the day***

**O Lord, from whom all good things come:**

**grant to us your humble servants,**

**that by your holy inspiration**

**we may think those things that are good,**

**and by your merciful guiding may perform the same;**

**through our Lord Jesus Christ,**

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

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**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***

**Let your ways be known upon earth**

**Your saving power among the nations.**

**Blessed are you, Lord God, creator of day and night;**

**to you be glory and praise 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**