

Prayers of the Day

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Heavenly Father, you encourage us to call you our Father, so that we have trust and confidence that you will hear our prayers. Hear these prayers today, dear Father, and all of the prayers we offer before you throughout our lives. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, your name is holy. Forgive us when we use it lightly or to swear. Help us to live holy lives so that we honor your name, and prevent us from ignoring or despising your Word in the way we live our lives. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, we know that your kingdom will come whether or not we are ready for it. Prepare our hearts to meet you so that we receive you kingdom joyfully instead of fearfully. Inspire us to share our joy in your kingdom with other people, so they will be prepared to welcome your kingdom too. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, all the people of the earth are in your hands. Protect those in danger and heal those suffering and sick (*especially...*). Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, you raised Jesus our Lord from the dead. Raise us too to live with you, your Son, your Spirit, and the whole communion of saints in your kingdom. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

TODAY'S LESSONS

Lord's Prayer: Introduction, Petitions 1 & 2

Prayer of the Day: Lord Jesus Christ, because you are our brother, we are bold to call your Father our Father as well. Give us the words and the Spirit to pray to our heavenly Father, now and every day of our life. **Amen.**

A reading from Second Chronicles:

Solomon said: There's not enough room in all of heaven for you, LORD God. How could you possibly live on earth in this temple I have built? But I ask you to answer my prayer. This is the temple where you have chosen to be worshiped. Please watch over it day and night and listen when I turn toward it and pray. I am your servant, and the people of Israel belong to you, and so whenever any of us look toward this temple and pray, answer from your home in heaven and forgive our sins.

Psalm 8:

Our LORD and Ruler,
your name is wonderful everywhere on earth!
You let your glory be seen in the heavens above.

**With praises from children and from tiny infants,
you have built a fortress. It makes your enemies silent,
and all who turn against you are left speechless.**

I often think of the heavens your hands have made,
and of the moon and stars you put in place.

Then I ask, "Why do you care about us humans?"

Why are you concerned for us weaklings?"

You made us a little lower than you yourself,
and you have crowned us with glory and honor.

You let us rule everything your hands have made.

And you put all of it under our power—
the sheep and the cattle, and every wild animal,
the birds in the sky, the fish in the sea,
and all ocean creatures.

Our LORD and Ruler,
your name is wonderful everywhere on earth!

A reading from Philippians:

Christ was truly God. But he did not try to remain equal with God. Instead he gave up everything and became a slave, when he became like one of us. Christ was humble. He obeyed God and even died on a cross. Then God gave Christ the highest place and honored his name above all others. So at the name of Jesus everyone will bow down, those in heaven, on earth, and under the earth. And to the glory of God the Father everyone will openly agree, "Jesus Christ is Lord!"

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke:

When Jesus had finished praying, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his followers to pray." So Jesus told them, "Pray in this way: 'Father, help us to honor your name. Come and set up your kingdom. Give us each day the food we need. Forgive our sins, as we forgive everyone who has done wrong to us. And keep us from being tempted.'"