



# PRAYER DURING THE DAY FOR NOVEMBER 2021

*Text in **bold** may be said by all, if saying it with others.*

O God, make speed to save us. **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

The salvation of the righteous comes from the Lord; **he is their refuge in times of trouble.**

*Psalm 37.39*

## PRAISE

*A hymn, song, poem, freeform praise or*

Look, the trees  
are turning  
their own bodies  
into pillars  
  
of light,  
are giving off the rich  
fragrance of cinnamon  
and fulfillment,  
  
the long tapers  
of cattails  
are bursting and floating  
away over  
the blue shoulders  
  
of the ponds,

and every pond,  
no matter what its  
name is, is  
  
nameless now.  
Every year  
everything  
I have ever learned  
  
in my lifetime  
leads back to this: the fires  
and the black river of loss  
whose other side  
  
is salvation,  
whose meaning  
none of us will ever know.

To live in this world  
  
you must be able  
to do three things:  
to love what is mortal;  
to hold it  
  
against your bones knowing  
your own life depends on it;  
and, when the time comes to  
let it  
go,  
to let it go.

*Mary Oliver, In Blackwater Woods*

## THE WORD OF GOD

*Read the whole selection or a portion.*

*Each psalm or group of psalms may end with*

**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.**

<i>Day</i>	<i>Week 1</i>	<i>Week 2</i>
Monday	138	147.1-11
Tuesday	103. 1-14	147.12-20
Wednesday	103.15-22	141
Thursday	57.1-6	113
Friday	57.7-11	100
Saturday	4	65

## *Monday*

God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night. They will mark events, sacred seasons, days, and years. They will be lights in the dome of the sky to shine on the earth." And that's what happened. God made the stars and two great lights: the larger light to rule over the day and the smaller light to rule over the night. God put them in the dome of the sky to shine on the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. God saw how good it was. There was evening and there was morning: the fourth day.

*Genesis 1. 14-19*

## *Tuesday*

Conduct yourselves with all humility, gentleness, and patience. Accept each other with love, and make an effort to preserve the unity of the Spirit with the peace that ties you together. You are one body and one spirit, just as God also called you in one hope. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God and Father of all, who is over all, through all, and in all. God has given his grace to each one of us measured out by the gift that is given by Christ.

*Ephesians 4.2-7*

## *Wednesday*

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure that somebody hid in a field, which someone else found and covered up. Full of joy, the finder sold everything and bought that field.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls. When he found one very precious pearl, he went and sold all that he owned and bought it.

*Matthew 13.44-46*

## *Thursday*

Remember a time of hunger  
in a time of plenty,  
a time of poverty and want  
in times of wealth.

From morning until evening  
opportune times change,  
and all things are fleeting.

*Sirach 18.25-26*

## *Friday*

I'm not saying this because I need anything, for I have learned how to be content in any circumstance. I know the experience of being in need and of having more than enough; I have learned the secret to being content in any and every circumstance, whether full or hungry or whether having plenty or being poor. I can endure all these things through the power of the one who gives me strength.

*Philippians 4.11-13*

## *Saturday*

Jesus replied, "The most important one is Israel, listen! Our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this, You will love your neighbor as yourself. No other commandment is greater than these."

The legal expert said to him, “Well said, Teacher. You have truthfully said that God is one and there is no other besides him. And to love God with all of the heart, a full understanding, and all of one’s strength, and to love one’s neighbor as oneself is much more important than all kinds of entirely burned offerings and sacrifices.” When Jesus saw that he had answered with wisdom, he said to him, “You aren’t far from God’s kingdom.” After that, no one dared to ask him any more questions.

*Mark 12. 29-34*

#### RESPONSE

*Silence, study, reading, or song. Then these words:*

We will sing forever of your love, O Lord. **Our lips shall proclaim your faithfulness.**

#### PRAYERS

*Let your prayers be guided by these concerns, and may your heart be led to even more:*

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear when we pray in the name of your Son.  
Almighty God, enliven the Church for its mission that we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.

**Breathe fresh life into your people.**

Creator of all, lead us and every people into ways of justice and peace.

That we may respect one another in freedom and fidelity.

**Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.**

God of truth, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others that all may act with integrity and courage.

May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.

God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind or spirit.

**May they know the power of your healing love.**

Make us willing agents of your compassion.

**Strengthen us as we share in making people whole.**

We remember with thanksgiving those who have died in the faith of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone. Father, into your hands we commend them. Bring peace to those who mourn.

We praise you for (N and) all your saints who have entered your eternal glory.

Lord, you have called us to serve you. Grant that we may walk in your presence: your love in our hearts, your truth in our minds, your strength in our wills; until, at the end of our journey, **we know the joy of our homecoming and the welcome of your embrace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*One (or more) of the following prayers are said to collect the intentions*

God beneath the encompassing sky, God above the hardening earth: in this thin space between, the great human drama plays out with deep and deepening pains and endless moments of joy. Even as we take note of how small our part may be, may we take heart that our next breath can hold a message of light and love, like the one that brought your creation to life. Amen.

Bountiful God, giver of all gifts, who poured your Spirit upon your companions, and gave them grace to encourage others: help us, by their example, to be generous in our judgements and unselfish in our

service; 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.

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son came not to be served but to serve: Bless all who, following in his steps, give themselves to the service of others; that with wisdom, patience, and courage, they may minister in his Name to the suffering, the friendless, and the needy; for the love of him who laid down his life for us, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

God before and God behind, God for us and God for your own self, Maker of heaven and earth, creator of sea and sky, governor of day and night. We give you thanks for your ordered gift of life to us, for the rhythms that reassure, for the equilibriums that sustain, for the reliabilities that curb our anxieties. We treasure from you, days to work and nights to rest. We cherish from you, days to control and nights to yield. We savor from you, days to plan and nights to dream. Be our day and our night, our heaven and our earth, our sea and our sky, and in the end our true home. *Amen.*

#### OTHER COLLECTS AND PRAYERS (*IF DESIRED*)

THE LORD'S PRAYER *is said in whatever language is closest to your heart*

#### THE CONCLUSION

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*This follows the outline of Prayer During the Day from CoE,  
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'God Before' by Walter Bruggemann*