



PRAYER DURING THE DAY FOR SEPTEMBER 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.**

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From Manasseh

PRAISE

A hymn, song, poem, freeform praise or

There is no greater threat to the critics
and cynics and fearmongers
Than those of us who are willing to fall
Because we have learned how to rise.
With skinned knees and bruised hearts;
We choose owning our stories of struggle,
Over hiding, over hustling, over pretending.
When we deny our stories, they define us.
When we run from struggle, we are never free.
So we turn toward truth and look it in the eye.
We will not be characters in our stories.

Not villains, not victims, not even heroes.
We are the authors of our lives.
We write our own daring endings.
We craft love from heartbreak,
Compassion from shame,
Grace from disappointment,
Courage from failure.
Showing up is our power.
Story is our way home. Truth is our song.
We are the brave and brokenhearted.
We are rising strong.

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THE WORD OF GOD

Psalms 78 & 139 & 19

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 – <u>Psalm 78</u></i>	<i>Week 2</i>
Monday	1-8	139.1-11
Tuesday	9-17	139.12-17
Wednesday	18-29	139.18-23
Thursday	30-39	19.1-5
Friday	40-35	19.6-10
Saturday	56-72	19.11-14

READINGS

Monday

Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.' Then I said, 'Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.' But the Lord said to me, 'Do not say, "I am only a boy"; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord.' Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, 'Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I

appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.'

Jeremiah 1.4-11

Tuesday

Know this, my dear brothers and sisters: everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to grow angry. This is because an angry person doesn't produce God's righteousness. Therefore, with humility, set aside all moral filth and the growth of wickedness, and welcome the word planted deep inside you—the very word that is able to save you. You must be doers of the word and not only hearers who mislead themselves. Those who hear but don't do the word are like those who look at their faces in a mirror. They look at themselves, walk away, and immediately forget what they were like. But there are those who study the perfect law, the law of freedom, and continue to do it. They don't listen and then forget, but they put it into practice in their lives. They will be blessed in whatever they do.

James 1. 19-25

Wednesday

When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, 'Let anyone among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her.' And once again he bent down and wrote on the ground. When they heard it, they went away, one by one, beginning with the elders; and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. Jesus straightened up and said to her, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' She said, 'No one, sir.' And Jesus said, 'Neither do I condemn you. Go your way, and from now on do not sin again.'

John 8.7-11

Thursday

Where were you when I laid the earth's foundations? Tell me if you know. Who set its measurements? Surely you know. Who stretched a measuring tape on it? On what were its footings sunk; who laid its cornerstone, while the morning stars sang in unison and all the divine beings shouted? Who enclosed the Sea] behind doors when it burst forth from the womb, when I made the clouds its garment, the dense clouds its wrap, when I imposed my limit for it, put on a bar and doors and said, "You may come this far, no farther; here your proud waves stop"?

Job 38. 4-11

Friday

Therefore, my brothers and sisters whom I love and miss, who are my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord. Loved ones, I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to come to an agreement in the Lord. Yes, and I'm also asking you, loyal friend, to help these women who have struggled together with me in the ministry of the gospel, along with Clement and the rest of my coworkers whose names are in the scroll of life. Be glad in the Lord always! Again I say, be glad! Let your gentleness show in your treatment of all people. The Lord is near. Don't be anxious about anything; rather, bring up all of your requests to God in your prayers and petitions, along with giving thanks. Then the peace of God that exceeds all understanding will keep your hearts and minds safe in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4.1-7

Saturday

Therefore, don't worry and say, 'What are we going to eat?' or 'What are we going to drink?' or 'What are we going to wear?' Gentiles long for all these things. Your heavenly Father knows that you need them.

Instead, desire first and foremost God's kingdom and God's righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore, stop worrying about tomorrow, because tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

Matthew 6.31-34

RESPONSE

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

By his great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope **through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.**

1 Peter 1.3

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

Though he was divine, he did not cling to equality with God, **but made himself nothing.**

Taking the form of a slave, **he was born in human likeness.**

He humbled himself and was obedient to death, **even the death of the cross.**

Therefore God has raised him on high, **and given him the name above every name:**

that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, and every voice proclaim **that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

PRAYERS

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

God the Father, your will for all people is wellbeing and redemption; God the Son, you came that we might have life, and might have it more abundantly; God the Holy Spirit, you make our lives the shrine of your presence;

We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

Lord, grant your grace to all who are ill or wounded.

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Grant to all who seek your guidance, and to all who are forlorn, frustrated, impatient, or miserable, a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your presence;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to a graceful rhythm;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Bless all who serve with the suffering, granting them sense and competence, empathy and fortitude; **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by the beauty and solace of your Holy Spirit those who are grieving; **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by power of evil and sin, in our lives, in our neighborhoods, and throughout the world; **Hear us, O Lord of life.**

You are the Lord who does wonders: You have declared your power among the peoples. With you, O Lord, is the well of life: **and in your light we see light.**

Hear us, O Lord of life: **Heal us, and make us whole.**

In the power of the Holy Trinity, One God Almighty, in whom we live and move and have our being. **Amen.**

One of the following collects concludes the prayers.

Holy Wisdom, God of experts and amateurs, in a time of great uncertainty, we begin to realize how little we each know. Yet you have placed within our community those who speak from reason, who know the science, whose profession it is to protect. May we hear the voices of informed wisdom, and give thanks for what is already here: the knowledge that overcomes ignorance, the love that overcomes fear, the community that includes the grace we all need. Through the Wisdom of the One God of All. **Amen.**

Growing Lord, God of the desert and God of the garden, your son went into the wilderness. And there he sat. And there he prayed. And there he dreamed of a life more abundant for others. As we root down for an uncertain time, and sit with unanswerable questions, may sprout new thoughts for those less able to rest, so that when we do leave this desert, we join others in a garden that thrives. In the name of our gardener, Jesus we pray. **Amen.**

Compassionate God of honest emotions, God of cathartic tears, it would be sadder if in these days we didn't need a good cry, a release from the body, a moment to name how it feels. We thank you that these tears are not tears of weakness but of witness. They speak to a God who wept as we do, and showed human love is divine. In the embrace of Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Generous God of incremental changes, God of seismic shifts: this year has seen the world transformed, even if we sometimes feel that we have barely moved. As we assess where we are now in this strange, familiar place, may we take heart in knowing that the simple acts of kindness and compassion we extend help shape the world that's yet to form and affect what happens next. In the name of the Holy Trinity, One God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

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

THE CONCLUSION

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