



PRAYER DURING THE DAY FOR SEPTEMBER 2022

Watchable once a week on Facebook. Text in **bold** may be said by all.

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

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Full of compassion and mercy and love is God, the Most High, the Almighty.

From Manasseh

PRAISE

A hymn, song, poem, freeform praise or

The people I love the best
jump into work head first
without dallying in the shallows
and swim off with sure strokes
almost out of sight.
They seem to become natives of that element,
the black sleek heads of seals
bouncing like half-submerged balls.

I love people who harness themselves,
an ox to a heavy cart,
who pull like water buffalo,
with massive patience,
who strain in the mud and the muck
to move things forward,
who do what has to be done, again and again.

I want to be with people who submerge
in the task, who go into the fields to harvest
and work in a row and pass the bags along,
who are not parlor generals and field deserters
but move in a common rhythm
when the food must come in
or the fire be put out.

The work of the world is common as mud.
Botched, it smears the hands, crumbles to dust.
But the thing worth doing well done
has a shape that satisfies, clean and evident.
Greek amphoras for wine or oil,
Hopi vases that held corn, are put in museums
but you know they were made to be used.
The pitcher cries for water to carry
and a person for work that is real.

Marge Piercy

THE WORD OF GOD

Each psalm 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</i>
Monday	107	103.1-5
Tuesday	90.1-7	103.6-11
Wednesday	90.8-17	103.12-22
Thursday	98.1-5	19.1-5
Friday	98.6-10	19.6-10
Saturday	133	19.11-14

READINGS

Monday

All of these have relied on their hands, and each one is skilled in their work. Without them a city can't be inhabited, and they neither go abroad to live as immigrants nor travel about. However, they aren't sought out when the people hold a council, and they won't gain prominence in the assembly. They won't sit in the judge's seat, and they won't understand the disposition of a legal case. They will never shed light on instruction and judgment, and their

words won't be memorialized in proverbs. But they support the world from its foundations, and their prayer is concerned with their craft.

Wisdom of Sirach 38:31-34

Tuesday

According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building on it. Each builder must choose with care how to build on it. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw-- the work of each builder will become visible, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each has done. If what has been built on the foundation survives, the builder will receive a reward.

1 Corinthians 3:10-14

Wednesday

Collect treasures for yourselves in heaven, where moth and rust don't eat them and where thieves don't break in and steal them. Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

The eye is the lamp of the body. Therefore, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how terrible that darkness will be! No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be loyal to the one and have contempt for the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.

Matthew 6. 20-24

Thursday

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

Genesis 28:10-17

Friday

Instead, someone declared somewhere, what is humanity that you think about them? Or what are the human beings that you care about them? For a while you made them lower than angels. You crowned the human beings with glory and honor. You put everything under their control. When he puts everything under their control, he doesn't leave anything out of control. But right now, we don't see everything under their control yet.

Hebrews 2.6-8

Saturday

When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

John 1:47-51

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.

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.**

God who sees the weakness in acts of naked aggression; God who feels the fear in moments of acute helplessness: cure our warring madness, and shield all who fall in harm's way. Leach the poison from any mind that thinks strength is shown in a bullying force. May an equal strength in solidarity give resolve to those whose aim is to protect, and respect, not just the ones we call our own, but all with whom we can share a better, more peaceful world. In the name of the Holy Trinity, One God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

Everliving God, whose will it is that all should come to you through your Son Jesus Christ: Inspire our witness to him that all may know the power of his forgiveness and the hope of his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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

THE CONCLUSION

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*Readings chosen from assigned readings for Labor Day and St. Michael and All Angels day.
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