

Daily Prayer Form

(18th Sunday after Pentecost - Year A)



The Liturgy Letter

Lord, open our lips.
And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.
O God, make speed to save us.
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Hymn - May the Mind of Christ, My Savior | [Leadsheet](#)

May the mind of Christ, my Savior,
live in me from day to day,
by His love and pow'r controlling
all I do and say.

May the Word of God dwell richly
in my heart from hour to hour,
so that all may see I triumph
only through His pow'r.

May the peace of God, my Father,
rule my life in ev'rything,
that I may be calm to comfort
sick and sorrowing.

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Confession (Psalm 19:9,11-14)

The fear of the Lord is pure,
enduring forever.
The decrees of the Lord are firm,
and all of them are righteous.
By them your servant is warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.
But who can discern their own errors?
Forgive my hidden faults.
Keep your servant also from willful sins;
may they not rule over me.
Then I will be blameless,
innocent of great transgression.
May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart
be pleasing in your sight,
Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

Silence

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But there is forgiveness with you,
so that you may be revered.
O Israel, hope in the Lord!
For with the Lord there is steadfast love.
Through Jesus Christ forgiveness of sins
is proclaimed to us.
In Christ we have redemption through his blood,
the forgiveness of our trespasses,
according to the riches of his grace.
Thanks be to God!
Amen.

Opening Psalms

Psalm 19 (NIV)

For the director of music. A psalm of David.

1 The heavens declare the glory of God;
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

2 Day after day they pour forth speech;
night after night they reveal knowledge.

3 They have no speech, they use no words;
no sound is heard from them.

4 Yet their voice goes out into all the earth,
their words to the ends of the world.

In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun.

5 It is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber,
like a champion rejoicing to run his course.

6 It rises at one end of the heavens
and makes its circuit to the other;
nothing is deprived of its warmth.

7 The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul.
The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy,
making wise the simple.

8 The precepts of the Lord are right,
giving joy to the heart.

The commands of the Lord are radiant,
giving light to the eyes.

9 The fear of the Lord is pure,
enduring forever.

The decrees of the Lord are firm,
and all of them are righteous.

10 They are more precious than gold,
than much pure gold;
they are sweeter than honey,
than honey from the honeycomb.

11 By them your servant is warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.

12 But who can discern their own errors?
Forgive my hidden faults.

13 Keep your servant also from willful sins;
may they not rule over me.
Then I will be blameless,
innocent of great transgression.

14 May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart
be pleasing in your sight,
Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

Psalm 80:7-15 (NIV)

7 Restore us, God Almighty;
make your face shine on us,
that we may be saved.

8 You transplanted a vine from Egypt;
you drove out the nations and planted it.

9 You cleared the ground for it,
and it took root and filled the land.

10 The mountains were covered with its shade,
the mighty cedars with its branches.

11 Its branches reached as far as the Sea,
its shoots as far as the River.

12 Why have you broken down its walls

so that all who pass by pick its grapes?
13 Boars from the forest ravage it,
and insects from the fields feed on it.
14 Return to us, God Almighty!
Look down from heaven and see!
Watch over this vine,
15 the root your right hand has planted,
the son you have raised up for yourself.

Gloria Patri

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen.

Scripture Readings

[Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20](#)

[Philippians 3:4b-14](#)

(All stand)

[Matthew 21:33-46](#)

(A short silence after the reading of the Gospel)

Profession of Faith (based on 1 Corinthians 15:3-7, Colossians 1:15-20)

This is the good news that we have received,
In which we stand, and by which we are saved:

Christ died for our sins, was buried,
was raised on the third day,
And appeared first to the women,
then to Peter and the Twelve,
and then to many faithful witnesses.
We believe Jesus is the Christ,
the Anointed One of God,
the firstborn of all creation,
the firstborn from the dead,
in whom the fullness of God
was pleased to dwell
by the power of the Spirit.
Christ is the head of the body, the church,
and by the blood of the cross reconciles all things to God.
Amen.

The Prayers of the People (Adapted from *The Book of Daily Prayer*)

Heavenly Father, you have called us to remember to pray for the Church and the world, and for the ongoing ministry of the gospel, that it may increase and make disciples of all nations. And so we pray:

For your Church in this place and around the world...

Intercessions are said

For our nation's leaders, for the leaders of other nations, and for all in authority throughout the world, and in our own community.

Intercessions are said

For this place, for every city and community, and for those who live in them.

Intercessions are said

For the good earth which you have given and for the wisdom and will to conserve it as faithful stewards. For seasonable weather, and for an abundance of harvest.

Intercessions are said

For the weak, fatherless, poor, oppressed, and needy.

Intercessions are said

For friends, relatives, and neighbors, and for the day and its tasks, we pray:

Intercessions are said

For answered prayer and new life.

Intercessions are said

That we may end our lives in faith and hope. Defend us, deliver us, and in your compassion protect us by your grace, through Jesus Christ, in whose name we are bold to pray:

The Lord's Prayer

**If praying with others, stand and hold hands*

A Prayer for the Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost (from *The Book of Common Prayer*)

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.

- 2 Corinthians 13:14

Closing Hymn - May the Mind of Christ, My Savior | [Leadsheet](#)

May the love of Jesus fill me
as the waters fill the sea.
Him exalting, self abasing:
this is victory.

May I run the race before me,
strong and brave to face the foe,
looking only unto Jesus
as I onward go.

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