

## Daily Prayer Form

(24th Sunday after Pentecost - Year A)



The Liturgy Letter

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

### Opening Scripture

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

-Matthew 11:28-30

### Hymn - In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful,  
In the Lord I will rejoice!  
Look to God, do not be afraid.  
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near,  
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### Confession (from Psalm 51 and Psalm 32)

“Therefore keep watch, because you do not know the day or the hour.”

-Matthew 25:13 (NIV)

Let us confess our sins to God:

Open my lips, O Lord,  
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.  
Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence  
and take not your holy Spirit from me.  
Give me the joy of your saving help again  
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

*Silence*

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Happy are those to whom the LORD imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit...I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the guilt of my sin. Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you.  
- from Psalm 32

## **Psalm 123 (NIV)**

*A song of ascents.*

1 I lift up my eyes to you,

to you who sit enthroned in heaven.

2 As the eyes of slaves look to the hand of their master,  
as the eyes of a female slave look to the hand of her mistress,

so our eyes look to the LORD our God,

till he shows us his mercy.

3 Have mercy on us, LORD, have mercy on us,

for we have endured no end of contempt.

4 We have endured no end

of ridicule from the arrogant,

of contempt from the proud.

Lord, open our lips.

**And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Hear our voice O Lord, according to your faithful love:

**He has heard our voice and is faithful and just to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Amen.

## **Opening Psalm**

### **Psalm 90:1-11 (NIV)**

*A prayer of Moses the man of God.*

1 Lord, you have been our dwelling place

throughout all generations.

2 Before the mountains were born

or you brought forth the whole world,

from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

3 You turn people back to dust,

saying, "Return to dust, you mortals."

4 A thousand years in your sight

are like a day that has just gone by,  
or like a watch in the night.

5 Yet you sweep people away in the sleep of death—  
they are like the new grass of the morning:

6 In the morning it springs up new,  
but by evening it is dry and withered.

7 We are consumed by your anger  
and terrified by your indignation.

8 You have set our iniquities before you,  
our secret sins in the light of your presence.

9 All our days pass away under your wrath;  
we finish our years with a moan.

10 Our days may come to seventy years,  
or eighty, if our strength endures;  
yet the best of them are but trouble and sorrow,  
for they quickly pass, and we fly away.

11 If only we knew the power of your anger!  
Your wrath is as great as the fear that is your due.

## **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**

[Judges 4:1-7](#)

[1 Thessalonians 5:1-11](#)

(All stand)

[Matthew 25:14-30](#)

(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 Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost (from *The Book of Common Prayer*)**

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever 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 - [In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful](#)**

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