

Daily Prayer Form

(23rd Sunday after Pentecost - Year A)



The Liturgy Letter

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

Opening Scripture

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. -Psalm 19:14

Hymn - If the Lord Had Not Been on Our Side | [Leadsheet](#)

If the Lord had not been on our side,
If the Lord had not been on our side,
The raging waters would have swept us all away.

Give praise to the Lord, for we have been saved,
Like a bird out of the fowlers cage.
Give praise to the Lord, my hope is in You.
For You are the Maker of heaven and earth.
Give praise to the Lord.
-from Psalm 124 / Anonymous

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 70 (NIV)

For the director of music. Of David. A petition.

1 Hasten, O God, to save me;
come quickly, Lord, to help me.
2 May those who want to take my life
be put to shame and confusion;
may all who desire my ruin
be turned back in disgrace.
3 May those who say to me, "Aha! Aha!"
turn back because of their shame.
4 But may all who seek you
rejoice and be glad in you;
may those who long for your saving help always say,
"The Lord is great!"
5 But as for me, I am poor and needy;
come quickly to me, O God.
You are my help and my deliverer;
Lord, do not delay.

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 78:1-78 (NIV)

A maskil of Asaph.

1 My people, hear my teaching;
listen to the words of my mouth.
2 I will open my mouth with a parable;
I will utter hidden things, things from of old—
3 things we have heard and known,
things our ancestors have told us.
4 We will not hide them from their descendants;
we will tell the next generation
the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord,
his power, and the wonders he has done.
5 He decreed statutes for Jacob
and established the law in Israel,
which he commanded our ancestors
to teach their children,
6 so the next generation would know them,
even the children yet to be born,
and they in turn would tell their children.
7 Then they would put their trust in God
and would not forget his deeds
but would keep his commands.

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

[Joshua 24:1-3, 14-25](#)

[1 Thessalonians 4:13-18](#)

(All stand)

[Matthew 25:1-13](#)

(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-Third Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 27) (from *The Book of Common Prayer*)

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he 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 - [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,
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.

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