

Sisters of Mercy Prayerbook

Ordinary Time

*Morning
and
Evening Prayer*



Institute of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas

How and Why The E - Book Came Into Exsistance?

In 1998, the Institute of the Sisters of Mercy of the Americas produced Morning and Evening Prayer of the Sisters of Mercy, basing text on the English translation of the psalms and canticles taken from the Liturgical Psalter: Text for Study and Comment, 1994, International Committee on English in the Liturgy, Inc.

At a leadership development program of Sisters of Mercy in Panama City, Panama, in November 2011, the sisters expressed a desire for an electronic version of their prayer book. Recognizing that many hands make light work, they decided to work collaboratively over several months to accomplish the task of digitizing their daily prayer book. The web site was not meant to replace the Morning and Evening Prayer book; rather, it is a supplement for use during travel or at times when a sister or associate cannot access her own book.

After creating the web-site it was apparent that the site could only be used when in a wifi area. Since the book is no longer being made in hard copy and electronic version has been created so that Sisters and associates may have a copy not only when they travel but should they be one of the few that can not find a hard copy the at the prayer book would be available to them in e- book form.

How To Use This Book

This is Book One of the Mercy Prayer Book. This book contains all the prayers for Ordinary Time. Since this book is electronic it was easier to make the books in sections so as to assist with easy down loads and navigations.

Each Chapter is a day find the day and then the week. (i.e. Monday week 3 morning prayer would be in the chapter entitled, Monday Morning Prayers then you would go to week 3. The evening prayer would be in the chapter entitled Monday Evening Prayers.

SUNDAY EVENING PRAYERS I

*"Your conversation should be always simple and
useful, and you should observe gentleness of
manner, particularly towards your Sisters, avoiding
all stiffness and reserve, endeavoring thus to draw
souls to God."* C. McAuley



Sunday Evening Prayer I

GREETING

O God, come to our aid!

Hasten to hear us as we cry to you.

God, our strength, be our shelter in time of need.

Give us voice to proclaim your love.

DOXOLOGY

Glory to you, God of all peoples.

To Jesus, healer and friend,

to the Spirit dwelling within,

Praise be yours forever. Amen.

PSALM 141

REFRAIN:

Let my prayer rise like incense, my upraised hands like an evening sacrifice.

Hurry, Lord! I call and call!

Listen! I plead with you.

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Lord, guard my lips,
watch my every word.

Let me never speak evil
or consider hateful deeds,
let me never join the wicked
to eat their lavish meals.

If the just correct me,
I take their rebuke as kindness
but the unktion of the wicked
will never touch my head.
I pray and pray
against their hateful ways.

Let them be thrown
against a rock of judgment,
then they will know

I spoke the truth.
Then they will say,
“Our bones lie broken upon the ground,
scattered at the grave’s edge.”

Lord my God, I turn to you,
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Do not strip me of life.
Do not spring on me
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READING - Romans 8: 22-27

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Likewise the spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with

sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

CANTICLE OF MARY

REFRAIN

O the depths of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

I acclaim the greatness of the Lord,
I delight in God my savior,
who regarded my humble state.
Truly from this day on All ages will call me blest.

For God, wonderful in power,
has used that strength for me.
Holy the name of the Lord!
Whose mercy embraces the faithful,
one generation to the next.

The mighty arm of God
scatters the proud in their conceit,
Pulls tyrants from their thrones,
and raises up the humble.
The Lord fills the starving
And lets the rich go hungry.

God rescues lowly Israel,
recalling the promise of mercy,
the promise made to our ancestors,
to Abraham’s heirs for ever.

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INTERCESSIONS

*All things come from you and through you, and therefore we have
the courage to pray:*

--Christ, answer our prayer!

*That the Church may fully reflect your love and compassion in the
world, we implore you...*

--Christ, answer our prayer!

*That the leaders of all nations may be mindful of you as they fulfill
their responsibilities, we implore you...*

--Christ, answer our prayer!

*That the oppressed of the world may come to know your love
through the ministry of the church, we implore you...*

--Christ, answer our prayer!

*That we may always conduct ourselves as true temples of your
spirit, we implore you...*

--Christ, answer our prayer!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER

*The richness of your love is boundless, O God of mercy. Who can
understand the depth of your love? You, our God, have done great
things for us. We rejoice in our blessedness and ask that you stir
up in our hearts the spirit of thanksgiving and generosity.
Empower us to give freely what we have received as gift. We ask
this in the name of Jesus. Amen.*

BLESSING

May God's blessing be upon us. Amen

May God's light lead us in the way of Righteousness. Amen.

May our lives be patterned on Christ Jesus. Amen.

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DOXOLOGY

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end. Amen*

REFRAIN:

*Let my prayer rise like incense, my upraised hands like an evening
sacrifice.*

READING Colossians 1:3-6

*In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our
Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Jesus Christ
and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the
hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope
before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you.
Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has
been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it
and truly comprehended the grace of God.*

CANTICLE OF MARY

REFRAIN:

May the seed of your word in us bud forth in joy, O faithful God.

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INTERCESSIONS

As members of the body of Christ, let us offer our petitions to God, asking Christ to intercede for us:

--Christ, our brother, hear our prayer!

That all who teach and preach the word of God will be welcomed and sustained by the family of God, let us pray:

---Christ, our brother, hear our prayer!

That religious and public servants inspired by Christ's love will seek ways to foster peace and justice in all lands, let us pray:

--Christ, our brother, hear our prayer!

That the poor, homeless, sick and oppressed will find relief through the compassion of those committed to Christ's message of love, let us pray:

--Christ, our brother, hear our prayer!

That members of this faith community will carry out with apostolic zeal our mission of proclaiming the Good News of Christ's redeeming love, let us pray

--Christ, our brother, hear our prayer!

That the prophets in our midst will speak the truth in love, let us pray:

--Christ, our brother, hear our prayer!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER

You have called us, God, to be members of your body. Grateful for this sacred vocation, we pray to be your hands and feet, your voice and your heart in our world. Through our ministry may your people know that you move among them today, hearing their concerns and healing their sorrow. We pray this in the name of Jesus who came among us to show us the way. Amen

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READING Hebrews 4:12-13

*Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any
two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints
from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the
heart. And before God no creature is hidden, but all are naked and
laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an
account.*

CANTICLE OF MARY

REFRAIN:

*Deep within, let no voice but yours be heard.
Let me taste your joy and peace, Spirit of God.*

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INTERCESSIONS

Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, we turn to you for inspiration at the close of day, and we pray:

~May your Spirit live in us!

You are the Word made flesh, our God in human form:

~May your Spirit live in us!

You are the liberator, freeing us from bondage:

~May your Spirit live in us!

You are the fulfillment of the law, leading to the source of life:

~May your Spirit live in us!

You are the eternal Word, on with the Creator and the Holy Spirit:

~May your Spirit live in us!

You are the bread of life, sustaining and enriching us:

~May your Spirit live in us!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER

Jesus, we have known you in various ways-as food and fulfillment, as Word and Savior. May your Holy Spirit dwell in us helping us to understand the meaning of your life and encouraging us to pattern our lives on you. Through this grace, we hope to recreate your presence in our world. We ask this confident that you will hear and respond to our prayer. Amen.

BLESSING

May God's blessing be upon us. Amen

May God's light lead us in the way of Righteousness. Amen.

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Reading: 2 Peter 1:19-21

*We have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do
well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place,
until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.
First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of
scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation, because no
prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved
by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.*

CANTICLE OF MARY

REFRAIN:

*God of Mercy, help us to walk in love as Christ loved us, united in
mind and heart.*

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INTERCESSIONS

Let us profess our love for God by using God's gift of loving compassion to pray for the needs of all the people of the world:

--Compassionate Jesus , hear and grant our petitions !

That the church, the house of God, will continue to grow in holiness and grace through the help of God and through our own prayers and good works, let us pray:

--Compassionate Jesus , hear and grant our petitions !

That our elected officials will work together for the good of all people, and that the fruit of their labor will be lasting peace , let us pray :

--Compassionate Jesus , hear and grant our petitions !

That those who are alienated from God will find peace through reconciliation, let us pray:

--Compassionate Jesus , hear and grant our petitions !

That the members of our communities, international, regional, and local , will experience the unity of love in the body of Christ , let us pray:

--Compassionate Jesus , hear and grant our petitions !

That the faithful who have died will rejoice to know the fruit of their labors as they enter the eternal kingdom of God, let us pray:

--Compassionate Jesus , hear and grant our petitions !

The Lord's Prayer

Prayer

Loving God , you inspire us with concern for the well being of all creation. Give us also the strength to transform the compassion of our hearts into acts of mercy and justice. Jesus enfleshed your love as he walked among us; through our lives may your caring presence be evident in our time and culture. We pray as a community united in faith. Amen.

BLESSING

May God's blessing be upon us. Amen

May God's light lead us in the way of Righteousness. Amen.

May our lives be patterned on Christ Jesus. Amen.

SUNDAY MORNING

*"Your whole life should be a continual act of praise and prayer;
often in the day rising your heart to God and begging the grace
to spend that day, at least, in His service."* C. McAnley



Sunday Morning Prayer

GREETING

Let our prayer rise before you, God of all peoples and nations.

May your grace fill the world.

Sanctify the work of our hands.

Bring forth the reign of your justice and mercy.

DOXOLOGY

Glory to you, three in one. Your mercy endures forever.

Amen

PSALM 63: 1-9

REFRAIN:

Your love is better than life, my speech is full of praise.

God, my God, you I crave;
My soul thirsts for you,
my body aches for you
like a dry weary land.
Let me gaze on you in your temple:
a vision of strength and glory.

Your love is better than life,
my speech is full of praise.
I give you a lifetime of worship,
my hands raised in your name.
I feast at a rich table,
my lips sing of your praise.

On my bed I lie awake,
your memory fills the night.
You have been my help,
I rejoice beneath your wings.
Yes, I cling to you,
Your right hand holds me fast.

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REFRAIN:

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READING - REVELATION 7: 9-12

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH

REFRAIN:

All praise and glory to you, God of all creation.

Praise the Lord, the God of Israel,
who shepherds the people and sets them free.

God raises from David's house
a child with power to save. --
--Through the holy prophets
God promised in ages past
to save us from enemy hands,
from the grip of all who hate us.

The Lord favored our ancestors
recalling the sacred covenant,
the pledge to our ancestor Abraham,
to free us from our enemies,
so we might worship without fear
and be holy and just all our days.

And you child, will be called
Prophet of the Most High,
for you will come to prepare
a pathway for the Lord
by teaching the people salvation
through forgiveness of their sin.

Out of God's deepest mercy
a dawn will come from on high,
light for those shadowed by death,
a guide for our feet on the way to peace.

DOXOLOGY

Glory to you, three in one. Your mercy endures forever. Amen

REFRAIN:

All praise and glory to you, God of all creation.

INTERCESSIONS

As morning breaks, we give thanks for the gift of this day, and we pray.

*You offer the prospect of a fresh start each day:
--Help us to see the possibilities for renewing ourselves today.*

You touch creation with the gentle light of dawn:

--Bring the healing light of insight into the darkness of our lives.

You fill the air with expectation, with mystery:

--Teach us to delight in the anticipation of each day's surprises.

You cover the earth with morning dew:

--Wrap us in the blanket of your nurturing love.

You shroud the horizon in a silent mist:

--Lead our hearts to quiet contemplation of your goodness.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER

God of all creation, at the dawning of this new day fill us with wonder and gratitude for the abundance of your blessings. We lift our hearts and voices to praise you for the beauty of the earth, the harvests of field and orchard. Give us hearts that long to share our abundance with those who suffer from want and hopelessness. We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

BLESSING

May the God of Mercy bless and protect us all. Amen.

May the God of peace comfort us in times of trial. Amen.

May the God of love shine forth in our lives. Amen.

Sunday Morning Prayer

GREETING

May our lives be a hymn of praise, O God!

May your glory shine forth in us!

Strengthen us in love, root us in mercy!

That your people may know your love is everlasting!

DOXOLOGY

Glory to you, Source of Life, Living Word, and Holy Spirit,

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever, world without end. Amen

PSALM 148

REFRAIN:

Let there be praise: from the depths of the earth, from all that is living.

Praise the Lord!

Across the heavens,

from the heights,

all you angels heavenly beings,

sing praise, sing praise!

Sun and moon, glittering stars,

sing praise, sing praise.

Highest heavens, rain clouds,

sing praise, sing praise.

Praise God's name,

whose word called you forth

and fixed you in place forever

by eternal decree.

Let there be praise

from the depths of the earth,

from creatures of the deep.

Fire and hail, snow and mist,

storms, winds,

*mountains, hills,
fruit trees and cedars,
wild beasts and tame,
snakes and birds,*

*princes, judges,
rulers, subjects,
men, women,
old and young,
praise, praise the holy name,
this name beyond all names.*

*God's splendor above the earth,
above the heavens,
gives strength to the nation,
glory to the faithful,
a people close to the Lord.
Isreal, let there be praise!*

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REFRAIN:

*Let there be praise: from the depths of the earth, from all that is
living.*

READING Ezekiel 37:12b - 14

*Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and
bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you
back to the land of Isreal. And you shall know that i am the Lord,
when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O
my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I*

*will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the
Lord, have spoken and will act.*

CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH

REFRAIN:

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who shepherds the people and sets them free.

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Through the holy prophets
God promised in ages past
to save us from enemy hands,
from the grip of all who hate us.

The Lord favored our ancestors
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a pathway for the Lord
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INTERCESSIONS

*Creator God, as we begin a new day, we praise you for the
wonder of human life and of all your creation. Help us to treasure
these gifts and live gratefully in our universe. In this spirit we
pray:*

For all creation:

*~ That we do not plunder our resources, but use them with awe
and respect.*

For all living things:

~ That they may flourish in harmony and interdependence.

For all people:

- That we reverence diversity rather than fear it.

For world leaders:

*~ That they find ways to restore hope and dignity to those
suffering from war and natural disasters.*

For church leaders;

~ That they foster collaboration and shared decision-making.

For the community of Mercy:

~ That we incarnate God's loving compassion for all people.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER

*God of all peoples, bring forth your reign of peace and justice
upon the earth. Gather nations together to work for the common
good of their members. Bless our efforts to bring an end to
famine, social injustice, and the exploitation of nature. We ask
this in Jesus' name. Amen*

BLESSING

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Sunday Morning Prayer

PSALM 148

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Let there be praise; from the depths of the earth, from all that is living.

Praise the Lord!
Across the heavens,
from the heights,
all you angels, heavenly beings,
sing praise, sing praise!

Sun and moon, glittering stars,
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Highest heavens, rain clouds,
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Praise God's name,
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and fixed you in place for ever
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princes, judges,
rulers, subjects,
men, women,
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this name beyond all names.

God's splendor above the earth,
above the heavens,
gives strength to the nation,
glory to the faithful,
a people close to the Lord.
Israel, let there be praise!

DOXOLOGY

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*Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves,
O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know
that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves,*

*O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on
your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act.*

CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH

REFRAIN:

Give up your Spirit, O God, that we may live.

Praise the Lord, the God of Israel,
who shepherds the people and sets them free.

God raises from David's house
a child with power to save.
Through the holy prophets
God promised in ages past
to save us from enemy hands,
from the grip of all who hate us.

The Lord favored our ancestors
recalling the sacred covenant,
the pledge to our ancestor Abraham,
to free us from our enemies,
so we might worship without fear
and be holy and just all our days.

And you child, will be called
Prophet of the Most High,
for you will come to prepare
a pathway for the Lord
by teaching the people salvation
through forgiveness of their sin.

Out of God's deepest mercy
a dawn will come from on high,
light for those shadowed by death,
a guide for our feet on the way to peace.

DOXOLOGY

Glory to you, three in one. Your mercy endures forever. Amen

REFRAIN:

Give up your Spirit, O God, that we may live.

INTERCESSIONS

Creator God, as we begin a new day, we praise you for the wonder of human life and of all your creation. Help us to treasure these gifts and live gratefully in our universe. In this spirit, we pray.

For all creation:

~That we do not plunder our resources, but use them with care and respect.

For all living things:

~That the flourish in harmony and interdependence.

For all people:

~That we reverence diversity rather than fear it.

For world leaders:

~ That they find ways to restore hope and dignity to those suffering from war and natural disasters.

For church leaders:

~That they foster collaboration and shared decision-making.

For the community of Mercy:

~That we incarnate God's loving compassion for all people.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER

God of all peoples, bring forth your reign of peace and justice upon the earth. Gather nations together to work for the common good of their members. Bless our efforts to bring an end to famine, social injustice and the exploitation of nature. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

BLESSING

May God's blessing be upon us. Amen

May God's light lead us in the way of Righteousness. Amen.

May our lives be patterned on Christ Jesus. Amen.

Sunday Morning Prayer

GREETING

May our lives be a hymn of praise, O God!

May your glory shine forth in us!

Strengthen us in love, root us in mercy!

That your people may know your love is everlasting!

DOXOLOGY

Glory to you, Source of Life, Living Word, and Holy Spirit,

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever, world without end. Amen

PSALM 95

REFRAIN:

Come , sing with joy to God. Come , worship our God.

Come , sing with joy to God,
Shout to our savior, our rock.
Enter God's presence with praise,
Enter with shouting and song.

A great God is the Lord,
Over the god's like a king.
God cradles the depths of the earth,
Holds fast the mountain peaks.
God shaped the ocean and owns it,
Formed the earth by hand.

Come , bow down and worship,
Kneel to the Lord our maker.
This is our God, our shepherd,
We are the flock led with care.

Listen today to God's voice:
"harden no heart as at Meribah,
On that day in the desert at Massah.
There your people tried me,
Though they had seen my work.

**“Forty years with that lot!
I said : They are perverse,
They do not accept my ways.
So I swore in my anger:
They shall not enter my rest.”**

DOXOLOGY

**Glory to you, Source of Life, Living Word, and Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever, world
without end. Amen**

REFRAIN:

Come , sing with joy to God. Come , worship our God.

READING: 2 TIMOTHY 2:8,11-13

***Remember Jesus Christ , raised from the dead, a descendant of
David-- that is my gospel. The saying is sure: If we have died with
him, we will also live with him; If we endure , we will also reign
with him; If we deny him, he will also deny us; If we are faithless ,
he remains faithful--- for he cannot deny himself.***

CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH

REFRAIN:

Let me gaze upon you, O God , that I may see your beauty.

***Praise the Lord, the God of Israel,
who shepherds the people and sets them free.***

God raises from David's house

***a child with power to save.
Through the holy prophets
God promised in ages past
to save us from enemy hands,
from the grip of all who hate us.***

***The Lord favored our ancestors
recalling the sacred covenant,
the pledge to our ancestor Abraham,
to free us from our enemies,
so we might worship without fear
and be holy and just all our days.***

***And you child, will be called
Prophet of the Most High,
for you will come to prepare
a pathway for the Lord
by teaching the people salvation
through forgiveness of their sin.***

***Out of God's deepest mercy
a dawn will come from on high,
light for those shadowed by death,
a guide for our feet on the way to peace.***

DOXOLOGY

**Glory to you, Source of Life, Living Word, and Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever, world
without end. Amen**

REFRAIN:

Let me gaze upon you, O God , that I may see your beauty.

INTERSESSIONS

O God , after you created the heavens and the earth, you took time to rest , and so we pray:

--- Renew our spirits , O Creator God .

For all peoples of the earth , who cry out to you to make all things new, we pray:

-- Renew our spirits , O Creator God .

For those who harvest the land and seas , that all may enjoy your abundance , we pray:

-- Renew our spirits , O Creator God .

For ourselves, that we may rest from our labors and abandon all that distracts us from your plan for us, we pray:

-- Renew our spirits , O Creator God .

For all ministers in the church, that they may restore others through their service, we pray :

-- Renew our spirits , O Creator God .

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER

Holy One , you bring us joy in the morning! All creation is shaped by your hand , to live in harmony and dignity. Open our hearts to listen to your word and to praise you throughout this day. We ask this as your people united in one spirit. Amen.

BLESSING

May God's blessing be upon us. Amen

May God's light lead us in the way of Righteousness. Amen.

May our lives be patterned on Christ Jesus. Amen.

SUNDAY EVENING PRAYERS II ORDINARY TIME

“God never refuses His grace to those who seek it.”

C. McAuley

Sunday Evening Prayer II

PSALM 27

REFRAIN:

The Lord is my saving light. Deep within me a voice says, "Look for the face of God."

The Lord is my saving light;
whom should I fear?
God is my fortress;
what should I dread?

When the violent come at me
to eat me alive,
a mob eager to kill
they waver, they collapse.

Should battalions lay siege,
I will not fear;
should war wage against me,
even then I will trust.

One thing I ask the Lord,
one thing I seek:
to live in the house of God
every day of my life,
caught up in God's beauty,
a prayer in his temple.

The Lord will hide me there,
hide my life from attack:
a sheltering tent above me,
a firm rock below.

I am now beyond reach
of those who besiege me.
In his temple I will offer
a joyful sacrifice,
I will play and sing to God.

O God, listen to me;
be gracious, answer me.
Deep within me a voice says,
“Look for the face of God!”

So I look for your face,
I beg you not to hide.
Do not shut me out in anger,
help me instead.

Do not abandon or desert me,
my savior, my God.
If my parents rejected me,
still God would take me in.

Teach me how to live,
lead me on the right road
away from my enemies.
Do not leave me to their malice;
liars breathing violence
rise to swear against me.

I know I will see
how good God is
while I am still alive.

Trust in the Lord. Be strong.
Be brave. Trust in the Lord.

DOXOLOGY

*Glory to you, God of all peoples.
To Jesus, healer and friend,
to the Spirit dwelling within,
Praise be yours forever. Amen.*

REFRAIN:

The Lord is my saving light. Deep within me a voice says, “Look for the face of God.”

READING - Colossians 1: 24-27

I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the Church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to the saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

CANTICLE OF MARY

REFRAIN:

Not knowing what to do I lift my eyes to you, O saving Lord.

I acclaim the greatness of the Lord,
I delight in God my savior,

who regarded my humble state.
Truly from this day on All ages will call me blest.

For God, wonderful in power,
has used that strength for me.
Holy the name of the Lord!
Whose mercy embraces the faithful,
one generation to the next.

The mighty arm of God
scatters the proud in their conceit,
Pulls tyrants from their thrones,
and raises up the humble.
The Lord fills the starving
And lets the rich go hungry.

God rescues lowly Israel,
recalling the promise of mercy,
the promise made to our ancestors,
to Abraham's heirs for ever.

DOXOLOGY

*Glory to you, God of all peoples.
To Jesus, healer and friend,
to the Spirit dwelling within,
Praise be yours forever. Amen.*

REFRAIN:

Not knowing what to do I lift my eyes to you, O saving Lord.

INTERCESSIONS

*As this day fades into darkness, we call to the One who
enlightens the depths of our being, as we pray:*

*Christ Jesus, we praise you for the transforming power of your
love.*

--remove prejudice and ignorance from our hearts.

*Christ Jesus, we proclaim your glory as the one crucified and
raised up:*

*--help us to meet and make peace with our crosses, to learn and
grow from them.*

Christ Jesus, we sing of your tenderness and mercy:

--help us to be tender and merciful as you were.

Christ Jesus, we acknowledge you as the bearer of truth in love:

--let us be truth-seekers and truth-speakers in all we say and do.

Christ Jesus, we know you as friend:

*--may we befriend all in need, especially the poor, the
oppressed, the sick and the dying.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER

*Christ our light, illumine our minds that we may see you in our
sisters and brothers. Let the darkness of doubt and
discouragement never keep us from the good that you would
have us do. You send us to be light to your people. Let us shine
forth as witnesses to your love. We ask this with confidence in
your faithfulness. Amen.*

BLESSING

May God's blessing be upon us. Amen

May God's light lead us in the way of Righteousness. Amen.

May our lives be patterned on Christ Jesus. Amen.

Sunday Evening Prayer II

PSALM 115

REFRAIN:

The Lord has remembered us and will bless us.

Not to us, Lord, not to us,
but to your name give glory,
because of your love,
because of your truth.

Why do the nations say,
“Where is their God?”
Our God is in the heavens
and answers to no one.

Their gods are crafted by hand,
mere silver and gold,
with mouths that are mute
and eyes that are blind,
with ears that are deaf
and noses that cannot smell.

Their hands cannot feel,
their feet cannot walk,
their throats are silent.
Their makers, their worshipers
will be just like them.

Let Israel trust God,
their help and shield.
Let the house of Aaron trust God,
their help and shield.
Let all believers trust God,
their help and shield.

The Lord has remembered us
and will bless us,
will bless the house of Israel,
will bless the house of Aaron.
God will bless all believers,
the small and the great.

May God bless you more and more,
bless all your children.
May you truly be blessed
by the maker of heaven and earth.

To the Lord belong the heavens,
to us the earth below!
The dead sing no Hallelujah,
nor do those in the silent ground.
But we will bless you, Lord,
now and for ever.

Hallelujah!

DOXOLOGY

*Glory be 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*

REFRAIN:

The Lord has remembered us and will bless us.

READING - 2 Thessalonians 2:13-14

*We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters
beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for
salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in
the truth. For this purpose God called you through our
proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory
of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

CANTICLE OF MARY

REFRAIN:

The Mighty One has done great things for me.

*I acclaim the greatness of the Lord,
I delight in God my savior,
who regarded my humble state.
Truly from this day on All ages will call me blest.*

*For God, wonderful in power,
has used that strength for me.
Holy the name of the Lord!
Whose mercy embraces the faithful,
one generation to the next.*

*The mighty arm of God
scatters the proud in their conceit,
Pulls tyrants from their thrones,
and raises up the humble.
The Lord fills the starving
And lets the rich go hungry.*

*God rescues lowly Israel,
recalling the promise of mercy,
the promise made to our ancestors,
to Abraham's heirs for ever.*

DOXOLOGY

*Glory be 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*

REFRAIN:

The Mighty One has done great things for me.

INTERCESSIONS

*Spirit of love, hear our prayers this evening,
May our petitions rise like incense before you; may our hearts
burn like an evening fire.*

For all ministers in the church:

~ May they be willing to speak the truth of your gospel, we pray.

For all legislators:

*~ May they make education, health care, housing and the needs
of the young priorities in their lawmaking, we pray.*

For all those working in human services:

~ May they serve with justice and compassion, we pray.

For all those who have an abundance of the world's resources:

~ May they share generously with the poor, we pray.

For ourselves:

*~ May we grow in love of you and each other through personal and
communal prayer, we pray.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER

*You, O God, have done great things for us. You give us all that we
need for life, and you sustain us on the path of Mercy to which
you have called us. May we always perceive your guiding hand;
may we welcome and encourage the companions you have given
us for our journey. In the end, may we be welcomed into your
embrace by all the members of our families and communities who
have gone before us. We ask this in the name of Jesus who walks
with us. Amen.*

BLESSING

May God's blessing be upon us. Amen

May God's light lead us in the way of Righteousness. Amen.

May our lives be patterned on Christ Jesus. Amen.

Sunday Evening Prayer II

PSALM 111

REFRAIN:

With my whole heart, I will praise God, for who can forget God's wonders!

With my whole heart
I praise the Lord
among the just.
Great are God's works,
a delight to explore.
In splendor, in majesty,
God's justice will stand.

Who can forget God's wonders!
a God, merciful and kind
who nourished the faithful,
upheld the covenant,
and revealed mighty deeds,
giving them the land of pagans.

Faithful, just and true
are all God's decrees:
each law in its place,
valid for ever.
The Lord redeems the faithful,
decrees a lasting covenant.
Holy and awesome God's name!

Fear of the Lord
is wisdom's crown,
wise are those who live by it.
Praise the Lord for ever!

DOXOLOGY

*Glory to you, God of all peoples.
To Jesus, healer and friend,
to the Spirit dwelling within,
Praise be yours forever. Amen*

REFRAIN:

With my whole heart, I will praise God, for who can forget God's wonders!

READING 1 Peter 1:3-7

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By God's great mercy we have been given a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ for the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of faith--being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire--may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.

CANTICLE OF MARY

REFRAIN:

Let no breach of charity ever occur among us. Let the sun never go down on our anger.

I acclaim the greatness of the Lord,
I delight in God my savior,
who regarded my humble state.
Truly from this day on All ages will call me blest.

For God, wonderful in power,
has used that strength for me.
Holy the name of the Lord!
Whose mercy embraces the faithful,
one generation to the next.

The mighty arm of God
scatters the proud in their conceit,
Pulls tyrants from their thrones,
and raises up the humble.
The Lord fills the starving
And lets the rich go hungry.

God rescues lowly Israel,
recalling the promise of mercy,
the promise made to our ancestors,
to Abraham's heirs for ever.

DOXOLOGY

*Glory to you, God of all peoples.
To Jesus, healer and friend,
to the Spirit dwelling within,
Praise be yours forever. Amen*

REFRAIN:

Let no breach of charity ever occur among us. Let the sun never go down on our anger.

INTERCESSIONS

We place before our loving God the fervent prayer of our community:

~Loving God, hear our prayer!

That leaders of all faith communities will pursue dialogue with courage and openness, let us pray:

~Loving God, hear our prayer!

That those who accept the call to religious or political office will look to the example of Jesus as a guide for their actions, let us pray:

~Loving God, hear our prayer!

That those who are oppressed or persecuted for their faith will be set free by the Spirit of Jesus, let us pray:

~Loving God, hear our prayer!

That all members of the Institute of Mercy will live in faith and service to the church and each other, let us pray:

~Loving God, hear our prayer!

That those who have died will enjoy the blessings of their eternal reward, let us pray:

~Loving God, hear our prayer!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER

God, you are merciful and kind. You give us all that we need for life and holiness; you fill our world with wonders. We will never forget you for we yearn to sing your praises. At the close of this day we lift our hearts in gratitude to you who sustain us and call us to yourself. Amen.

BLESSING

May God's blessing be upon us. Amen

May God's light lead us in the way of Righteousness. Amen.

May our lives be patterned on Christ Jesus. Amen.

Sunday Evening Prayer II

PSALM 112

REFRAIN:

Mercy and Justice shine forth, Strong hearts trust God.

Happy those who love God
and delight in the law.
Their children shall be blest,
strong and upright in the land.

Their households thrive,
their integrity stands firm.
A light shines on them in darkness,
a God of mercy and justice.

The good lend freely
and deal fairly,
they will never stumble;
their justice shall be remembered.

Bad news holds no power,
strong hearts trust God.
Steady and fearless,
they look down on their enemy.

They support the poor,
their integrity stands firm,

their strength brings them honor.

Hatred devours the wicked.
They grind their teeth;
their hopes turn to ashes.

DOXOLOGY

*Glory be 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*

REFRAIN:

Mercy and Justice shine forth, Strong hearts trust God.

READING: Job 42:1-5

*Then Job answered the Lord: "I know that you can do all things,
and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted. "Who is this that
hides counsel without knowledge?" Therefore I have uttered what
I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not
know. "Here, and I will speak; I will question you, and you
declare to me." I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but
now my eye sees you; therefore I repent in dust and ashes."*

CANTICLE OF MARY

REFRAIN:

Let me be attentive to you as to a lamp shining in a dark place.

I acclaim the greatness of the Lord,
I delight in God my savior,
who regarded my humble state.

Truly from this day on
all ages will call me blest.

For God, wonderful in power,
has used that strength for me.
Holy the name of the Lord!
Whose mercy embraces the faithful,
one generation to the next.

The might arm of God
scatters the proud in their conceit,
pulls tyrants from their thrones,
and raises up the humble.
The Lord fills the starving
and lets the rich go hungry.

God rescues lowly Israel,
recalling the promise of mercy,
the promise made to our ancestors,
to Abraham's heirs for ever.

DOXOLOGY

*Glory be 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*

REFRAIN:

Let me be attentive to you as to a lamp shining in a dark place.

INTERCESSIONS

*We praise and worship the God who has the power to deliver us.
Certain that we are joined together in the presence of that God,
let us lift our prayers to the heavens:*
- God of power and might, hear our prayer!

That all who serve God through the church may be examples of the great love that Jesus calls us to share, we humbly ask:

- God of power and might, hear our prayer!

That there may be a healing of relationships in our world, especially among people who harbor violence, hatred, and indifference toward others, we humbly ask:

- God of power and might, hear our prayer!

That the sick may know the power and love of God, we humbly ask:

- God of power and might, hear our prayer!

That we may give thanks for the food we have and the farmers who harvest the land, we humbly ask:

- God of power and might, hear our prayer!

That those who have died may live in God's everlasting love, we humbly ask:

- God of power and might, hear our prayer!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER

They are called happy, O God, who love your law. We pray, then, that the pattern of the gospel may be repeated in our lives and that we may experience the joy and peace that accompany those who walk in the way traced for us by Jesus. May others be encouraged by our example to set their feet on the path to you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, our good companion. Amen.

BLESSING

May the God of Mercy bless and protect us all. Amen.

May the God of peace comfort us in times of trial. Amen.

May the God of love shine forth in our lives. Amen.

MONDAY MORNING PRAYERS

*Our charity should not be founded
on mere human motives, but
supernatural ones.*

C. McAuley

Monday Morning Prayer

PSALM 5

REFRAIN:

O God, I pray to you; my prayer rises with the sun.

Hear my words, my groans,
my cries for help,
O God, my king.
I pray to you, Lord,
my prayer rises with the sun.
At dawn I plead my case and wait.

You never welcome evil, God,
never let it stay.
You hate arrogance
and abhor scoundrels,
you detest violence
and destroy the traitor.

But by your great mercy
I enter your house
and bend low in awe
within your holy temple.

In the face of my enemies
clear the way,
bring me your justice.

Their charges are groundless,
they breathe destruction;
their tongues are smooth,
their throats an open grave.

God, pronounce them guilty,
catch them in their plots,
expel them for their sins;
they have betrayed you.

But let those who trust you
be glad and celebrate for ever.
Protect those who love your name,
then they will delight in you.

For you bless the just, O God,
your grace surrounds them like a shield.

DOXOLOGY:

*Glory to you, three in one.
Your mercy endures forever. Amen*

REFRAIN:

O God, I pray to you; my prayer rises with the sun.

READING: Ephesians 4:1b-6

Lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH

REFRAIN:

All praise and glory to you, God of all creation.

Praise the Lord, the God of Israel,
who shepherds the people and sets them free.

God raises from David's house
a child with power to save.
Through the holy prophets
God promised in ages past
to save us from enemy hands,
from the grip of all who hate us.

The Lord favored our ancestors
recalling the sacred covenant,
the pledge to our ancestor Abraham,
to free us from our enemies,
so we might worship without fear
and be holy and just all our days.

And you child, will be called
Prophet of the Most High,
for you will come to prepare
a pathway for the Lord
by teaching the people salvation
through forgiveness of their sin.

Out of God's deepest mercy
a dawn will come from on high,
light for those shadowed by death,
a guide for our feet on the way to peace.

DOXOLOGY:

*Glory to you, three in one.
Your mercy endures forever. Amen*

REFRAIN:

All praise and glory to you, God of all creation.

INTERCESSIONS

At the dawn of this new day we lift our voices to you, God of all nations, as we pray:

You are the God of industrialized nations and developing countries:

~Teach us to praise you with one voice.

You are the God of coastlands and heartlands:

~Give us knowledge of your wondrous love.

You are the God of mountains and lowlands:

~Help us to see your merciful deeds.

You are the God of north and south, of east and west:

~Move us to shout for joy because we are your children.

You are the God of peoples with diverse customs and languages:

~Help us to love one another as brothers and sisters.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER

God of all peoples and nations, thank you for your protection through the night. At our rising, let us praise you. In our waking, let us serve you. Wherever we may go today, let our hearts be centered in you for whom alone we go forward or stay back. This we ask in the name of Jesus. Amen.

BLESSING

May the God of Mercy bless and protect us all. Amen.

May the God of peace comfort us in times of trial. Amen.

May the God of love shine forth in our lives. Amen.

Monday Morning Prayer

PSALM 42

REFRAIN:

The love God summoned by day sustained my praise by night, my prayer to the living God.

As a deer craves running water,
I thirst for you, my God;
I thirst for God,
the living God.
When will I see your face?

Tears are my steady diet.
Day and night I hear,
“Where is your God?”

I cry my heart out,
I remember better days;
when I entered the house of God,
I was caught in the joyful sound
of pilgrims giving thanks.

Why are you sad, my heart?
Why do you grieve?
Wait for the Lord.
I will yet praise God my savior.

My heart is sad.
Even from Jordan and Hermon,
from the peak of Mizar,
I remember you.

There the deep roars to deep;
your torrents crash over me.
The love God summoned by day
sustained my praise by night,
my prayer to the living God.

I complain to God,
who I thought was rock:
“Why have you forgotten me?
Why am I bent double
under the weight of enemies?

“Their insults grind me to dust.
Day and night they say,
‘Where is your God?’”

Why are you sad, my heart?
Why do you grieve?
Wait for the Lord.
I will yet praise God my savior.

DOXOLOGY

Glory to you, Source of Life, Living Word, and Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever, world
without end. Amen

REFRAIN:

*The love God summoned by day sustained my praise by night, my
prayer to the living God.*

READING Jeremiah 15:15-16

*O Lord, remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for
me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away;
know that on your account I suffer insult. Your words were found,
and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the
delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of
hosts.*

CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH

REFRAIN:

Your words are the joy and happiness of my heart.

Praise the Lord, the God of Israel,
who shepherds the people and sets them free.

God raises from David's house
a child with power to save.
Through the holy prophets
God promised in ages past
to save us from enemy hands,
from the grip of all who hate us.

The Lord favored our ancestors
recalling the sacred covenant,
the pledge to our ancestor Abraham,
to free us from our enemies,
so we might worship without fear
and be holy and just all our days.

And you child, will be called
Prophet of the Most High,
for you will come to prepare

a pathway for the Lord
by teaching the people salvation
through forgiveness of their sin.

Out of God's deepest mercy
a dawn will come from on high,
light for those shadowed by death,
a guide for our feet on the way to peace.

DOXOLOGY

Glory to you, Source of Life, Living Word, and Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever, world
without end. Amen

REFRAIN:

Your words are the joy and happiness of my heart.

INTERCESSIONS

*In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.
Thankful for the beauty and goodness of all creation, we pray:
~ Good and loving God, hear our prayer!*

*For all who struggle for the basic necessities of life – nourishing
food, pure water, fresh air and adequate housing, we pray:
~ Good and loving God, hear our prayer!*

*For all who choose to live simply in order to share the earth's
resources with others, we pray:
~ Good and loving God, hear our prayer!*

*For all who work farms, cultivate gardens and preserve forests,
we pray:
~ Good and loving God, hear our prayer!*

*For all who suffer from storms, earthquakes and other natural
disasters, we pray:
~ Good and loving God, hear our prayer!*

*For all who seek better ways to care for the earth and to harness
its energies for the good of the human family, we pray:
~ Good and loving God, hear our prayer!*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER

*With longing hearts we cry out to you, God of all life. Let mercy
fall like gentle rain upon your suffering poor. Let your healing
waters bathe the wounds of those broken by disease, rejection or
self-hatred. The waters of our baptism made us one with Christ
Jesus. May our lives witness the love made flesh in him. Amen.*

BLESSING

*May God's blessing be upon us. Amen
May God's light lead us in the way of Righteousness. Amen.
May our lives be patterned on Christ Jesus. Amen.*

Monday Morning Prayer

PSAM 84

REFRAIN:

To live with you is joy, to praise you and never stop.

Your temple is my joy,
Lord of heaven's might.
I am eager for it,
eager for the courts of God.
My flesh, my flesh sings
its joy to the living God.

As a sparrow homing,
a swallow seeking a nest
to hatch its young,
I am eager for your altars,
Lord of heaven's might,
my king, my God.

To live with you is joy,
to praise you and never stop.
Those you bless with courage
will bless you from their hearts.

When they cross the Valley of Thirst
the ground is spaced with springs,
with the welcome rain of autumn.

They travel the towns to reach
the God of gods in Zion.

Hear me, Lord of might,
heed me, God of Jacob.
God our shield, look,
see the face of your anointed.

One day within your courts
is worth a thousand without.
I would rather stand at God's gate
than move among the wicked.

God is our sun, our shield,
the giver of honor and grace.
The Lord never fails to bless
those who walk with integrity.
Lord of heaven's might,
blest are all who trust in you.

DOXOLOGY:

*Glory to you, three in one.
Your mercy endures forever. Amen*

REFRAIN:

To live with you is joy, to praise you and never stop.

READING James 2:12-17

So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy' mercy triumphs over judgment. What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily good, an to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat

your fill," and yet you do not one of you says supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH

REFRAIN:

God of justice, may my faith be made flesh in my actions.

Praise the Lord, the God of Israel,
who shepherds the people and sets them free.

God raises from David's house
a child with power to save.
Through the holy prophets
God promised in ages past
to save us from enemy hands,
from the grip of all who hate us.

The Lord favored our ancestors
recalling the sacred covenant,
the pledge to our ancestor Abraham,
to free us from our enemies,
so we might worship without fear
and be holy and just all our days.

And you child, will be called
Prophet of the Most High,
for you will come to prepare
a pathway for the Lord
by teaching the people salvation
through forgiveness of their sin.

Out of God's deepest mercy
a dawn will come from on high,

light for those shadowed by death,
a guide for our feet on the way to peace.

DOXOLOGY:

*Glory to you, three in one.
Your mercy endures forever. Amen*

REFRAIN:

God of justice, may my faith be made flesh in my actions.

INTERCESSIONS

*Let us present our petitions before God who hears our every
need:*

~Christ our Light, hear our prayer!

*For our church, may it spread the gospel to all who are
experiencing suffering and pain in their lives:*

~Christ our Light, hear our prayer!

*For all nations, may they always seek peace, even in the face of
war:*

~Christ our Light, hear our prayer!

*For those who are troubled and anxious, may they find peace in
God's life-giving word and eucharist:*

~Christ our Light, hear our prayer!

*For members of our regional community, may we actively support
those who are experiencing suffering or difficulty in their lives:*

~Christ our Light, hear our prayer!

*For all those who have died, especially those who are close to us,
may they experience the peace of God's kingdom:*

~Christ our Light, hear our prayer!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER

*O God, in the beginning your Word called forth life from the
depths of the earth to the highest heavens. We praise you for the
wonders of creation, and we ask you to fashion us in your image
that our lives may continue to praise you. We make this prayer
through Jesus, the firstborn of creation. Amen.*

BLESSING

May God's blessing be upon us. Amen

May God's light lead us in the way of Righteousness. Amen.

May our lives be patterned on Christ Jesus. Amen.

Monday Morning Prayer

PSALM 103

REFRAIN:

Bless God, who fills your life with richness and gives you an eagle's strength.

My soul, bless the Lord,
bless God's holy name!
My soul, bless the Lord,
hold dear all God's gifts! Bless God, who forgives your sin
and heals every illness,
who snatches you from death
and enfolds you with tender care,
who fills your life with richness
and gives you an eagle's strength.

The Lord, who works justice
and defends the oppressed,
teaches Moses and Israel
divine ways and deeds.

The Lord is tender and caring,
slow to anger, rich in love.
God will not accuse us long,
nor bring our sins to trial,
nor exact from us in kind
what our sins deserve.

As high as heaven above earth,
so great is God's love for believers.
as far as east from west,
so God removes our sins.

As tender as father to child,
so gentle is God to believers.
The Lord knows how we are made,
remembers we are dust.

Our days pass by like grass,
our prime like a flower in bloom.
A wind comes, the flower goes,
empty now its place.

God's love is from all ages,
God's justice beyond all time
for believers of each generation:
those who keep the covenant,
who take care to live the law.

The Lord reigns from heaven,
rules over all there is.
Bless the Lord, you angels,
strong and quick to obey,
attending to God's word.

Bless the Lord, you powers,
eager to serve God's will.
Bless the Lord, you creatures,
everywhere under God's rule.
My soul, bless the Lord!

DOXOLOGY

Glory to you, Source of Life, Living Word, and Holy Spirit,

As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever, world
without end. Amen

REFRAIN:

*Bless God, who fills your life with richness and gives you an
eagle's strength.*

READING 2 Samuel 22: 26-29

*With the loyal you show yourself loyal; with the blameless you
show yourself blameless; with the pure you show yourself pure,
and with the crooked you show yourself perverse. You deliver a
humble people, but your eyes are upon the haughty to bring them
down. Indeed, you are my lamp, O Lord, the Lord lightens my
darkness.*

CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH

REFRAIN:

In you we can do all things; of ourselves we can do nothing.

Praise the Lord, the God of Israel,
who shepherds the people and sets them free.

God raises from David's house
a child with power to save.
Through the holy prophets
God promised in ages past
to save us from enemy hands,
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DOXOLOGY

Glory to you, Source of Life, Living Word, and Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever, world
without end. Amen

REFRAIN:

In you we can do all things; of ourselves we can do nothing.

INTERCESSIONS

*O God of mercy, as we begin our day we place our needs in your
hands and we pray:*

~Merciful God hear our prayer.

*For all those who minister to your people, that they may be
blessed with strength and courage, we pray:*

~Merciful God hear our prayer.

*For ourselves and all others in need of mercy, that we may
experience your gentle compassion, we pray:*

~Merciful God hear our prayer.

*For victims of violence and other forms of abuse, that they may
be healed by your tender mercy, we pray:*

~Merciful God hear our prayer.

*For the young who are searching for meaning in their lives, that
they may see in our lives Christ's love for them, we pray:*

~Merciful God hear our prayer.

*For all those who have died, especially _____, that they may
be united with you, we pray:*

~Merciful God hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER

*O God, you are rich in love and tenderness. Give us all we need
this day so that we may follow the example of Jesus. Help us to
hear and to respond to the pleas for mercy in our land. May we
praise your forever and ever. Amen*

BLESSING

May the Spirit of God find a home in us. Amen

May the Spirit of God animate us. Amen

May the Spirit of God create new hearts in us. Amen

Monday Evening Prayers Ordinary Time

*"Ever keep in mind the patience and humility of
Jesus Christ."*

C. McAuley

Monday Evening Prayer

Psalm 104:24-35

REFRAIN:

Feed us with the bread of your word, O God.

God how fertile your genius!
You shape each thing
you fill the world
with what you do.

I watch the sea, wide and deep,
filled with fish, large and small,
with ships that ly their trade,
and your own toy, Leviathan.

All look to you for food
when they hunger;
you provide it and they feed.
You open your hand, they feast;
you turn away, they fear.

You steal their breath,
they drop back into dust.
Breathe into them, they rise;
the face of the earth comes alive!

Let God's glory endure

and the Lord delight in creating.
One look from God, earth quivers;
one touch, and mountains erupt.

I will sing to my God,
make music for the Lord
as long as I live.
Let my song give joy to God
who is a joy to me.
Rid the world of sinners,
rid it of evil!

I will bless you, Lord!
Hallelujah!

DOXOLOGY

*Glory be 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*

REFRAIN:

Feed us with the bread of your word, O God.

Reading: Isaiah 55:1-3a, 10-11

*Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no
money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without
money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that
which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is
good, and delight yourself in rich food. Incline your ear, and come
to me; listen, so that you may live. For as the rain and the snow
come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have
watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to
the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes
out from my mouth; it shall not return empty, but it shall*

*accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for
which I sent it.*

CANTICLE OF MARY

REFRAIN:

Not knowing what to do I lift my eyes to you, O saving Lord.

I acclaim the greatness of the Lord,
I delight in God my savior,
who regarded my humble state.
Truly from this day on All ages will call me blest.

For God, wonderful in power,
has used that strength for me.
Holy the name of the Lord!
Whose mercy embraces the faithful,
one generation to the next.

The mighty arm of God
scatters the proud in their conceit,
Pulls tyrants from their thrones,
and raises up the humble.
The Lord fills the starving
And lets the rich go hungry.

God rescues lowly Israel,
recalling the promise of mercy,
the promise made to our ancestors,
to Abraham's heirs for ever.

DOXOLOGY

Glory be 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

REFRAIN:

Not knowing what to do I lift my eyes to you, O saving Lord.

INTERCESSIONS

God calls us to life in abundance. Let us praise and thank God, and let us make known our needs:

~ Jesus our way, our truth and our life, hear and answer our prayer.

For all who hold and teach the Catholic faith, that they may never grow weary of proclaiming the value of all life, let us pray:

~ Jesus our way, our truth and our life, hear and answer our prayer.

For the leaders of world government, that they may consciously choose life-giving solutions to societal problems, let us pray:

~ Jesus our way, our truth and our life, hear and answer our prayer.

For those who are sick, that they may find healing of body and spirit and for all who serve in the role of parents, that they may see God's good creation in the gift of children, let us pray:

~ Jesus our way, our truth and our life, hear and answer our prayer.

For all who mourn the loss of a loved one, that they may find comfort in the certainty of the resurrection, let us pray:

~ Jesus our way, our truth and our life, hear and answer our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER

Jesus, you are the bread that gives life. You fed the multitude when they hungered. Feed us now with the bread that sustains our hope. As you supply our need, let us be bread for your people. We ask this in your name. Amen

BLESSING

May God's blessing be upon us. Amen

May God's light lead us in the way of Righteousness. Amen.

May our lives be patterned on Christ Jesus. Amen.

Monday Evening Prayer

PSALM 119:33-50

REFRAIN

Guide me along your path, a way of delight.

God, teach me your ways
and I will follow them closely.
Help me understand your will,
that I may cherish your law.

Guide me along your path,
a way of delight.
Open my heart to your laws
and not to riches.

Turn my eyes from the lure of evil,
let me live your truth.
Keep your promise
to one who reveres you.

Spare me the shame I fear.
How good your commands!
See, I want what is right,
let your justice give me life.

Touch me with your love, O lord,
save me as you promised.

I defy those who taunt me,
for I trust your word.

Let me speak the whole truth,
for I await your justice.
I keep your word,
now and always.

I go about openly
pursuing your law.
I would speak your word to kings,
and not be ashamed.

For I love your ways
and delight in following them.
I revere your commands
and attend to them.

Remember what you promised me,
I wait in hope.
In sorrow, this is my comfort:
your life-giving word.

DOXOLOGY

*Glory be 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*

REFRAIN

Guide me along your path, a way of delight.

READING Isaiah 43:9-12

*Let all the nations gather together, and let the peoples assemble.
Who among them declared this, and foretold to us the former*

*things? Let them bring their witnesses to justify them, and let
them hear and say, "It is true." You are my witnesses, and my
servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe
me and understand that I am God. Before me no god was
formed, nor shall there be any after me. I am the Lord, and
besides me there is no savior. I declared and saved and
proclaimed, when there was no strange god among you; and you
are my witnesses.*

CANTICLE OF MARY

REFRAIN:

Truly your word is at work in us. We sing with joy.

I acclaim the greatness of the Lord,
I delight in God my savior,
who regarded my humble state.
Truly from this day on All ages will call me blest.

For God, wonderful in power,
has used that strength for me.
Holy the name of the Lord!
Whose mercy embraces the faithful,
one generation to the next.

The mighty arm of God
scatters the proud in their conceit,
Pulls tyrants from their thrones,
and raises up the humble.
The Lord fills the starving
And lets the rich go hungry.

God rescues lowly Israel,
recalling the promise of mercy,

the promise made to our ancestors,
to Abraham's heirs for ever.

DOXOLOGY

*Glory be 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*

REFRAIN:

Truly your word is at work in us. We sing with joy.

INTERCESSIONS

*Jesus, you taught us to pray; listen to our prayers this evening:
~ Jesus, we place our trust in you.*

*For elected officials, that they use their power and authority for
the common good, we pray:
~ Jesus, we place our trust in you.*

*For those who are sick, that they experience your healing
presence and return to full health, we pray:
~ Jesus, we place our trust in you.*

*For those who mourn the loss of loved ones, that they find
comfort and support in their time of grief, we pray:
~ Jesus, we place our trust in you.*

*For our world community called to responsibility for the planet
Earth, that we collaborate in caring stewardship, we pray:
~ Jesus, we place our trust in you.*

*For those discerning a call to religious life and priesthood, that
they be open to the inspiration of the Spirit, we pray:
~ Jesus, we place our trust in you.*

*For all members of the Institute, that they will continue to be
blessed with your presence in their lives, we pray:
~ Jesus, we place our trust in you.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER

*You have called us, O God, to unite us to yourself in the person of
your Son, Jesus. Through our reflections on his life, may we come
to know his spirit and to reflect it in our words and actions. Thus
will all people know of your constant love for us. We make this
prayer in a spirit of gratitude and praise. Amen.*

BLESSING

*May God's blessing be upon us. Amen
May God's light lead us in the way of Righteousness. Amen.
May our lives be patterned on Christ Jesus. Amen.*

Monday Evening Prayer

PSALM 136

REFRAIN:

Rejoice and give thanks. God's love is forever.

Our God is good, give thanks!
God's love is for ever!
Our God of God's, give thanks!
God's love is forever!
Our Lord of lords, give thanks!
God's love is for ever!

Alone the maker of worlds!
God's love is for ever!
Architect for the skies!
God's love is forever!
Spread land on the sea!
God's love is for ever!

Set the great lights above!
God's love is for ever!
The sun to rule the day!
God's love is for ever!
The moon and stars, the night!
God's love is for ever!

Struck down Egypt's firstborn!

God's love is for ever!
Guided Israel's escape!
God's love is for ever!
Held out a mighty arm!
God's love is for ever!

Split in two the Red Sea!
God's love is for ever!
Led Israel across!
God's love is for ever!
Drowned Pharaoh and his troops!
God's love is for ever!

Led the desert trek!
God's love is for ever!
Struck down mighty tribes!
God's love is for ever!
Killed powerful kings!
God's love is for ever!

Sohon, the Amorite king!
God's love is for ever!
And Og, Bashan's king!
God's love is for ever!
Gave Israel a land!
God's love is for ever!

For Israel to keep!
God's love is for ever!
Remembered our distress!
God's love is for ever!
Kept us from defeat!
God's love is for ever!

God feeds all living things!
God's love is for ever!
God in heaven be thanked!

God's love is for ever!

DOXOLOGY

*Glory to you, God of all peoples.
To Jesus, healer and friend,
to the Spirit dwelling within,
Praise be yours forever. Amen*

REFRAIN:

Rejoice and give thanks. God's love is forever.

READING Judith 16:13-15

I will sing to my God a new song: O Lord, you are great and glorious, wonderful in strength, invincible. Let all your creatures serve you, for you spoke, and they were made. You sent forth your spirit, and it formed them; there is none that can resist your voice. For the mountains shall be shaken to their foundations with the waters; before your glance the rocks shall melt like wax. But to those who fear you you show mercy.

CANTICLE OF MARY

REFRAIN:

Discover to me, O my God, the greatness of heaven, the shortness of time, and the length of eternity.

*I acclaim the greatness of the Lord,
I delight in God my savior,
who regarded my humble state.
Truly from this day on All ages will call me blest.*

For God, wonderful in power,
has used that strength for me.
Holy the name of the Lord!
Whose mercy embraces the faithful,
one generation to the next.

The mighty arm of God
scatters the proud in their conceit,
Pulls tyrants from their thrones,
and raises up the humble.
The Lord fills the starving
And lets the rich go hungry.

God rescues lowly Israel,
recalling the promise of mercy,
the promise made to our ancestors,
to Abraham's heirs for ever.

DOXOLOGY

*Glory to you, God of all peoples.
To Jesus, healer and friend,
to the Spirit dwelling within,
Praise be yours forever. Amen REFRAIN:*

REFRAIN:

*Discover to me, O my God, the greatness of heaven, the
shortness of time, and the length of eternity.*

INTERCESSIONS

*O Extraordinary God, you reveal yourself in such ordinary ways;
we pray to be more mindful of you in our everyday life:
~Help us to see you, O God.*

*God of wonders, give us the eyes of children to respond with
delight to the newness and freshness of each moment:
~Help us to see you, O God.*

*God of life, open our eyes to your presence in the faces of all
whom we meet today:
~Help us to see you, O God.*

*God of truth teach us to recognize your message in all the events
of the day:
~Help us to see you, O God.*

*God of peace, show us the way to serenity in the midst of
confusion and division:
~Help us to see you, O God.*

*God of light, we place our trust in you:
~Help us to see you, O God.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER

*The joys and sorrows of our lives follow one another, O God, as
night follows day. Help us to accept moments of doubt or
discouragement as readily as we accept times of joy and
gladness, knowing that you "will soon come, both hands filled
with favors and blessings." We ask this through Jesus who
sufferings gave way to resurrection. Amen.*

BLESSING

*May God's blessing be upon us. Amen
May God's light lead us in the way of Righteousness. Amen.
May our lives be patterned on Christ Jesus. Amen.*

Monday Evening Prayer

PSALM 40

REFRAIN:

Your maternal love surrounds us. Your sure and tender care protects us always.

I waited and waited for God.
At long last God bent down
to hear my complaint,
and pulled me from the grave
out of the swamp,
and gave me a steady stride
on rock-solid ground.

God taught me a new song,
a hymn of praise.
Seeing all this,
many will be moved
to trust in the Lord.

Happy are they who trust in God,
not seduced by idols
nor won over by lies.

You do so many wonders.
You show your care for us,
Lord my God:
You are beyond compare.

Were I to name them all,
no one could keep track.

You did not seek offerings
or ask for sacrifices;
but you drilled ears
for me to hear.

“Yes,” I said, “I will come
to live by your written word.”
I want to do what pleases you;
your teaching is in my heart.

I celebrate your justice
before all the assembly;
I do not hold back the story.
Lord, you know this is true.

I did not hide in my heart
your acts of rescue;
I boldly declare to all
your truth and care, your faithful love.

Your maternal love
surrounds me, Lord.
Your sure and tender care
protects me always.

Countless evils surround me,
more than the hairs on my head;
My sins overwhelm me,
so many I can hardly see,
My courage fails me.

Please, Lord, rescue me;
hurry, Lord, help me.
Stop my killers, shame them,

wipe out my bitter enemies.

Let those who jeer at me,
“Too bad for you!”
be rewarded with shame.

But let all who seek you
and count on your strength
Sing and dance and cheer
“Glory to God!”

Though I am weak and poor
God cares for me.
My help, my savior,
my God, act now!

DOXOLOGY

*Glory be 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*

REFRAIN:

*Your maternal love surrounds us. Your sure and tender care
protects us always.*

READING Isaiah 49: 14-16a

*Zion said, “The Lord has forsaken me, my Lord has forgotten me.”
Can a woman forget her nursing child, or show no compassion for
the child in her womb?
Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you.
See I have inscribed you on the palms of my hands.*

CANTICLE OF MARY

REFRAIN:

May our hearts overflow with love for one another as we rejoice in your love for us.

*I acclaim the greatness of the Lord,
I delight in God my savior,
who regarded my humble state.
Truly from this day on
all ages will call me blest.*

*For God, wonderful in power,
has used that strength for me.
Holy the name of the Lord!
Whose mercy embraces the faithful,
one generation to the next.*

*The might arm of God
scatters the proud in their conceit,
pulls tyrants from their thrones,
and raises up the humble.
The Lord fills the starving
and lets the rich go hungry.*

*God rescues lowly Israel,
recalling the promise of mercy,
the promise made to our ancestors,
to Abraham's heirs for ever.*

DOXOLOGY

*Glory be 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*

REFRAIN:

May our hearts overflow with love for one another as we rejoice in your love for us.

INTERCESSIONS

Grateful for your creative love, O God, we pray for those who bear life. Confident of your care for them, we pray

~ Protect them in your love

For women who bring forth their children in uncertainty—for refugees and for the homeless, we pray:

~ Protect them in your love

For women who are dismayed to find themselves pregnant, we pray:

~ Protect them in your love

For women who lack the resources to care for their children, we pray:

~ Protect them in your love

For women whose children have disappeared, we pray:

~ Protect them in your love

For women who watch their children suffer and die, we pray:

~ Protect them in your love

For women who generously embrace the experience of motherhood, we pray:

~ Protect them in your love

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER

Your maternal love surrounds us, O God, nurturing and sustaining our lives. Inspired by your gentle care, may we offer our support and encouragement to those whom you have called to nurture new life. Give them strength and courage, patience and joy, as they tend these most vulnerable members of Christ's body. We offer this prayer through the intercession of Mary who bore your Son Jesus to our world. Amen.

BLESSING

May God's blessing be upon us. Amen

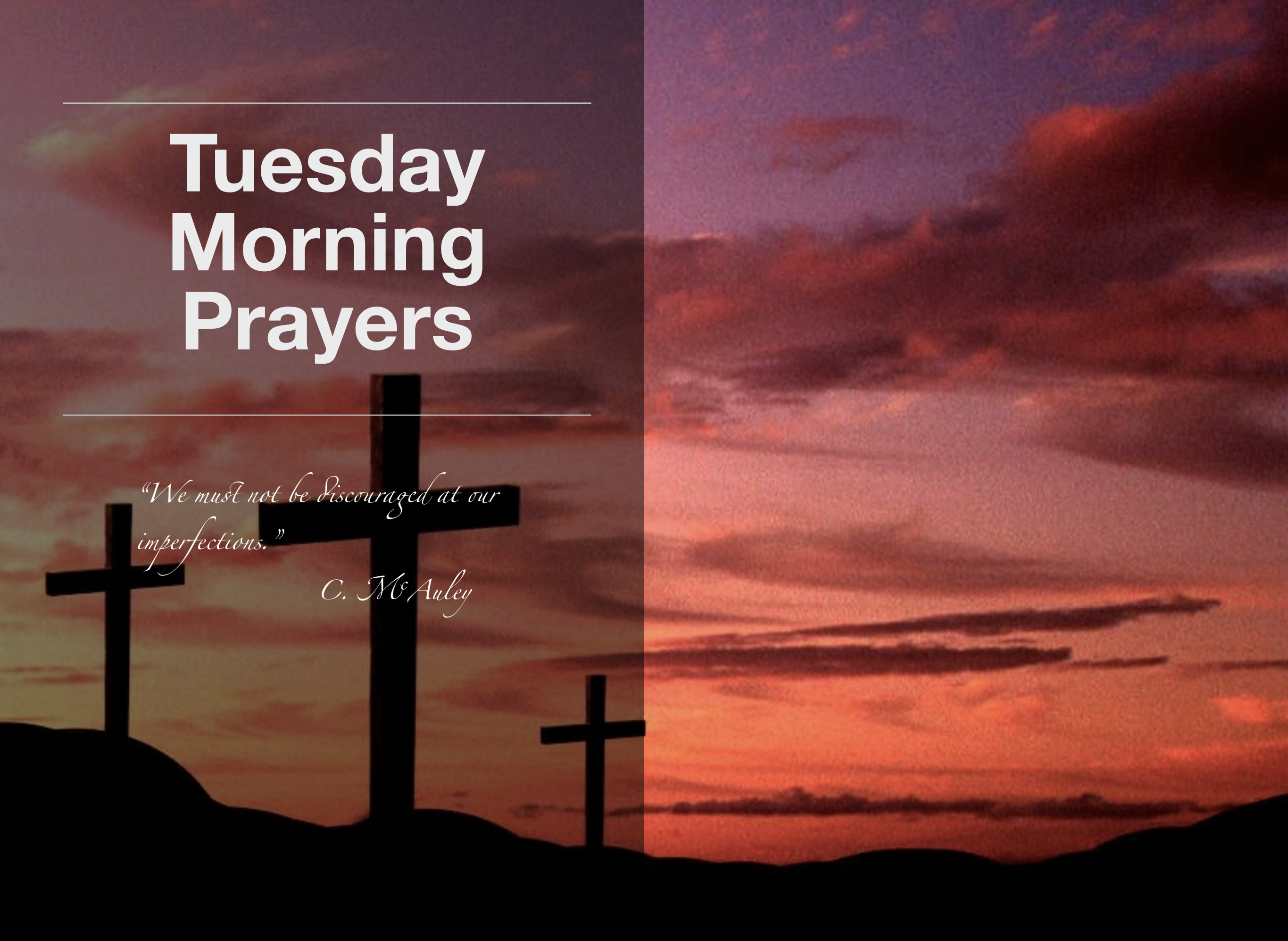
May God's light lead us in the way of Righteousness. Amen.

May our lives be patterned on Christ Jesus. Amen.

Tuesday Morning Prayers

*"We must not be discouraged at our
imperfections."*

C. McAuley



Tuesday Morning

PSALM 24

REFRAIN:

God will bless them, their Savior will bring justice.

God owns this planet
and all its riches.
The earth and every creature
belong to God.

God set the land on top of the seas
and anchored it in the deep.

Who is fit to climb God's mountain
and stand in his holy place?

Whoever has integrity:
not chasing shadows,
not living lies.

God will bless them,
their savior will bring justice.
These people long to see the Lord,
they seek the face of Jacob's God.

Stretch toward heaven, you gates,
open high and wide.

Let the glorious sovereign enter.

Who is this splendid ruler?
The Lord of power and might,
the conqueror of chaos.

Stretch toward heaven, you gates,
open high and wide.
Let the glorious sovereign enter.

Who is this splendid ruler?
The Lord of heaven's might,
this splendid ruler is God.

DOXOLOGY:

*Glory to you, three in one.
Your mercy endures forever. Amen.*

REFRAIN:

God will bless them, their Savior will bring justice.

READING Romans 13:11b – 14

It is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provisions for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH

REFRAIN:

*Let us follow the example of Jesus who testified on all occasions
a tender love for the poor.*

*Praise the Lord, the God of Israel,
who shepherds the people and sets them free.*

*God raises from David's house
a child with power to save.
Through the holy prophets
God promised in ages past
to save us from enemy hands,
from the grip of all who hate us.*

*The Lord favored our ancestors
recalling the sacred covenant,
the pledge to our ancestor Abraham,
to free us from our enemies,
so we might worship without fear
and be holy and just all our days.*

*And you child, will be called
Prophet of the Most High,
for you will come to prepare
a pathway for the Lord
by teaching the people salvation
through forgiveness of their sin.*

*Out of God's deepest mercy
a dawn will come from on high,
light for those shadowed by death,
a guide for our feet on the way to peace.*

DOXOLOGY:

Glory to you, three in one.

Your mercy endures forever. Amen.

REFRAIN:

*Let us follow the example of Jesus who testified on all occasions
a tender love for the poor.*

INTERCESSIONS

*Loving God, maker of the dawn, we ask for your protection this
day.*

You are gentle and kind, merciful to those in need:

*-Send the light of your abundant love to those who are lonely and
suffering.*

You desire freedom for the oppressed:

*-Shower the earth with justice for those who are imprisoned by
hate and fear.*

You bring healing to the wounded:

- Wrap our doubts and failures in the sweet dew of forgiveness.

You bring freedom to the captive:

- Break the chains of those bound by their addictions.

You comfort those who mourn:

- Lift the mist of sorrow from our hearts that we may know joy.

You bring peace to those in conflict:

-Touch our confusion with quiet clarity.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER

*God of justice and mercy, you are our saving God. Come with your
power to save, and free those held captive by oppression. Use us
as your instruments of mercy and peace. Give us the courage to
challenge all that enslaves the human spirit. This we ask in the
name of Jesus. Amen.*

BLESSING

May God's blessing be upon us. Amen

May God's light lead us in the way of Righteousness. Amen.

May our lives be patterned on Christ Jesus. Amen.

Tuesday Morning

PSALM 43

REFRAIN:

O God, my highest joy, I will praise you all my life.

Decide in my favor, God,
plead my case against the hateful,
defend me from liars and thugs.
For you are God my fortress.

Why have you forgotten me?
Why am I bent double
under the weight of enemies?

Send your light and truth.
They will escort me
to the holy mountain
where you make your home.

I will approach the altar of God,
God, my highest joy,
and praise you with the harp,
God, my God.

Why are you sad, my heart?
Why do you grieve?
Wait for the Lord.

I will yet praise God my savior.

DOXOLOGY

*Glory to you, Source of Life, Living Word, and Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever, world
without end. Amen*

REFRAIN:

O God, my highest joy, I will praise you all my life.

READING - I THESSALONIANS 5:2-6

*You yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come
like a thief in the night.*

*When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden
destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a
pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved,
are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for
you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of
the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others
do, but let us keep awake and be sober.*

CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH

REFRAIN:

Let us walk in your way as children of the light.

*Praise the Lord, the God of Israel,
who shepherds the people and sets them free.*

God raises from David's house

*a child with power to save.
Through the holy prophets
God promised in ages past
to save us from enemy hands,
from the grip of all who hate us.*

*The Lord favored our ancestors
recalling the sacred covenant,
the pledge to our ancestor Abraham,
to free us from our enemies,
so we might worship without fear
and be holy and just all our days.*

*And you child, will be called
Prophet of the Most High,
for you will come to prepare
a pathway for the Lord
by teaching the people salvation
through forgiveness of their sin.*

*Out of God's deepest mercy
a dawn will come from on high,
light for those shadowed by death,
a guide for our feet on the way to peace.*

DOXOLOGY

*Glory to you, Source of Life, Living Word, and Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever, world
without end. Amen*

REFRAIN:

Let us walk in your way as children of the light.

INTERCESSIONS

The God of life is in our midst, breathing energy and compassion into our hearts. We lift our voices in prayer and praise, as we say:

~ Generous God, fill our hearts!

We pray for the gift of gratitude that we may be thankful for each new day:

~ Generous God, fill our hearts!

We pray for the gift of hope that we may be able to meet the challenges of each day with courage and conviction:

~ Generous God, fill our hearts!

We pray for the gift of compassion that we may reach out to all who are oppressed, especially to women and men who struggle for equality and fullness of life:

~ Generous God, fill our hearts!

We pray for the gift of joy that we may delight in the beauty of each person and in the mystery of your love:

~ Generous God, fill our hearts!

We pray for the gift of peace that we may live in harmony with one another:

~ Generous God, fill our hearts!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER

Generous God, we wait for you. You are our highest joy, our deepest peace. As we go forth to this day's tasks, let us carry your light within us. May our day begin in you and end in you so that all may be done for your glory. May you and you alone be the principal motive of our actions. We ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

BLESSING:

May the Spirit of God find a home in us. Amen

May the Spirit of God animate us. Amen.

May the Spirit of God create new hearts in us. Amen.

Tuesday Morning

PSALM 67

REFRAIN:

Let every nation sing your praise, every nation on earth.

Favor and bless us, Lord.
Let your face shine on us,
revealing your way to all peoples
salvation the world over.

Let nations sing your praise
every nation on earth.

The world shout for joy,
for you rule the planet with justice.
In fairness you govern the nations
and guide the peoples of earth.

Let the nations sing you praise,
every nation on earth.

The land delivers its harvest,
God, our God, has blessed us.
O God, continue your blessing,
may the whole world worship you.

DOXOLOGY

*Glory to you, Source of Life, Living Word, and Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever, world
without end. Amen*

REFRAIN:

Let every nation sing your praise, every nation on earth.

READING - I Corinthians 3:16-17, 21-23

Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple. So let no one boast about human leaders. For all things are yours, whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all belong to you, and you belong to Christ, and Christ belongs to God.

CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH

REFRAIN:

May we remain in you and you in us.

*Praise the Lord, the God of Israel,
who shepherds the people and sets them free.*

*God raises from David's house
a child with power to save.
Through the holy prophets
God promised in ages past
to save us from enemy hands,
from the grip of all who hate us.*

*The Lord favored our ancestors
recalling the sacred covenant,
the pledge to our ancestor Abraham,
to free us from our enemies,
so we might worship without fear
and be holy and just all our days.*

*And you child, will be called
Prophet of the Most High,
for you will come to prepare
a pathway for the Lord
by teaching the people salvation
through forgiveness of their sin.*

*Out of God's deepest mercy
a dawn will come from on high,
light for those shadowed by death,
a guide for our feet on the way to peace.*

DOXOLOGY

*Glory to you, Source of Life, Living Word, and Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever, world
without end. Amen*

REFRAIN:

May we remain in you and you in us.

INTERCESSIONS

*O God of the nations, we join with you in our longing for peace
among all peoples of the earth. We acknowledge our failings to
promote peace, and we ask pardon, as we pray:
~Make us instruments of your peace.*

We pray that dialogue among peoples will help us overcome distrust and cynicism:

~Make us instruments of your peace.

We pray that human ingenuity will benefit the whole human family:

~Make us instruments of your peace.

We pray that collaboration will replace destructive competition between countries:

~Make us instruments of your peace.

We pray that mutual respect among nations and people will replace exploitation:

~Make us instruments of your peace.

We pray that concern for the common good will permeate negotiations among nations:

~Make us instruments of your peace.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER

Just God, you never fail to bless those who walk with integrity. Teach us to travel the paths of our lives trusting in your care, and make us eager to walk in your truth. We ask this in the name of Jesus who is the way, the truth and the life. Amen.

BLESSING

May God's blessing be upon us. Amen.

May God's light lead us in the way of Righteousness. Amen.

May our lives be patterned on Christ Jesus. Amen.

Tuesday Morning

PSALM 96

REFRAIN:

Tell the whole world God's glory, God's wonder!

A new song for the Lord!
Sing it and bless God's name,
everyone, everywhere!
Tell the whole world
God's triumph day to day,
God's glory, God's wonder!

A noble God deserving praise,
the dread of other gods,
the puny gods of pagans;
for our God made the heavens---
the Lord of majestic light
who fills the temple with beauty..

Proclaim the Lord, you nations,
praise the glory of God's power,
praise the glory of God's name!
Bring gifts to the temple,
bow down, all the earth,
tremble in God's holy presence.

Tell the nations, "The Lord rules!"

As the firm earth is not swayed,
nothing can sway God's judgment.
Let heaven and earth be glad,
the sea and sea creatures roar,
the field and its beasts exult.

Then let the trees of the forest sing
before the coming of the Lord,
who comes to judge the nations,
to set the earth aright,
restoring the world to order.

DOXOLOGY

*Glory to you, Source of Life, Living Word, and Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever, world
without end. Amen*

REFRAIN:

Tell the whole world God's glory, God's wonder!

READING Joel 2:19a, 21-23a,26a,27a

*In response to his people the Lord said: I am sending you grain,
wine, and oil, and you will be satisfied. Do not fear, O soil; be glad
and rejoice, for the Lord has done great things! Do not fear, you
animals of the field, for the pastures of the wilderness are green;
the tree bears its fruit, the fig tree and vine give their full yield. O
children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God. You
shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the
Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. You shall
know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I, the Lord, am your
God, and there is no other.*

CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH

REFRAIN:

May we be alive to the power of God.

*Praise the Lord, the God of Israel,
who shepherds the people and sets them free.*

*God raises from David's house
a child with power to save.
Through the holy prophets
God promised in ages past
to save us from enemy hands,
from the grip of all who hate us.*

*The Lord favored our ancestors
recalling the sacred covenant,
the pledge to our ancestor Abraham,
to free us from our enemies,
so we might worship without fear
and be holy and just all our days.*

*And you child, will be called
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through forgiveness of their sin.*

*Out of God's deepest mercy
a dawn will come from on high,
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a guide for our feet on the way to peace.*

DOXOLOGY

*Glory to you, Source of Life, Living Word, and Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever, world
without end. Amen*

REFRAIN:

May we be alive to the power of God.

INTERCESSIONS

*God we thank you and praise you for the beginning of another
day. Knowing that you meet us everywhere, we pray:*

~God of Surprises, show us your face.

*For the grace to see you in all the events of our lives, even when
they seem like moments of adversity, we pray:*

~God of Surprises, show us your face.

*For the grace to see you in all the interruptions of the day , we
pray:*

~God of Surprises, show us your face.

*For the grace to see your suffering face in all the troubled people
we meet today, we pray:*

~God of Surprises, show us your face.

*For the grace to see you in the familiar faces that we take for
granted each day, we pray:*

~God of Surprises, show us your face.

*For the grace to see you in those who are sick, or lonely, or
brokenhearted, we pray:*

~God of Surprises, show us your face.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER

*God of wonder, we rise this day to give you praise, for you never
stop filling the world with beauty. May our lives reflect your glory
to the world. Believing in the power of your name and trusting in
your Spirit, we ask this through Jesus the Christ. Amen.*

BLESSING

May the Spirit of God find a home in us. Amen

May the Spirit of God animate us. Amen

May the Spirit of God create new hearts in us. Amen

Tuesday Evening Prayers

*"Speak of God for God and with
God."*

C. McAuley



Tuesday Evening

PSALM 16

REFRAIN:

I am sure God is here, right beside me.

Protect me, God,
I turn to you for help,
I profess, “You are my Lord,
my greatest good.”

I once put faith in false gods,
the idols of the land.
Now I make no offering to them,
nor invoke their names.
Those who chase after them add grief upon grief.

Lord, you measure out my portion,
the shape of my future;
you mark off the best place for me
to enjoy my inheritance.

I bless God who teaches me,
who schools my heart even at night.
I am sure God is here,
right beside me.
I cannot be shaken.

So my heart rejoices,
my body thrills with life,
my whole being rests secure.

You will not abandon me to Sheol,
nor send your faithful one to death.
You show me the road to life;
boundless joy at your side for ever!

DOXOLOGY

*Glory to you, God of all peoples.
To Jesus, healer and friend,
to the Spirit dwelling within,
Praise be yours forever. Amen.*

REFRAIN:

I am sure God is here, right beside me.

READING 1 JOHN 4:7-11

*Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God;
everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does
not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was
revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the
world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that
we loved God but that God loved us and sent his Son to be the
atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so
much, we also ought to love one another.*

CANTICLE OF MARY

REFRAIN:

Endless is your love for me. Give me voice to sing your praise.

*I acclaim the greatness of the Lord,
I delight in God my savior,
who regarded my humble state.
Truly from this day on All ages will call me blest.*

*For God, wonderful in power,
has used that strength for me.
Holy the name of the Lord!
Whose mercy embraces the faithful,
one generation to the next.*

*The mighty arm of God
scatters the proud in their conceit,
Pulls tyrants from their thrones,
and raises up the humble.
The Lord fills the starving
And lets the rich go hungry.*

*God rescues lowly Israel,
recalling the promise of mercy,
the promise made to our ancestors,
to Abraham's heirs for ever.*

DOXOLOGY

*Glory to you, God of all peoples.
To Jesus, healer and friend,
to the Spirit dwelling within,
Praise be yours forever. Amen.*

REFRAIN:

Endless is your love for me. Give me voice to sing your praise.

INTERCESSIONS

We end this day, as always, in the company of Jesus, our friend. In his presence, we pray.

Teacher of wisdom:

- *Open our ears that we may hear your voice and be instruments of your plan.*

Gardener of love:

- *Free our hearts from the weeds of bitterness and anger.*

Light of peace:

- *Let us see beyond superficial differences and recognize one another as sisters and brothers.*

Reliever of oppression:

- *Help us to recognize the dignity of all who are marginalized and lead us to work for justice.*

Comforter of those who suffer:

- *Show us how to be with those in pain, especially abused women and children.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER

Jesus, you walked with your disciples on the way to Emmaus and revealed your presence in the breaking of the bread. Walk with us on our journey. Open us to see the revelation of your presence in the daily events of our lives. You who promised to be with us always be faithful to your word. We ask this in your name. Amen.

BLESSING

May God's blessing be upon us. Amen

May God's light lead us in the way of Righteousness. Amen.

May our lives be patterned on Christ Jesus. Amen.

Tuesday Evening

PSALM 62

REFRAIN:

My soul waits for God alone, my safety and my salvation.

My soul waits, silent for God,
for God alone, my salvation,
alone my rock, my safety,
my refuge: I stand secure.

How long will some of you attack
tearing others down
as if walls or fences
on the verge of collapse?

You scheme to topple them,
so smug in your lies;
your lips are all blessing,
but murder fills your heart.

Wait, my soul, silent for God,
for God alone, my hope,
alone my rock, my safety,
my refuge: I stand secure.

God is my glory and safety,
my stronghold, my haven.

People, give your hearts to God,
trust always! God is our haven.

Mortals are but a breath,
nothing more than a mirage;
set them on the scales,
they prove lighter than mist.

Avoid extortion and fraud,
the hopes they breed are nothing;
and if you should grow rich,
place no trust in wealth.

Time and again God said,
“Strength and love are mine to give.”
The Lord repays us all
in light of what we do.

DOXOLOGY

*Glory to you, Source of Life, Living Word, and Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever, world
without end. Amen*

REFRAIN:

My soul waits for God alone, my safety and my salvation.

READING Isaiah 43:1b-4a

*Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name,
you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with
you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you
walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not
consume you.*

*For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, you Savior. I
give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for
you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I
love you*

CANTICLE OF MARY

REFRAIN:

*We have been redeemed in Christ Jesus for whom alone we go
forward or stay back.*

I acclaim the greatness of the Lord,
I delight in God my savior,
who regarded my humble state.
Truly from this day on All ages will call me blest.

For God, wonderful in power,
has used that strength for me.
Holy the name of the Lord!
Whose mercy embraces the faithful,
one generation to the next.

The mighty arm of God
scatters the proud in their conceit,
Pulls tyrants from their thrones,
and raises up the humble.
The Lord fills the starving
And lets the rich go hungry.

God rescues lowly Israel,
recalling the promise of mercy,
the promise made to our ancestors,
to Abraham's heirs for ever.

DOXOLOGY

*Glory to you, Source of Life, Living Word, and Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever, world
without end.*

Amen

REFRAIN:

*We have been redeemed in Christ Jesus for whom alone we go
forward or stay back.*

INTERCESSIONS

*O Jesus, true and eternal light, hear our prayer as night
approaches:*

~ Let the light of your face shine upon us!

*For world leaders, that they may explore new and effective ways
to achieve peace, we pray:*

~ Let the light of your face shine upon us!

*For those who suffer from poverty, that there may be a just and
equal sharing of the world's resources, we pray:*

~ Let the light of your face shine upon us!

*For those suffering painful separations because of divorce,
violence or death, that they may be comforted and supported by
their faith and their friends, we pray:*

~ Let the light of your face shine upon us!

*For those who are spiritually blind, that they may receive your
light, we pray:*

~ Let the light of your face shine upon us!

*For ourselves, that we may respect the beauty of the earth and
strive to preserve it, we pray:*

~ Let the light of your face shine upon us!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER

*For you alone, O God, we go forward or stay back, our hearts
centered in you. May we find refreshment and security in you and
be animated and strengthened for the service to which you call
us. May the fruit of our ministry be union and charity among your
people. Thus we will build your reign on earth as it is in heaven.
We ask this, confident in your never-failing help. Amen.*

BLESSING

May God's blessing be upon us. Amen

May God's light lead us in the way of Righteousness. Amen.

May our lives be patterned on Christ Jesus. Amen.

Tuesday Evening

PSALM 130

REFRAIN:

Because you forgive, we stand in awe.

From the depths I call to you,
Lord, hear my cry.
Catch the sound of my voice
raised up, pleading.

If you record our sins,
Lord, who could survive?
But because you forgive
we stand in awe.

I trust in God's word,
I trust in the Lord.
More than sentries for dawn
I watch for the Lord.

More than sentries for dawn
let Israel watch.
The Lord will bring mercy
and grant full pardon.
Then Lord will free Israel
from all its sins.

DOXOLOGY

*Glory to you, God of all peoples.
To Jesus, healer and friend,
to the Spirit dwelling within,
Praise be yours forever. Amen.*

REFRAIN:

Because you forgive, we stand in awe.

READING Romans 12:9-12

*Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good;
love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in
showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the
Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.*

CANTICLE OF MARY

REFRAIN:

*Spirit of love, make our love for one another flow out to all in
need.*

*I acclaim the greatness of the Lord,
I delight in God my savior,
who regarded my humble state.
Truly from this day on All ages will call me blest.*

*For God, wonderful in power,
has used that strength for me.
Holy the name of the Lord!
Whose mercy embraces the faithful,
one generation to the next.*

*The mighty arm of God
scatters the proud in their conceit,
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DOXOLOGY

*Glory to you, God of all peoples.
To Jesus, healer and friend,
to the Spirit dwelling within,
Praise be yours forever. Amen.*

REFRAIN:

*Spirit of love, make our love for one another flow out to all in
need.*

INTERCESSIONS

*We come together this evening to welcome Christ into our hearts
as we ask him to intercede on our behalf:
~Christ our hope, hear our prayer!*

*That God will look after us and protect us from all that hinders our
salvation:
~Christ our hope, hear our prayer*

*That the Holy Spirit will ignite the flame of faith in those who do
not yet recognize God as the center of their lives:*

~Christ our hope, hear our prayer

That the cries of the poor, the hungry, the abused and the homeless will be relieved through God's people:

~Christ our hope, hear our prayer

That those who feel alone will find in this community welcome and hospitality:

~Christ our hope, hear our prayer

That God will protect us from all harm and lead us to do only good:

~Christ our hope, hear our prayer

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER

It is our confidence in you, O God, that causes us to hope. We have given ourselves to you and know that you hold us in your protective care. May this sure hope give us courage and creativity for ministry, bringing us closer and closer to the realization of your reign. We ask this through Jesus, our companion and guide. Amen.

BLESSING

May God's blessing be upon us. Amen

May God's light lead us in the way of Righteousness. Amen.

May our lives be patterned on Christ Jesus. Amen.

Tuesday Evening

PSALM 34

REFRAIN:

Drink in the richness of God. Enjoy the strength of the Holy One.

I will never stop thanking God,
with constant words of praise.
My soul will boast of God;
the poor will hear me and be glad.

Join me in praising the Lord,
together tell of God's name.
I asked and the Lord responded,
freed me from all my fears.

Turn to God, be bright with joy;
you shall never be let down.
I begged and God heard,
took my burdens from me.

God's angel defends the faithful,
guards them on every side.
Drink in the richness of God,
enjoy the strength of the Lord.

Live in awe of God, you saints:
you will want for nothing.

Even if lions go hungry,
those seeking God are fed.

Come to me, children, listen:
learn to cherish the Lord.
Do you long for life,
for time to enjoy success?

Keep your tongue from evil,
keep lies far from your lips.
Shun evil, go after good,
press on, seek after peace.

God confronts the wicked
to blot them out forever,
but turns toward the just
to hear their cry for help.

The troubled call out: God hears,
saves the from all distress.
God stays near broken hearts
heals the wounded spirit.

The good endure great trials,
but God comes to their rescue
and guard their every bone
so not one is broken.

Evil kills its own kind,
dooms the wicked to death.
God saves those who keep faith;
no trusting soul is doomed.

DOXOLOGY

Glory to you, Source of Life, Living Word, and Holy Spirit,

*As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever, world
without end. Amen*

REFRAIN:

Drink in the richness of God. Enjoy the strength of the Holy One.

READING Colossians 3:15-17

*Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts to which indeed you
were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of
Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all
wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns,
and spiritual songs to God.*

*And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name
of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.*

CANTICLE OF MARY

REFRAIN:

We will sing your praise, O God, for you renew us with your love.

I acclaim the greatness of the Lord,
I delight in God my savior,
who regarded my humble state.
Truly from this day on All ages will call me blest.

For God, wonderful in power,
has used that strength for me.
Holy the name of the Lord!
Whose mercy embraces the faithful,
one generation to the next.

The mighty arm of God

scatters the proud in their conceit,
Pulls tyrants from their thrones,
and raises up the humble.
The Lord fills the starving
And lets the rich go hungry.

God rescues lowly Israel,
recalling the promise of mercy,
the promise made to our ancestors,
to Abraham's heirs for ever.

DOXOLOGY

*Glory to you, Source of Life, Living Word, and Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever, world
without end. Amen*

REFRAIN:

We will sing your praise, O God, for you renew us with your love.

INTERCESSIONS

*God's love calls us together for spiritual nourishment and gives us
the opportunity to ask for help in our needs:*
~ Gracious God, we ask in faith.

*For the church, may we hear your words of love that enable us to
grow in our commitment, we pray:*
~ Gracious God, we ask in faith.

*For public officials, may they submit to your laws in the
performance of their public service, we pray:*
~ Gracious God, we ask in faith.

*For the oppressed in our world, may they feel your touch through
our hands, we pray:*

~ Gracious God, we ask in faith.

*For each member of our community, that we may offer the love of
Jesus to one another, we pray:*

~ Gracious God, we ask in faith.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER

*Jesus, you promised that whatever we ask for in your name will
be granted. Confident in this promise, we pray for the needs of
our earth and of all who share it as their home. Give us what we
need for life and holiness, so that in all we do we may praise your
name and hasten the coming of your reign. In your name, Jesus,
we pray. Amen*

BLESSING

*May God's blessing be upon us. Amen
May God's light lead us in the way of Righteousness. Amen.
May our lives be patterned on Christ Jesus. Amen.*

Wednesday Morning Prayers

*The Lord and Master of our house is
a faithful provider."*

C. McAuley

Wednesday Morning

PSALM 47

REFRAIN:

All you peoples, clap your hands, Sing out your praise to God.

All you peoples, clap your hands,
shout with joy to God.
For God Most High is awesome,
great king of all the earth.

The One who conquers peoples
and sets them free at their feet
chooses for beloved Jacob
a land to be our pride.

God ascends the mountain
to cheers and trumpet blasts.
Sing out your praise to God,
to the king, sing out your praise.

For God rules the earth;
sing praise with all your skill.
God rules over nations,
high on the sacred throne.

Foreign rulers join
the people of Abraham's God;

all the powers on earth
belong to God most high.

DOXOLOGY

*Glory to you, Source of Life, Living Word, and Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever, world
without end. Amen*

REFRAIN:

All you peoples, clap your hands, Sing out your praise to God.

READING: Tobit 4: 15a,16a,19a

*What you hate, do not do to anyone. Give some of your food to
the hungry, and some of your clothing to the naked. At all times
bless God, and ask that your ways may be made straight and that
all your paths and plans may prosper.*

CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH

REFRAIN:

O God, you who feed the hungry, let me be bread for your people..

Praise the Lord, the God of Israel,
who shepherds the people and sets them free.

God raises from David's house
a child with power to save.
Through the holy prophets
God promised in ages past
to save us from enemy hands,
from the grip of all who hate us.

The Lord favored our ancestors
recalling the sacred covenant,
the pledge to our ancestor Abraham,
to free us from our enemies,
so we might worship without fear
and be holy and just all our days.

And you child, will be called
Prophet of the Most High,
for you will come to prepare
a pathway for the Lord
by teaching the people salvation
through forgiveness of their sin.

Out of God's deepest mercy
a dawn will come from on high,
light for those shadowed by death,
a guide for our feet on the way to peace.

DOXOLOGY

*Glory to you, Source of Life, Living Word, and Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever, world
without end. Amen*

REFRAIN:

O God, you who feed the hungry, let me be bread for your people..

INTERCESSIONS

*With the coming of this day, generous God, we reflect on your call
to service. We remember those who commit themselves to the
spiritual and corporal works of mercy and we pray:
~Bless them today, generous God!*

For those who quietly provide services necessary for the common good, public workers, secretaries, those who labor in food preparation and housekeeping, we pray:

~Bless them today, generous God!

For those engaged in dangerous work to assure our safety: fire fighters, police, paramedics, we pray:

~Bless them today, generous God!

For those who lead others to truth: educators, theologians, poets, musicians, artists, we pray:

~Bless them today, generous God!

For all those charged with protecting the common good, and promoting justice: legislators, national leaders, delegates to the United Nations, we pray:

~Bless them today, generous God!

For Sisters of Mercy, our associates and colleagues in ministry and for all those you are calling to Mercy life, we pray:

~Bless them today, generous God!

PRAYER

Jesus, you have given us living bread that we may be nourished and strengthened. As you provided food for those who gathered upon the hillside to hear your word, feed your people today with the bread that brings life. Do not forget those that love you. We ask this in your name. Amen.

BLESSING

May God's blessing be upon us. Amen

May God's light lead us in the way of Righteousness. Amen.

May our lives be patterned on Christ Jesus. Amen.

Wednesday Morning

PSALM 33

REFRAIN:

All earth, be astounded, stand in awe of God.

*Shout joy to the Lord,
lovers of justice,
how right to praise!
Praise God on the harp,
with ten-string lyre
sing to the Lord.*

*Sin God a new song.
Play music to match
your shout of joy.*

*For the word of the Lord is true:
what God says, God does.
This lover of truth and justice
fills the earth with love.*

*God speaks; the heavens are made;
God breathes; the stars shine.
God bottles the waters of the sea
and stores them in the deep.*

All earth, be astounded,

*stand in awe of God.
God speaks: the world is;
God commands; all things appear.*

*God blocks the plans of nations,
disrupts all they contrive.
But God's plan and design
lasts from age to age.
Blest the land whose god is the Lord,
the heirs whom God has chosen.*

*The Lord looks down
and sees our human kind.
From heaven God surveys
all peoples on earth.
The maker of human hearts
knows every human act.*

*Armies do not save kings,
brute force does not spare soldiers.
The warhorse is a sham;
despite its power, it will not save.*

*God keeps a loving eye
on all who believe,
on those who count on God
to bring relief from famine,
to rescue them from death.*

*With all we are, we wait for God,
the Lord, our help, our shield.
Our hearts find joy in the Lord;
we trust God's holy name.
Love us, Lord!
We wait for you.*

DOXOLOGY:
*Glory to you, three in one.
Your mercy endures forever. Amen*

REFRAIN:
All earth, be astounded, stand in awe of God.

READING: Romans 8:35-39
Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH

REFRAIN:
All praise and glory to you, God of all creation.

*Praise the Lord, the God of Israel,
who shepherds the people and sets them free.*

*God raises from David's house
a child with power to save.
Through the holy prophets
God promised in ages past
to save us from enemy hands,
from the grip of all who hate us.*

The Lord favored our ancestors
recalling the sacred covenant,
the pledge to our ancestor Abraham,
to free us from our enemies,
so we might worship without fear
and be holy and just all our days.

And you child, will be called
Prophet of the Most High,
for you will come to prepare
a pathway for the Lord
by teaching the people salvation
through forgiveness of their sin.

Out of God's deepest mercy
a dawn will come from on high,
light for those shadowed by death,
a guide for our feet on the way to peace.

DOXOLOGY:

*Glory to you, three in one.
Your mercy endures forever. Amen*

REFRAIN:

All praise and glory to you, God of all creation.

INTERCESSIONS

*Our God shares the fullness of our humanity, and calls us to
honor and care for all those who share the joys and sorrows of
our human pilgrimage. We pray this morning for our companions
on the journey:*

~Faithful God, walk with your people today!

*For the persons with whom we share our daily lives in community:
~Faithful God, walk with your people today!!*

*For our parents, brothers and sisters, and all whom we call family:
~Faithful God, walk with your people today!*

*For colleagues, associates and benefactors who share our
ministry of mercy:
~Faithful God, walk with your people today!*

*For teachers, healthcare workers, civic and church leaders and all
with whom we serve:
~Faithful God, walk with your people today!*

*For those who are sick, uneducated, oppressed and all who teach
us how to be more merciful:
~Faithful God, walk with your people today!*

*For candidates who are discerning a call to life s a Sister of
Mercy:
~Faithful God, walk with your people today!*

PRAYER

*Jesus, you emptied yourself, taking on human flesh that we might
know the depths of divine love, Empty our hearts of all desires
that are contrary to your heart. Let us never seek reward for our
service or recognition for our accomplishments. Let our joy be in
knowing that we have given you all, without any reserve. Grant
us this, our desire. Amen.*

BLESSING

*May God's blessing be upon us. Amen
May God's light lead us in the way of Righteousness. Amen.*

May our lives be patterned on Christ Jesus. Amen.

Wednesday Morning

PSALM 98

REFRAIN:

Break into song, into praise! Lift your voice in Praise of our God!

Sing to the Lord a new song,
the Lord of wonderful deeds.
Right hand and holy arm
brought victory to God.

God made that victory known,
revealed justice to nations,
remembered a merciful love
loyal to the house of Israel
The ends of the earth have seen
the victory of our God.

Shout to the Lord, you earth,
Break into song, into praise!
Sing praise to God with a harp,
with a harp and sound of music.
With sound of trumpet and horn,
Shout to the Lord, our king.

Let the sea roar with its creatures,
The world and all that live there!
Let rivers clap their hands,

The hills ring out their joy!

The Lord our God comes,
comes to rule the earth,
justly to rule the world,
to govern the peoples aright.

DOXOLOGY

*Glory to you, Source of Life, Living Word, and Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever, world
without end. Amen*

REFRAIN:

Break into song, into praise! Lift your voice in Praise of our God!

READING: Jeremiah 29:11 – 14

*For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for
your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.
Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear
you. When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me
with all your heart, I will let you find me, and I will restore your
fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places
where I have driven you, and I will bring you back to the place
from which I sent you into exile.*

CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH

REFRAIN:

Blessed be your name, O God, giver of all good things.

Praise the Lord, the God of Israel,

Who shepherds the people and sets them free.

God raises from David's house
a child with power to save.
Through the holy prophets
God promised in ages past
To save us from our enemy hands,
From the grip of all who hate us.

The Lord favored our ancestors
Recalling the sacred covenant,
The pledge of our ancestor Abraham,
To free us from our enemies,
So we might worship without fear
And be holy and just all our days.

And you, child, will be called
Prophet of the Most High,
For you will come to prepare
A pathway for the Lord
By teaching the people salvation
through forgiveness of their sin.

Out of God's deepest mercy
A dawn will come from on high,
Light for those shadowed by death,
a guide for our feet on the way to peace.

DOXOLOGY

*Glory to you, Source of Life, Living Word, and Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever, world
without end. Amen*

REFRAIN:

Blessed be your name, O God, giver of all good things.

INTERCESSIONS

Our hearts are filled with gratitude at the beginning of this new day, O God, for we remember your merciful love in days past. You nurture our life and renew our hope, and so we pray:

- We praise and bless you, O sustaining God.

~In gratitude we remember the gift of creation given to our first parents and the fruits of the earth which continues to nourish us:

- We praise and bless you, O sustaining God

~In gratitude we remember how you fed your people in the desert and how you feed us today with your eucharistic bread:

- We praise and bless you, O sustaining God

~In gratitude we remember the pillar of fire which led the Israelites to the promised land and the promise of eternal life which still guides us on our journey:

- We praise and bless you, O sustaining God

~In gratitude we remember the prophets and saints of old and the holy men and women of today who inspire us:

- We praise and bless you, O sustaining God

~In gratitude we remember all the little cheering things you permit to fall our way:

- We praise and bless you, O sustaining God

~In gratitude, we remember the gift of our vocation to the Mercy way of life:

- We praise and bless you, O sustaining God

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER

O God, our rising dawn, we greet you at the beginning of this day. We lift up our hands and hearts in joyful praise for your wonderful deeds.

You led the people of Israel to freedom. You fed and nourished them for their journey. Sustain Us today as we walk the path of justice and mercy. This we ask in the name of Jesus. Amen.

BLESSING

May God's blessing be upon us. Amen

May God's light lead us in the way of Righteousness. Amen.

May our lives be patterned on Christ Jesus. Amen.

Wednesday Morning

PSALM 108

REFRAIN:

Awake, my harp and lyre, so I can wake up the dawn.

I have decided, O God,
I will sing of your glory,
will sing your praise.
Awake, my harp and lyre,
so I can wake up the dawn.

I will lift my voice,
sing of you, Lord, to all nations.
For your love fills the heavens,
your unfailing love, the sky.

O God, rise high above the heavens!
Spread your glory across the earth!
Deliver those you love,
use your strength to rescue me.

God decreed in the temple:
“I give away Shechem,
parcel out Succoth.
Manasseh and Gilead are mine.

“With Ephraim as my helmet,

and Judah my spear,
I will make Moab my wash bowl,
trample Edom under my feet,
and over Philistia shout in triumph”

Who will help me, Lord,
scale the heights of Edom
and breach the city wall?
God, will you keep holding back?
Will you desert our camp?

Stand by us against the enemy,
and other aid is worthless.
With you the battle is ours,
you will crush our foes.

DOXOLOGY

*Glory to you, Source of Life, Living Word, and Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever, world
without end. Amen*

REFRAIN:

Awake, my harp and lyre, so I can wake up the dawn.

READING: Deuteronomy 4:39-40

*Acknowledge today and take to heart that
the Lord is God in heaven above and on the
earth beneath; there is no other. Keep God’s
statutes and commandments, which I am
commanding you today for your own well-being and that of your
descendants after you, so that you may long remain in the land
that the Lord your God is giving you for all time.*

CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH

REFRAIN:

You are my God, there is no other.

Praise the Lord, the God of Israel,
who shepherds the people and sets them free.

God raises from David’s house
a child with power to save.
Through the holy prophets
God promised in ages past
to save us from enemy hands,
from the grip of all who hate us.

The Lord favored our ancestors
recalling the sacred covenant,
the pledge to our ancestor Abraham,
to free us from our enemies,
so we might worship without fear
and be holy and just all our days.

And you child, will be called
Prophet of the Most High,
for you will come to prepare
a pathway for the Lord
by teaching the people salvation
through forgiveness of their sin.

Out of God’s deepest mercy
a dawn will come from on high,
light for those shadowed by death,
a guide for our feet on the way to peace.

DOXOLOGY

*Glory to you, Source of Life, Living Word, and Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever, world
without end. Amen*

REFRAIN:

You are my God, there is no other.

INTERCESSIONS

*As the dawn breaks, O God, we sing to you our songs of praise
and petition.*

O God, you are our rock of safety:

~ May we cling to you in times of doubt and difficulty.

O God, you are our river of life:

*~ May your life flow through us, filling the dry, withered places in
our hearts.*

O God, you are our garden of fruitfulness:

*~ May those you are calling to religious life respond with courage
and conviction.*

O God, you are our rain of mercy:

~ May your compassion cleanse indifference from our world.

O God, you are our star of justice:

*~ May your light of truth shine on all areas of oppression that we
may see better how to eradicate injustice.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER

*O God, you stand by us each new day. We
desire to follow you and to glory in your name. Help us to give all
that we have and not hold back as we sing your praise in unity
with your eternal Word and Holy Spirit. Amen.*

BLESSING

May the Spirit of God find a home in us. Amen

May the Spirit of God animate us. Amen

May the Spirit of God create new hearts in us. Amen

Wednesday Evening Prayers

*“Think how the Mother of God would comfort
herself in an emergency and then you will see how
His spouse ought to act.”*

C. McAuley

Wednesday Evening

PSALM 32

REFRAIN

Our God is merciful and forgiving.

Happy the pardoned,
whose sin is canceled,
in whom God finds
no evil, no deceit.

While I hid my sins,
my bones grew weak
from endless groaning.

Day and night,
under the weight of your hand,
my strength withered
as in a summer drought.

Then I stopped hiding my sin
and spoke out,
“God, I confess my wrong.”
And you pardoned me.

No wonder the faithful
pray to you in danger!
Even a sudden flood

will never touch them.

You, my shelter,
you save me from ruin.
You encircle me
with songs of freedom.

“I show you the path to walk.
As your teacher,
I watch out for you.

“Do not be a stubborn mule,
needing bridle and bit
to be tamed.”
Evil brings grief;
trusting in God brings love.

Rejoice in the Lord.
Be glad and sing,
you faithful and just.

DOXOLOGY

*Glory to you, Source of Life, Living Word, and Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever, world
without end. Amen*

REFRAIN

Our God is merciful and forgiving.

READING James 1:19b, 21b, 22-25

*Let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger.
Welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power
to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely*

*hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the
word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in
a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away,
immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into
the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not
hearers who forget but doers who act – they will be blessed in
their doing.*

CANTICLE OF MARY

REFRAIN

For your word rooted in my heart, I give you praise, O God.

I acclaim the greatness of the Lord,
I delight in God my savior,
who regarded my humble state.
Truly from this day on All ages will call me blest.

For God, wonderful in power,
has used that strength for me.
Holy the name of the Lord!
Whose mercy embraces the faithful,
one generation to the next.

The mighty arm of God
scatters the proud in their conceit,
Pulls tyrants from their thrones,
and raises up the humble.
The Lord fills the starving
And lets the rich go hungry.

God rescues lowly Israel,
recalling the promise of mercy,
the promise made to our ancestors,
to Abraham's heirs for ever.

DOXOLOGY

*Glory to you, Source of Life, Living Word, and Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever, world
without end. Amen*

REFRAIN

For your word rooted in my heart, I give you praise, O God.

INTERCESSIONS

*Confident that God calls us together to celebrate our faith in
actions and words, we pray.*

For God's people, the church:

- May the light of our faith brighten the darkness of the world.

For those entrusted with power and authority:

*- May they use it to promote justice and peace for those whom
they serve.*

For our community and family:

*- May we study the word of God and allow it to affect the way we
deal with others.*

For the faithful departed:

- May they receive the peace of Christ in their heavenly home.

For those you are calling to religious life:

May they respond generously to your invitation.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER

*Spirit of God, you make your home within us. Help us to hear
your voice speaking within us, calling us to deeper union with
you. Renew our hearts and transform our actions that we may
proclaim to the world: God is alive! God's love is everlasting! This
we ask in the name of Jesus. Amen.*

BLESSING

May God's blessing be upon us. Amen

May God's light lead us in the way of Righteousness. Amen.

May our lives be patterned on Christ Jesus. Amen.

Wednesday Evening

PSALM 18:2-4, 26-32

REFRAIN:

My God, you are my light, a lamp for my darkness.

I love you, God my strength,
my rock, my shelter, my stronghold.

My God, I lean on you,
my shield, my rock,
my champion, my defense.
When I call for help,
I am safe from my enemies.
Praise the Lord!

To those who are faithful
you are faithful,
with those who are honest
you are candid.

To the just you show goodness,
with the perverse you are cunning.
You rescue the humble,
the mighty are brought low.

My God, you are my light,
a lamp for my darkness.

With strength from you, Lord,
I charge the enemy,
I climb their ramparts.

God, your way is perfect,
your work is fire-tried.
You shield all who seek refuge.
Who is God but the Lord?
Who is the rock but our God?

DOXOLOGY

*Glory to you, God of all peoples.
To Jesus, healer and friend,
to the Spirit dwelling within,
Praise be yours forever. Amen.*

REFRAIN:

My God, you are my light, a lamp for my darkness.

READING: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 14-16

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

CANTICLE OF MARY

REFRAIN:

I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me.

I acclaim the greatness of the Lord,
I delight in God my savior,
who regarded my humble state.
Truly from this day on All ages will call me blest.

For God, wonderful in power,
has used that strength for me.
Holy the name of the Lord!
Whose mercy embraces the faithful,
one generation to the next.

The mighty arm of God
scatters the proud in their conceit,
Pulls tyrants from their thrones,
and raises up the humble.
The Lord fills the starving
And lets the rich go hungry.

God rescues lowly Israel,
recalling the promise of mercy,
the promise made to our ancestors,
to Abraham's heirs for ever.

DOXOLOGY

*Glory to you, God of all peoples.
To Jesus, healer and friend,
to the Spirit dwelling within,
Praise be yours forever. Amen.*

REFRAIN:

I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me.

INTERCESSIONS

We call upon you, O Christ, our good shepherd, to aid all those in leadership.

*For Pope _____ and
Bishop _____, we pray:*

~Inspire them with Gospel vision.

For leaders in ecclesial and religious institutions, we pray:

~Fill them with wisdom.

For rulers in countries, states and all civil domains, we pray:

~Open their eyes to the needs of their citizens.

For parents, teachers and caregivers, we pray:

~Grant them patience and perseverance.

For all who give witness to your presence, we pray:

~Sustain them in their holy efforts

For incorporation ministers, we pray:

~Give them the wisdom and grace they need to accompany new members.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER

Gentle Shepherd, may the leaders of our church, our country, our religious community, find in you the model of compassionate, just and courageous leadership. Inspired by your example, may they

be an encouraging and nurturing presence among us. May we challenge and support them in their efforts, so that together, we may be one holy people making our way to you. We ask this, united in faith. Amen.

BLESSING

May God's blessing be upon us. Amen

May God's light lead us in the way of Righteousness. Amen.

May our lives be patterned on Christ Jesus. Amen.

Wednesday Evening

PSALM 126

REFRAIN:

O God, bring us back, as water to thirsty land.

The Lord brings us back to Zion,
we are like dreamers,
laughing, dancing,
with songs on our lips.

Other nations say,
“A new world of wonders!
The Lord is with them.”
Yes, God works wonders.
Rejoice! Be glad!

Lord, bring us back
as water to thirsty land.
Those sowing in tears
reap, singing and laughing.

They left weeping, weeping,
casting the seed.
They come back singing, singing,
holding high the harvest.

DOXOLOGY

*Glory to you, Source of Life, Living Word, and Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever, world
without end. Amen*

REFRAIN:

O God, bring us back, as water to thirsty land.

READING: Ephesians 3:17-21

*May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being
rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power
to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length
and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that
surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the
fullness of God. Now to God who by the power at work within us
is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or
imagine, to God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all
generations, forever and ever. Amen*

CANTICLE OF MARY

REFRAIN:

*Glory to the one whose power at work within us is able to
accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine.*

*I acclaim the greatness of the Lord,
I delight in God my savior,
who regarded my humble state.
Truly from this day on
all ages will call me blest.*

For God, wonderful in power,

*has used that strength for me.
Holy the name of the Lord!
Whose mercy embraces the faithful,
one generation to the next.*

*The might arm of God
scatters the proud in their conceit,
pulls tyrants from their thrones,
and raises up the humble.
The Lord fills the starving
and lets the rich go hungry.*

*God rescues lowly Israel,
recalling the promise of mercy,
the promise made to our ancestors,
to Abraham's heirs for ever.*

DOXOLOGY

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As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever, world
without end. Amen*

REFRAIN:

*Glory to the one whose power at work within us is able to
accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine.*

INTERCESSIONS

*As we continue to spread Christ's peace in our world, let us also
offer to him our prayers of petition.*

We pray for the people of God:

- May we take time to meditate on God's presence in our world.

We pray for government and religious leaders around the world:

- May they strive to attain peace, justice, and equality for all people.

We pray for all people whose cry for justice and mercy falls on deaf ears:

- May they know the help of God.

We pray for the members of our community:

- May we continue to be sensitive to the needs of others.

We pray for those who are sick among us, in body or in spirit:

- May they experience God's healing presence.

We pray for those you are calling to Mercy life:

- May they embrace religious life with generosity and gladness.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER

Christ Jesus, we call upon you to be present wherever dissension and strife threaten the harmony to which you call your people.

Let your healing love flow through us so that, with the energy of this grace, we may be instruments of reconciliation. We ask this in your name, you who are the prince of peace. Amen

BLESSING

May God's blessing be upon us. Amen

May God's light lead us in the way of Righteousness. Amen.

May our lives be patterned on Christ Jesus. Amen.

Wednesday Evening

PSALM 139

REFRAIN:

O God, you search me and know me. You loved me before I was born.

You search me, Lord, and know me.
Wherever I sit or stand,
you read my inmost thoughts;
whenever I walk or rest,
you know where I have been.

Before a word slips from my tongue,
Lord, you know what I will say.
You close in on me,
pressing your hand upon me.
All this overwhelms me ---
too much to understand!

Where can I hide from you?
How can I escape your presence?
I scale the heavens, you are there!
I plunge to the depths, you are there!

If I fly toward the dawn,
or settle across the sea,
even there you take hold of me,
your right hand directs me.

If I think night will hide me
and darkness give me cover,
I find darkness is not dark.
For your night shines like day,
darkness and light are one.

You created every part of me,
knitting me in my mother's womb.
For such handiwork, I praise you.
Awesome this great wonder!
I see it so clearly!

You watched every bone
taking shape in secret,
forming in the hidden depths.
You saw my body grow
according to your design.

You recorded all my days
before they ever began.
How deep are your thoughts!
How vast their sum!
like countless grains of sand,
well beyond my grasp.

Lord, destroy the wicked,
save me from killers.
They plot evil schemes,
they blaspheme against you.

How I hate those who hate you!
How I detest those who defy you!
I hate with a deadly hate
these enemies of mine.

Search my heart, probe me, God!

Test and judge my thoughts.
Look! do I follow crooked paths?
Lead me along your ancient way.

DOXOLOGY

*Glory to you, God of all peoples.
To Jesus, healer and friend,
to the Spirit dwelling within,
Praise be yours forever. Amen.*

REFRAIN:

O God, you search me and know me. You loved me before I was born.

READING: Romans 5:1-5

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

CANTICLE OF MARY

REFRAIN:

We sing to you with psalms and inspired songs, telling of your wonders.

I acclaim the greatness of the Lord,
I delight in God my savior,
who regarded my humble state.
Truly from this day on
all ages will call me blest.

For God, wonderful in power,
has used that strength for me.
Holy the name of the Lord!
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DOXOLOGY

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to the Spirit dwelling within,
Praise be yours forever. Amen.*

REFRAIN:

We sing to you with psalms and inspired songs, telling of your wonders.

INTERCESSIONS

Knowing the love that God has for us encourages us to hand over our anxieties and to ask for what we need:

~ God of hope, hear our prayer!

For all the church leaders, that they may persevere in bringing Christ into the world, let us pray:

~ God of hope, hear our prayer!

For our elected officials, that they may accept and fulfill the moral responsibilities placed upon them, let us pray:

~ God of hope, hear our prayer!

For all the underprivileged in the world, that they may find solace and strength in the knowledge of God's presence, let us pray:

~ God of hope, hear our prayer!

For those who struggle to preserve life, that the Giver of all life may be their strength, let us pray:

~ God of hope, hear our prayer!

For all our deceased, that while we grieve, we may rejoice in their new life with Christ, let us pray:

~ God of hope, hear our prayer!

For the women in the process of incorporation, that they experience the support and encouragement they need to become firmly rooted in Mercy life:

~ God of hope, hear our prayer!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER

God, you know our needs and desires before we are able to form the words. Read our hearts, then, and grant us what we most need to walk in health and holiness before you. As you are generous with us, may we be open-handed with all those whose needs are greater than our own. We ask this in the name of Jesus who fed and healed us. Amen.

BLESSING

May the Spirit of God find a home in us. Amen

May the Spirit of God animate us. Amen

May the Spirit of God create new hearts in us. Amen

Thursday Morning Prayers

*"Your conversation should be simple,
pleasant and useful. "*

C. McAuley



Thursday Morning

PSALM 100

REFRAIN:

Gentle Shepherd, guide us in the way of peace.

Shout you to the Lord, all earth,
serve the Lord with gladness,
enter God's presence with joy!

Know that the Lord is God,
our maker to whom we belong,
our shepherd, and we the flock.

Enter the temple gates,
the courtyard with thanks and praise;
give thanks and bless God's name.

Indeed the Lord is good!
God's love is for ever,
faithful from age to age.

DOXOLOGY

*Glory to you, Source of Life, Living Word, and Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever, world without end. Amen*

REFRAIN:

Gentle Shepherd, guide us in the way of peace.

READING - Isaiah 66:1 – 2

Thus says the Lord:

Heaven is my throne and the earth is my footstool; what is the house that you would build for me, and what is my resting place?

All these things my hand has made, and so all these things are mine. But this is the one to whom I will look, to the humble and contrite spirit, who trembles at my word.

CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH

REFRAIN:

Let me be your resting place, O God.

Praise the Lord, the God of Israel,
who shepherds the people and sets them free.

God raises from David's house
a child with power to save.
Through the holy prophets
God promised in ages past
to save us from enemy hands,
from the grip of all who hate us.

The Lord favored our ancestors
recalling the sacred covenant,
the pledge to our ancestor Abraham,
to free us from our enemies,
so we might worship without fear
and be holy and just all our days.

And you child, will be called
Prophet of the Most High,
for you will come to prepare
a pathway for the Lord
by teaching the people salvation
through forgiveness of their sin.

Out of God's deepest mercy
a dawn will come from on high,
light for those shadowed by death,
a guide for our feet on the way to peace.

DOXOLOGY

*Glory to you, Source of Life, Living Word, and Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever, world
without end. Amen*

REFRAIN:

Let me be your resting place, O God.

INTERCESSIONS

*At the dawn of this day we praise you, God, for the resources of
our earth. We ask for grateful hearts, as we pray:*

~ We thank you, God of life.

For the light of dawn, awakening us to service:

~ We thank you, God of life.

For the refreshment of water, cleansing us of sin:

~ We thank you, God of life.

*For the sounds of morning, reminding us of neighbors and
community:*

~ We thank you, God of life.

For fresh air, filling our bodies with renewed energy:

~ We thank you, God of life.

For this new day, offering new opportunities for loving and living:

~ We thank you, God of life.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER

God, your love is everlasting! You shower us with blessings and provide for us in our need. Listen to our prayer and bring all creation into oneness. Let us reverence earth as our home, and each other as sister or brother. Let us be blessed with peace within and without. This we ask in the name of Jesus. Amen.

BLESSING

May God's blessing be upon us. Amen

May God's light lead us in the way of Righteousness. Amen.

May our lives be patterned on Christ Jesus. Amen.

Thursday Morning

PSALM 81

REFRAIN:

You who are our strength, be with us in our need.

Shout joy to God,
the God of our strength,
sing to the God of Jacob.

Lift hearts, strike tambourines,
sound lyre and harp.
Blow trumpets at the New Moon,
till the full moon of our feast.

For this is a law for Israel,
the command of Jacob's God,
decreed for the house of Joseph
when we marched from Egypt.

We heard a voice unknown;
"I lifted burdens from your backs,
a blistering load from your hands.

"You cried out in pain
and I rescued you;
robed in thunder,
I answered you.

At the waters of Meribah
I tested you.

“My people, hear my complaint;
Israel, if you would only listen.
You shall have no other gods,
do not bow before them.
I am the Lord you God.
I brought you out of Egypt
and fed your hungry mouths.

“But you would not hear me,
my people rejected me.
So I hardened your hearts,
and you left me out of your plans.
My people, if you would only listen!
Israel, walk in my ways!

“Then I will strike your enemy,
and put them all to flight.
With their fate sealed,
my foes will grovel at your feet.
But you, O Israel,
will feast on finest wheat,
will savor pure wild honey.”

DOXOLOGY

*Glory to you, Source of Life, Living Word, and Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever, world
without end. Amen*

REFRAIN:

You who are our strength, be with us in our need.

READING: Romans 14:17-19

The kingdom of God is not food and drink but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. The one who thus serves Christ is acceptable to God and has human approval. Let us then pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding.

CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH

REFRAIN:

Fill me, O God, with the spirit of justice and peace.

Praise the Lord, the God of Israel,
who shepherds the people and sets them free.

God raises from David's house
a child with power to save.
Through the holy prophets
God promised in ages past
to save us from enemy hands,
from the grip of all who hate us.

The Lord favored our ancestors
recalling the sacred covenant,
the pledge to our ancestor Abraham,
to free us from our enemies,
so we might worship without fear
and be holy and just all our days.

And you child, will be called
Prophet of the Most High,
for you will come to prepare
a pathway for the Lord
by teaching the people salvation
through forgiveness of their sin.

Out of God's deepest mercy
a dawn will come from on high,
light for those shadowed by death,
a guide for our feet on the way to peace.

DOXOLOGY

*Glory to you, Source of Life, Living Word, and Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever, world
without end. Amen*

REFRAIN:

Fill me, O God, with the spirit of justice and peace.

INTERCESSIONS

*Jesus, as we begin this day, we remember your presence among
us, and we pray:*

You changed water into wine:

~May we be wine for those who thirst for justice.

You calmed the storm at sea:

~May we be peace for the war-torn.

You healed a man born blind:

~May we be hope for the powerless.

You forgave a woman caught in adultery:

~May we be home for the brokenhearted.

You drove out evil spirits:

~May we be a voice for the oppressed.

You wept for Lazarus:

~May we be comfort for the sorrowing.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER

*Jesus, you walked among us and were moved to compassion for
your people. The lame and the leper came to you and found
healing. The tax collector and the prostitute came, and you
believed in them. No one was excluded from your love. Send us
your spirit of union and compassion that we may make a home in
our hearts for all the persons we meet. This day, O Jesus, give us
hearts that love. Amen.*

BLESSING

May God's blessing be upon us. Amen

May God's light lead us in the way of Righteousness. Amen.

May our lives be patterned on Christ Jesus. Amen.

Thursday Morning

PSALM 29

REFRAIN:

Holy is our God! Stand in awe before the God of creation.

Give the Lord glory, you spirits!
Give glory! Honor God's strength!
Honor the name of the Lord!
Bow when the Lord comes,
majestic and holy.

God's voice thunders
above the massive seas;
powerful, splendid,
God shatters the cedars,
shatters the cedars of Lebanon,
makes Lebanon jump like a calf,
Sirion like a wild ox.

God's voice strikes fire,
makes the desert shudder,
Qadesh shudder in labor,
deer writhe in labor.
God strips the trees.

All shout "Glory" in your temple, Lord.
For you rule the mighty waters,

you rule over all for ever.
Give strength to your people, Lord,
and bless your people with peace.

DOXOLOGY:

*Glory to you, three in one.
Your mercy endures forever. Amen*

REFRAIN:

Holy is our God! Stand in awe before the God of creation.

READING: 1 Peter 4:8 - 11a

Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another without complaining. Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received. Whoever speaks must do so as one speaking the very words of God; whoever serves must do so with the strength that God supplies, so that God may be glorified in all things through Jesus Christ.

CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH

REFRAIN:

May our love for God's people be evident.

Praise the Lord, the God of Israel,
who shepherds the people and sets them free.

God raises from David's house
a child with power to save.

Through the holy prophets
God promised in ages past
to save us from enemy hands,
from the grip of all who hate us.

The Lord favored our ancestors
recalling the sacred covenant,
the pledge to our ancestor Abraham,
to free us from our enemies,
so we might worship without fear
and be holy and just all our days.

And you child, will be called
Prophet of the Most High,
for you will come to prepare
a pathway for the Lord
by teaching the people salvation
through forgiveness of their sin.

Out of God's deepest mercy
a dawn will come from on high,
light for those shadowed by death,
a guide for our feet on the way to peace.

DOXOLOGY:

*Glory to you, three in one.
Your mercy endures forever. Amen*

REFRAIN:

May our love for God's people be evident.

INTERCESSIONS

Refreshed by the night's healing rest and looking forward to the day unfolding before us, we pray:

- God of justice, transform our words into actions.

That we may greet you in all the men, women and children we meet today, we pray:

- God of justice, transform our words into actions.

That as Sisters and Associated of Mercy, we may speak out against institutions and laws that prevent true equality from becoming a reality, we pray:

- God of justice, transform our words into actions.

That we may mirror the gospel in our lifestyle, we pray:

- God of justice, transform our words into actions.

That we may allow our hearts to be filled with your love, we pray:

- God of justice, transform our words into actions.

That we may commit ourselves to one specific action this day that will make peace a reality, we pray:

- God of justice, transform our words into actions.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER

O God, you lift our burdens and rescue us when we cry to you. Strengthen us to walk in your ways, carrying only what we need to listen carefully to your call and respond to you with generous hearts. We make our prayer through Jesus Christ, your Son and our brother. Amen.

BLESSING

May God's blessing be upon us. Amen

May God's light lead us in the way of Righteousness. Amen.

May our lives be patterned on Christ Jesus. Amen.

Thursday Morning

PSALM 147

REFRAIN:

Open our ears to hear you, O god who speak to the earth.

How good to sing God praise!
How lovely the sound!

The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem
and gathers the exiles of Israel,
healing the brokenhearted,
binding their aching wounds.

God fixes the number of stars,
calling each by name.
Great is our God and powerful,
wise beyond all telling.
The Lord upholds the poor
but lets the wicked fall.

Sing thanks to the Lord,
sound the harp for our God.
The Lord stretches the clouds,
sending rain to the earth,
clothing mountains with green.

The Lord feeds the cattle

and young ravens when they call.
A horse's strength, a runner's speed-
they count for nothing!
The Lord favors the reverent,
those who trust in God's mercy.

Jerusalem, give glory!
Praise God with song, O Zion!
For the Lord strengthens your gates
guarding your children within.
The Lord fills your land with peace,
giving you golden wheat.

God speaks to the earth,
the word speeds forth.
The Lord sends heavy snow
and scatters frost like ashes.

The Lord hurls chunks of hail.
Who can stand such cold?
God speaks, the ice melts;
God breathes, the streams flow.

God speaks his word to Jacob,
to Israel, his laws and decrees.
God has not done this for others,
no others receive this wisdom.

Hallelujah!

DOXOLOGY

*Glory to you, Source of Life, Living Word, and Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever, world
without end. Amen*

REFRAIN:

Open our ears to hear you, O god who speak to the earth.

READING - Romans 8:18-21

*I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth
comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the
creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children
of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own
will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the
creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will
obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.*

CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH

REFRAIN:

God, our refuge and our strength, be our hope in times of trouble.

Praise the Lord, the God of Israel,
who shepherds the people and sets them free.

God raises from David's house
a child with power to save.
Through the holy prophets
God promised in ages past
to save us from enemy hands,
from the grip of all who hate us.

The Lord favored our ancestors
recalling the sacred covenant,
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to free us from our enemies,
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DOXOLOGY

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without end. Amen*

REFRAIN:

God, our refuge and our strength, be our hope in times of trouble.

INTERCESSIONS

*As we greet this new day, we praise you, loving God, and beg for
your blessing.*

You are our safety and our strength:

~ Help us to support one another when we experience crisis and
pain.

You created the world and all its creatures:

~Help us to be protectors and advocates of life, for the earth and
all its inhabitants.

You sent your Beloved to free us from sin and the power of death:

~Help us to bring your peace to all who are sick and dying.

You call us to remember those who are forgotten:

~Help us to comfort those who suffer, especially those who are
scorned and ignored.

You made us in your image:

~Help us to bring down the barriers that divide us and to
recognize one another as members of the same human family.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER

*You are the God who upholds us in our weakness. Be with us
when we are in trouble. May we open our ears to hear, as you call
us each by name. Give us courage for this new day as we place
our trust in you. We pray always and forever through the power
of your Spirit. Amen.*

BLESSING

May the God of mercy bless and protect us all. Amen.

May the God of peace comfort us in times of trial. Amen.

May the God of love shine forth in our lives. Amen.

Thursday Evening Prayers

*"Our love for God is shown by our
fidelity in obeying His law."*

C. McAuley



Thursday Evening

PSALM 30

REFRAIN:

Celebrate, all you saints, praise this awesome God, whose mercy last a lifetime.

I give you high praise,
for you, Lord, raised me up
above my gloating enemy.
Lord, how I begged you,
and you, God, healed me.
You pulled me from the pit,
brought me back from Sheol.

Celebrate, all you saints,
praise this awesome God,
whose anger passes quickly,
whose mercy lasts a lifetime -
as laughter fills a day
after one brief night of tears.

When all was going well,
I thought I could never fall;
with God's powerful blessing,
I would stand like a mountain!
Then you hid your face;
I shook with fear!

I cried out, "Lord, Lord!"
I begged, I pleaded:
"What good is my blood to you?
Why push me down the pit?
Can dead bones praise you,
recount your unbroken love?
Listen to me, O God,
turn and help me now."

You changed my anguish
into joyful dance,
pulled off my sackcloth,
gave me bright new robes,
that my life might sing your glory,
never silent in your praise.
For ever I will thank you,
O Lord my God.

DOXOLOGY

*Glory to you, God of all peoples.
To Jesus, healer and friend,
to the Spirit dwelling within,
Praise be yours forever. Amen.*

REFRAIN:

*Celebrate, all you saints, praise this awesome God, whose mercy
last a lifetime.*

READING - 1 Peter 1:6-9

*In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to
suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith – being
more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire
– may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when
Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you*

*love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in
him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are
receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.*

CANTICLE OF MARY

REFRAIN:

*Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though
you do not see him now, you believe in him.*

I acclaim the greatness of the Lord,
I delight in God my savior,
who regarded my humble state.
Truly from this day on All ages will call me blest.

For God, wonderful in power,
has used that strength for me.
Holy the name of the Lord!
Whose mercy embraces the faithful,
one generation to the next.

The mighty arm of God
scatters the proud in their conceit,
Pulls tyrants from their thrones,
and raises up the humble.
The Lord fills the starving
And lets the rich go hungry.

God rescues lowly Israel,
recalling the promise of mercy,
the promise made to our ancestors,
to Abraham's heirs for ever.

DOXOLOGY

*Glory to you, God of all peoples.
To Jesus, healer and friend,
to the Spirit dwelling within,
Praise be yours forever. Amen.*

REFRAIN:

*Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though
you do not see him now, you believe in him.*

INTERCESSIONS

*God of our ancestors, hear our prayer and grant our petitions
through your Son Jesus Christ.*

For all of us who are the church:

~ May we preach and teach the gospel with courage.

For those in the world who do not know God:

~ May our efforts to evangelize be fruitful.

For all strangers in our land:

*~ May they be accepted as pilgrims enroute to the promised land
of eternal life with God.*

For the refugees and the immigrants of the world:

~ May they be comforted by their sisters and brothers in Christ.

*For all whose lives are in a state of transition on their journey of
faith:*

~ May they recognize God as their guide.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER

*God of tender mercy, you hear the cries of those who suffer. Send
us that spirit of refreshment which will gladden our spirits and
calm our fears. When we lack the strength to continue in deeds of
righteousness, renew us with your love. When we feel that we are
alone and lost, be our companion and guide. This we ask in the
name of Jesus. Amen.*

BLESSING

May God's blessing be upon us. Amen

May God's light lead us in the way of Righteousness. Amen.

May our lives be patterned on Christ Jesus. Amen.

Thursday Evening

PSALM 121

REFRAIN:

Our God is ever wakeful, guarding us from harm.

If I look to the mountains,
will they come to my aid?
My help is the Lord,
who made earth and the heavens.

May God, ever wakeful,
keep you from stumbling;
the guardian of Israel
neither rests nor sleeps.

God shields you,
a protector by your side.
The sun shall not harm you by day
nor the moon at night.

God shelters you from evil,
securing your life.
God watches over you near and far,
now and forever.

DOXOLOGY

*Glory to you, Source of Life, Living Word, and Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever, world
without end. Amen*

REFRAIN:

Our God is ever wakeful, guarding us from harm.

READING: 1Peter 1:17b-23

Live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring work of God.

CANTICLE OF MARY

REFRAIN:

You are my treasure beyond price. With you I lack nothing.

*I acclaim the greatness of the Lord,
I delight in God my savior,
who regarded my humble state.
Truly from this day on All ages will call me blest.*

*For God, wonderful in power,
has used that strength for me.
Holy the name of the Lord!
Whose mercy embraces the faithful,
one generation to the next.*

*The mighty arm of God
scatters the proud in their conceit,
Pulls tyrants from their thrones,
and raises up the humble.
The Lord fills the starving
And lets the rich go hungry.*

*God rescues lowly Israel,
recalling the promise of mercy,
the promise made to our ancestors,
to Abraham's heirs for ever.*

DOXOLOGY

*Glory to you, Source of Life, Living Word, and Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever, world
without end. Amen*

REFRAIN:

You are my treasure beyond price. With you I lack nothing.

INTERCESSIONS

*Jesus, model of love and faithfulness, be for us a rock and a
stronghold of safety:
~We place our trust in you!*

*For all the world leaders, that they may be moved to work for
peace and justice, we pray:
~We place our trust in you!*

For all caretakers, that they may minister with competence and compassion, we pray:

~We place our trust in you!

For all those who dedicate themselves to you in a life of contemplation, that they may be faithful in their commitment, we pray:

~We place our trust in you!

For those seeking employment, that they may find satisfying work at a just wage, we pray:

~We place our trust in you!

For all gathered here, that we may be faithful witnesses to the gospel message, we pray:

~We place our trust in you!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER

We see how quietly you work, our good God. Night follows after day, soundlessly and peacefully. May this gentle and consistent succession remind us of your continuous watchfulness over our lives. May we go to rest this night, confident that you hold us in your loving care, now and forever. Amen.

BLESSING

May God's blessing be upon us. Amen

May God's light lead us in the way of Righteousness. Amen.

May our lives be patterned on Christ Jesus. Amen.

Thursday Evening

PSALM 132: 1-5, 13-18

REFRAIN

Our God dwells among us. We are God's resting place.

Lord, remember David
in all his humility.
He swore an oath to you,
O Mighty God of Jacob:

“I will not enter my home,
nor lie down on my bed.
I will not close my eyes
nor will I sleep
until I find a place for the Lord,
a house for the Mighty God of Jacob.”

The Lord has chosen Zion,
desired it as a home.
“This is my resting place,
I choose to live here for ever.
“I will bless it with abundance,
even the poor will have food.
I will vest the priests in holiness,
and the faithful will shout for joy.

“Here I will strengthen David's power

and light a lamp for my anointed.
His enemies I will clothe in shame,
but on him a crown will shine.”

DOXOLOGY

*Glory to you, God of all peoples.
To Jesus, healer and friend,
to the Spirit dwelling within,
Praise be yours forever. Amen.*

REFRAIN

Our God dwells among us. We are God’s resting place.

READING: 1 Peter 3:8-11

Finally, all of you, have unity of spirit, sympathy, love for one another, a tender heart, and a humble mind. Do not repay evil for evil or abuse for abuse; but, on the contrary, repay with a blessing. It is for this that you were called – that you might inherit a blessing. For “Those who desire life and desire to see good days, let them keep their tongues from evil and their lips from speaking deceit; let them turn away from evil and do good; let them seek peace and pursue it.”

CANTICLE OF MARY

REFRAIN:

Let us seek peace and follow its path.

I acclaim the greatness of the Lord,
I delight in God my savior,
who regarded my humble state.

Truly from this day on
all ages will call me blest.

For God, wonderful in power,
has used that strength for me.
Holy the name of the Lord!
Whose mercy embraces the faithful,
one generation to the next.

The mighty arm of God
scatters the proud in their conceit,
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to the Spirit dwelling within,
Praise be yours forever. Amen.*

REFRAIN:

Let us seek peace and follow its path.

INTERCESSIONS

*We acknowledge our complete dependence on our generous and merciful God, as we pray:
- God of Mercy, hear our prayer!*

That Pope _____ and all bishops and servants of God will be blessed with good health and wisdom, we pray:

- God of Mercy, hear our prayer!

That the leaders of industry and agriculture will consider the poor and hungry of the world in all their decisions, we pray:

- God of Mercy, hear our prayer!

That people who enjoy abundance will be inspired by the love of God and neighbor to care for the poor of the world, we pray:

- God of Mercy, hear our prayer!

That those who discern a call to ministry will have the courage to respond, we pray:

- God of Mercy, hear our prayer!

That our departed sisters, relatives and friends will enjoy the fruits of their labors through the mercy of God, we pray:

- God of Mercy, hear our prayer!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER

O God, you who chose Zion as your resting place, make your home now with us. As we experience your comforting presence, may we be impelled to extend the hospitality of our homes and hearts to those without the protection of food or shelter, love or companionship. Let us find rest in one another until we make our way home to you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, who lived among us. Amen.

BLESSING

May God's blessing be upon us. Amen

*May God's light lead us in the way of Righteousness. Amen.
May our lives be patterned on Christ Jesus. Amen.*

Thursday Evening

PSALM 23

REFRAIN:

The goodness and love of God will tend me every day of my life.

The Lord is my shepherd,
I need nothing more.
You give me rest in green meadows,
setting me near calm waters,
where you revive my spirit.

You guide me along sure paths,
you are true to your name.
Though I should walk in death's dark valley,
I fear no evil with you by my side,
your shepherd's staff to comfort me.

You spread a table before me
as my foes look on.
You soothe my head with oil;
my cup is more than full.

Goodness and love will tend me
every day of my life.
I will dwell in the house of the Lord
As long as I shall live.

DOXOLOGY

*Glory to you, Source of Life, Living Word, and Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever, world
without end. Amen*

REFRAIN:

The goodness and love of God will tend me every day of my life.

READING: Colossians 1:21-23

*You who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil
deeds, Christ has now reconciled in his fleshly body through
death, so as to present you holy and blameless and
irreproachable before God – provided that you continue securely
established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the
hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been
proclaimed to every creature under heaven.*

CANTICLE OF MARY

REFRAIN:

Creation waits with eager longing for the dawning of your glory.

*I acclaim the greatness of the Lord,
I delight in God my savior,
who regarded my humble state.
Truly from this day on
all ages will call me blest.*

*For God, wonderful in power,
has used that strength for me.
Holy the name of the Lord!
Whose mercy embraces the faithful,*

one generation to the next.

*The mighty arm of God
scatters the proud in their conceit,
pulls tyrants from their thrones,
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*God rescues lowly Israel,
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the promise made to our ancestors,
to Abraham's heirs for ever.*

DOXOLOGY

*Glory to you, Source of Life, Living Word, and Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever, world
without end. Amen*

REFRAIN:

Creation waits with eager longing for the dawning of your glory.

INTERCESSIONS

*O Jesus, trusting in your merciful love, we humbly come before
you with our petitions for those in need:*

~ Jesus, meek and humble of heart, hear us as we pray!

*For the pope and all church leaders, that they may stand firm in
the teachings of Christ and strong in proclaiming the gospel:*

~ Jesus, meek and humble of heart, hear us as we pray

*For all Christians, that we may work actively to heal the divisions
among us:*

~ Jesus, meek and humble of heart, hear us as we pray

*For those whose desire to follow the commandments has grown weak, that their hearts may be strengthened by the mercy of God:
~ Jesus, meek and humble of heart, hear us as we pray*

*For our communities, that our lives of service may be directed to the honor and glory of God:
~ Jesus, meek and humble of heart, hear us as we pray*

*For all the dead whose earthly purpose was accomplished in the love of Christ, that they may now be secure in the embrace of that same love:
~ Jesus, meek and humble of heart, hear us as we pray*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER

Gentle Shepherd, you guide us to places of rest and revive our weary spirits. As we come to the end of this day we are grateful, once again, for these restoring gifts. Under your watchful care, may we rest secure through the night and rise refreshed and ready for your service. We ask this in confidence, for your hear and answer our prayers. Amen.

BLESSING

*May the God of mercy bless and protect us all. Amen.
May the God of peace comfort us in times of trial. Amen.
May the God of love shine forth in our lives. Amen.*

Friday Morning Prayers

*“While we place all our confidence in God, we
must always act as if success depended on our
exertions.”*

C. McAuley



Friday Morning

PSALM 51

REFRAIN:

Creator God, reshape my heart. A changed heart you welcome.

Have mercy, tender God,
forget that I defied you.
Wash away my sin,
cleanse me from my guilt.

I know my evil well,
it stares me in the face,
evil done to you alone
before your very eyes.

How right your condemnation!
Your verdict clearly just.
You see me for what I am,
a sinner before my birth.

You love those centered in truth;
teach me your hidden wisdom.
Wash me with fresh water,
wash me bright as snow.

Fill me with happy songs,
let the bones you bruised now dance.

Shut your eyes to my sin,
make my guilt disappear.

Creator, reshape my heart,
God, steady my spirit.
do not cast me aside
stripped of your holy spirit.

Save me, bring back my joy,
support me, strengthen my will.
Then I will teach your way
and sinners will turn to you.

Help me, stop my tears,
and I will sing your goodness.
Lord, give me works
and I will shout your praise.

When I offer a holocaust,
the gift does not please you.
So I offer my shattered spirit;
a changed heart you welcome.

In your love make Zion lovely,
rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.
Then sacrifice will please you,
young bulls upon your altar.

DOXOLOGY

*Glory to you, Source of Life, Living Word, and Holy Spirit,
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without end. Amen*

REFRAIN:

Creator God, reshape my heart. A changed heart you welcome.

READING - Ephesians 4:29-32

*Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful
for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give
grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of
God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of
redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and
anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be
kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God
in Christ has forgiven you.*

CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH

REFRAIN:

*Let no breach of charity ever occur among us. Let the sun never
go down on our anger.*

Praise the Lord, the God of Israel,
who shepherds the people and sets them free.

God raises from David's house
a child with power to save.
Through the holy prophets
God promised in ages past
to save us from enemy hands,
from the grip of all who hate us.

The Lord favored our ancestors
recalling the sacred covenant,
the pledge to our ancestor Abraham,
to free us from our enemies,
so we might worship without fear
and be holy and just all our days.

And you child, will be called
Prophet of the Most High,
for you will come to prepare
a pathway for the Lord
by teaching the people salvation
through forgiveness of their sin.

Out of God's deepest mercy
a dawn will come from on high,
light for those shadowed by death,
a guide for our feet on the way to peace.

DOXOLOGY

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go down on our anger.*

INTERCESSIONS

*As a new day begins we ask you, God, that we may be responsive
in faith to your mercy. We commit ourselves to follow Christ in
compassion for suffering people, and we pray:*
~ God send your mercy.

*For persons who are poor, whose basic needs go unfulfilled, we
pray:*
~ God send your mercy.

*For those who are suffering from addiction to drugs, alcohol, or
possessions, we pray:*

~ God send your mercy.

*For those who are suffering from incurable or terminal diseases,
we pray:*
~ God send your mercy.

*For those who are homeless and who yearn for permanent
shelter, we pray:*
~ God send your mercy.

*For those who are lonely, who pass their days longing for
companionship, we pray:*
~ God send your mercy.

For those who are estranged from family or community, we pray:
~ God send your mercy.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER

*God of compassion, look with tenderness upon our frailty. We
love you but fail to live fully the demands of that love. Help us to
begin again when we have grown weary of doing good. Bind up
our broken spirits, and make us whole through the love of Jesus
Christ. Amen.*

BLESSING

*May God's blessing be upon us. Amen
May God's light lead us in the way of Righteousness. Amen.
May our lives be patterned on Christ Jesus. Amen.*

Friday Morning

PSALM 51

REFRAIN:

Creator God, reshape my heart. A changed heart you welcome.

Have mercy, tender God,
forget that I defied you.
Wash away my sin,
cleanse me from my guilt.

I know my evil well,
it stares me in the face,
evil done to you alone
before your very eyes.

How right your condemnation!
Your verdict clearly just.
You see me for what I am,
a sinner before my birth.

You love those centered in truth;
teach me your hidden wisdom.
Wash me with fresh water,
wash me bright as snow.

Fill me with happy songs,
let the bones you bruised now dance.
Shut your eyes to my sin,

make my guilt disappear.

Creator, reshape my heart,
God, steady my spirit.
Do not cast me aside
stripped of your holy spirit.

Save me, bring back my joy,
support me, strengthen my will.
Then I will teach your way
and sinners will turn to you.

Help me, stop my tears,
and I will sing your goodness.
Lord, give me words
and I will shout your praise.

When I offer a holocaust,
the gift does not please you.
So I offer my shattered spirit;
a changed heart you welcome.

In your love make Zion lovely,
rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.
Then sacrifice will please you,
young bulls upon your altar.

DOXOLOGY

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without end. Amen

REFRAIN:

Creator God, reshape my heart. A changed heart you welcome.

READING - 1Timothy 6:11b-14

Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ.

CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH

REFRAIN:

Jesus, you are our peace, reconciling us to God.

Praise the Lord, the God of Israel,
who shepherds the people and sets them free.

God raises from David's house
a child with power to save.
Through the holy prophets
God promised in ages past
to save us from enemy hands,
from the grip of all who hate us.

The Lord favored our ancestors
recalling the sacred covenant,
the pledge to our ancestor Abraham,
to free us from our enemies,
so we might worship without fear
and be holy and just all our days.

And you child, will be called
Prophet of the Most High,
for you will come to prepare
a pathway for the Lord
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a dawn will come from on high,
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INTERCESSIONS

*Our God is a God of compassion. Mindful of this gift of loving-
kindness, we pray for all who long for God's heart of mercy:
~Compassionate God, hear our prayer!*

*For all who suffer and struggle alone, that they may receive
healing and support:
~Compassionate God, hear our prayer!*

*For all who experience injustice and persecution, that they may
receive strength and courage:
~Compassionate God, hear our prayer!*

*For all who walk in darkness and despair, that they may receive
light and hope:
~Compassionate God, hear our prayer!*

*For all who grieve and mourn, that they may receive comfort and
peace:
~Compassionate God, hear our prayer!*

*For all who will die today, that they may receive eternal life:
~Compassionate God, hear our prayer!*

PRAYER

*God of healing and forgiveness, we come to you seeking your
mercy. We want to be true followers of Jesus, but our intentions
do not always find expression in our actions. Strengthen us to do
good and embolden us to proclaim the good news of salvation
with confidence. We ask this in the name of Jesus, remembering
his words: Ask and you shall receive. Amen.*

BLESSING

*May God bless and animate us with his own divine spirit. Amen
May we prove it is Jesus Christ we love and serve with our whole
hearts. Amen.
May God count us among his dearest and best beloved. Amen.*

Friday Morning

PSALM 51

REFRAIN:

Creator God, reshape my heart. A changed heart you welcome.

Have mercy, tender God,
forget that I defied you.
Wash away my sin,
cleanse me from my guilt.

I know my evil well,
it stares me in the face,
evil done to you alone
before your very eyes.

How right your condemnation!
Your verdict clearly just.
You see me for what I am,
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You love those centered in truth;
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Wash me with fresh water,
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Fill me with happy songs,
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Do not cast me aside
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Save me, bring back my joy,
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DOXOLOGY

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without end. Amen*

REFRAIN:

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READING: 2 Corinthians 12:7b-10

To keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but the Lord said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weakness, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH

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without end. Amen*

REFRAIN:

*May I find my strength in my Savior. May the power of Christ dwell
in me.*

INTERCESSIONS

*As we begin this new day, let us bring to God our prayers for the
distressed peoples in our world:
-Have mercy, O God, have mercy.*

*For the nations and peoples suffering from war and civil unrest,
we pray:
-Have mercy, O God, have mercy.*

*For the cities of the world burdened by poverty and violence, we
pray:
-Have mercy, O God, have mercy.*

*For civic leaders and governmental officials who struggle with
temptations to greed and lust for power, we pray:
-Have mercy, O God, have mercy.*

*For employers and landlords who resist putting personal gain
above justice for others, we pray:
-Have mercy, O God, have mercy.*

*For the areas of our own hearts, O God, that hold violence,
prejudice, and hatred, we pray:
-Have mercy, O God, have mercy.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER

*Tender God, your mercy heals the wounds of
sin and division. Reshape our hearts and rebuild our shattered
spirits; steady our lives and give us words to sing your praise. We
ask this in the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.*

BLESSING

*May God's blessing be upon us. Amen
May God's light lead us in the way of Righteousness. Amen.
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Friday Morning

PSALM 51

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Wash me with fresh water,
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Fill me with happy songs,
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Creator, reshape my heart,
God, steady my spirit.
Do not cast me aside
stripped of your holy spirit.

Save me, bring back my joy,
support me, strengthen my will.
Then I will teach your way
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and I will sing your goodness.
Lord, give me words
and I will shout your praise.

When I offer a holocaust,
the gift does not please you.
So I offer my shattered spirit;
a changed heart you welcome.

In your love make Zion lovely,
rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.
Then sacrifice will please you,
young bulls upon your altar.

DOXOLOGY:

*Glory to you, three in one.
Your mercy endures forever. Amen*

REFRAIN:

Creator God, reshape my heart. A changed heart you welcome.

READING: Galatians 2:19-20

For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH

REFRAIN:

I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me.

Praise the Lord, the God of Israel,
who shepherds the people and sets them free.

God raises from David's house
a child with power to save.
Through the holy prophets
God promised in ages past
to save us from enemy hands,
from the grip of all who hate us.

The Lord favored our ancestors
recalling the sacred covenant,
the pledge to our ancestor Abraham,
to free us from our enemies,
so we might worship without fear
and be holy and just all our days.

And you child, will be called
Prophet of the Most High,
for you will come to prepare
a pathway for the Lord
by teaching the people salvation

through forgiveness of their sin.

Out of God's deepest mercy
a dawn will come from on high,
light for those shadowed by death,
a guide for our feet on the way to peace.

DOXOLOGY:

*Glory to you, three in one.
Your mercy endures forever. Amen*

REFRAIN:

*I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but
it is Christ who lives in me.*

INTERCESSIONS

*O God, we are mindful of your compassion in all seasons. As we
turn to you, we pray for those with special needs:*

~ Make them instruments of your mercy.

*For leaders in the church, striving to minister with compassion,
we pray:*

~ Make them instruments of your mercy.

*For leaders in our world, striving to govern with justice and
integrity, we pray:*

~ Make them instruments of your mercy.

*For leaders in our Institute, striving to further the mission of
mercy, we pray:*

~ Make them instruments of your mercy.

For educators, leading others to search for truth, we pray:

~ Make them instruments of your mercy.

*For health care workers, helping others regain their health or
accept their diminishment, we pray:*

~ Make them instruments of your mercy.

For those ministering in pastoral and social services, we pray:

~ Make them instruments of your mercy.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER

*God of all mercy, you give us truth and wisdom for all our days,
but we shut our ears to your word and close our hearts to your
call. Come to us as we struggle to open our hearts to welcome
your Spirit this day. Help us to support one another as we seek to
be worthy of the life to which we are called. This we ask in the
name of Jesus. Amen.*

BLESSING

May the God of mercy bless and protect us all. Amen.

May the God of peace comfort us in times of trial. Amen.

May the God of love shine forth in our lives. Amen.



Friday Evening Prayers

*"It is God's will that EVERYONE
called to His service should be happy."
C. McAuley*

Friday Evening

PSALM 46

REFRAIN:

Come! See the wonders God does across the earth!

**Our sure defense,
our shelter and help in trouble,
God never stands far off.**

**So we stand unshaken
when solid earth cracks
and volcanoes slide into the sea,
when breakers rage
and mountains tremble in the swell.**

**The Lord of cosmic power,
Jacob's God, will shield us.**

**A river delights the city of God,
home of the Holy One Most High.
With God there, the city stands;
God defends it under attack.
Nations rage, empires fall.
God speaks, earth melts.**

**The Lord of cosmic power,
Jacob's God, will shield us.**

Come! See the wonders
God does across the earth:
everywhere stopping wars,
smashing, crushing, burning
all the weapons of war.

And end to your fighting!
Acknowledge me as God,
high over nations, high over earth.

The Lord of cosmic power,
Jacob's God, will shield us.

DOXOLOGY

*Glory to you, God of all peoples.
To Jesus, healer and friend,
to the Spirit dwelling within,
Praise be yours forever. Amen.*

REFRAIN:

Come! See the wonders God does across the earth!

READING - Romans 15:1-6

*We who are strong ought to put up with the failings of the weak,
and not to please ourselves. Each of us must please our neighbor
for the good purpose of building up the neighbor. For Christ did
not please himself; but, as it is written, "The insults of those who
insult you have fallen on me." For whatever was written in former
days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and
by the encouragement of that scriptures we might have hope.
May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to
live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ*

*Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God
and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

CANTICLE OF MARY

REFRAIN:

Let us be one heart, one voice, in singing your praise, O God.

I acclaim the greatness of the Lord,
I delight in God my savior,
who regarded my humble state.
Truly from this day on All ages will call me blest.

For God, wonderful in power,
has used that strength for me.
Holy the name of the Lord!
Whose mercy embraces the faithful,
one generation to the next.

The mighty arm of God
scatters the proud in their conceit,
Pulls tyrants from their thrones,
and raises up the humble.
The Lord fills the starving
And lets the rich go hungry.

God rescues lowly Israel,
recalling the promise of mercy,
the promise made to our ancestors,
to Abraham's heirs for ever.

DOXOLOGY

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To Jesus, healer and friend,*

*to the Spirit dwelling within,
Praise be yours forever. Amen.*

REFRAIN:

Let us be one heart, one voice, in singing your praise, O God.

INTERCESSIONS

*With mercy and compassion, God cares deeply for those in need.
Let us speak confidently of our needs.*

For those who suffer persecution and discrimination:

~ May they receive the grace of patient endurance and public support.

For those who struggle to live their gospel call:

~ May they find courage in the face of contrary values.

For those who minister to their sisters and brothers in the human community:

~ May they be responsive to the needs of the most vulnerable.

For all who face serious illness:

~ May they know God's comfort and peace.

For our families, friends, communities and all people of God:

~ May they be blessed with spiritual renewal.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER

*Merciful God, the earth is charged with the wonders of your glory.
You are shield and shelter for those who call to you in their need.
Be with us as we work to build your reign upon earth. Be our
shield against persecution, our shelter in times of weariness.*

*Wrap those who are in pain in the embrace of your mercy. This
we ask in the name of Jesus who died that we might live. Amen.*

BLESSING

May God's blessing be upon us. Amen

May God's light lead us in the way of Righteousness. Amen.

May our lives be patterned on Christ Jesus. Amen.

Friday Evening

PSALM 116:1-9, 12-14, 17-19

REFRAIN:

I raise the cup of freedom as I call on God's name!

I am filled with love,
for the Lord hears me;
the Lord bends to my voice
whenever I call.

Death had me in its grip,
the grave's trap was set,
grief held me fast.
I cried out for God,
"Please, Lord, rescue me!"

Kind and faithful is the Lord,
gentle is our God.
The Lord shelters the poor,
raises me from the dust.
Rest once more, my heart,
for you know the Lord's love.

God rescues me from death,
wiping my tears,
steadying my feet.
i walk with the Lord

in this land of the living.

What gift can ever repay
God's gift to me?
I raise the cup of freedom
as I call on God's name!
I fulfill my vows to you, Lord,
standing before your assembly,
in the court of your house,
within the heart of Jerusalem.

Hallelujah!

DOXOLOGY

*Glory to you, Source of Life, Living Word, and Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever, world
without end. Amen*

REFRAIN:

I raise the cup of freedom as I call on God's name!

READING: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10a

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written, "What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, is the very thing that has been prepared for them who love God." These things God has revealed to us through the Spirit.

CANTICLE OF MARY

REFRAIN:

*No eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived,
what you have prepared for those who love you.*

I acclaim the greatness of the Lord,
I delight in God my savior,
who regarded my humble state.
Truly from this day on All ages will call me blest.

For God, wonderful in power,
has used that strength for me.
Holy the name of the Lord!
Whose mercy embraces the faithful,
one generation to the next.

The mighty arm of God
scatters the proud in their conceit,
Pulls tyrants from their thrones,
and raises up the humble.
The Lord fills the starving
And lets the rich go hungry.

God rescues lowly Israel,
recalling the promise of mercy,
the promise made to our ancestors,
to Abraham's heirs for ever.

DOXOLOGY

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without end. Amen*

REFRAIN:

*No eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived,
what you have prepared for those who love you.*

INTERCESSIONS

*Gracious God, you are gift to us, beyond all hope and expectation.
With awe and appreciation, we express our gratitude to you.*

We pray in gratitude for practical gifts of time and talent:

*~May we use these blessings wisely for the well-being of others
and for our own growth.*

We pray in gratitude for loving gifts of family and friends:

*~May these blessings empower us to reach out to others in care
and forgiveness.*

We pray in gratitude for natural gifts of sound and silence:

*~May these blessings foster in us a spirit of contemplation and an
attitude of reverence.*

*We pray in gratitude for spontaneous gifts of creativity and
inspiration:*

~May we treasure these blessings as moments of divine life.

We pray in gratitude for treasured gifts of health and happiness:

~May these blessings help us grow in wholeness and holiness.

PRAYER

*Gracious God, at the close of this day, we remember all the
graces with which you sustain and nurture us. You have called
us, not to bestow gifts, but to bestow ourselves freely, relying
with unhesitating confidence on our providence. May we live in
this spirit of generosity, gladly sharing the goodness with which
you have blessed us. We ask this in the name of Jesus who
poured out his life for us. Amen.*

BLESSING

May God's blessing be upon us. Amen

May God's light lead us in the way of Righteousness. Amen.

May our lives be patterned on Christ Jesus. Amen.

Friday Evening

PSALM 143

REFRAIN:

Faithful God, grant us compassion.

*Hear me, faithful Lord!
bend to my prayer,
show compassion.
Do not judge me harshly;
in your sight, no one is just.*

*My enemy hunts me down,
grinding me to dust,
caging me with the dead
in lasting darkness.
My strength drains away,
my heart is numb.*

*I remember the ancient days,
I recall your wonders,
the works of your hands.
Dry as thirsty land,
I reach out for you.*

*Answer me quickly, Lord.
My strength is spent.
Do not hide from me*

or I will fall into the grave.

*Let morning announce your love,
for it is you I trust.
Show me the right way,
I offer you myself.*

*Rescue me from my foes,
you are my only refuge, Lord.
Teach me your will,
for you are my God.*

*Graciously lead me, Lord,
on to level ground.
I call on your just name,
keep me safe, free from danger.*

*In your great love for me,
disarm my enemies,
destroy their power,
for I belong to you.*

DOXOLOGY

*Glory to you, Source of Life, Living Word, and Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever, world
without end. Amen*

REFRAIN:

Faithful God, grant us compassion.

READING : 2 Corinthians 4:7-12

We have this treasure in clay jars, so that it

*may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God
and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not
crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not
forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the
body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be
made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being
given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be
made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life
in you.*

CANTICLE OF MARY

REFRAIN:

*Crucified Savior, let us rejoice to share in the sufferings you
endured for love of us.*

*I acclaim the greatness of the Lord,
I delight in God my savior,
who regarded my humble state.
Truly from this day on All ages will call me blest.*

*For God, wonderful in power,
has used that strength for me.
Holy the name of the Lord!
Whose mercy embraces the faithful,
one generation to the next.*

*The mighty arm of God
scatters the proud in their conceit,
Pulls tyrants from their thrones,
and raises up the humble.
The Lord fills the starving
And lets the rich go hungry.*

*God rescues lowly Israel,
recalling the promise of mercy,
the promise made to our ancestors,
to Abraham's heirs for ever.*

DOXOLOGY

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As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever, world
without end. Amen*

REFRAIN:

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endured for love of us.*

INTERCESSIONS

*Challenged by Jesus' example we now turn to our loving God,
asking that our prayers for others and for ourselves be graciously
heard:*

-Gracious and loving God, be with us this day and always!

*For those who minister in the church, that they may always be
faithful to the message of the gospel, we pray:*

-Gracious and loving God, be with us this day and always!

*For leaders of countries and industries, that they may use their
talents and resources to secure peace and dignity for all people,
we pray:*

-Gracious and loving God, be with us this day and always!

*For those who suffer and are unable to change their situations,
that the grace of God and the love of all Christian communities
may ease their pain, we pray:*

-Gracious and loving God, be with us this day and always!

*For ourselves, that we may look at the gifts God has given to us
and use them to further justice, peace, and equality in our world,
we pray:*

-Gracious and loving God, be with us this day and always!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER

*Faithful God, we have known your gracious and loving care each
day in our lives. May we never forget your benevolence. May we,
through our lives of service, extend and honor your goodness
among your people. In our acts of mercy and justice may you be
known and honored, now and for all ages. Amen.*

BLESSING

May God's blessing be upon us. Amen

May God's light lead us in the way of Righteousness. Amen.

May our lives be patterned on Christ Jesus. Amen.

Friday Evening

PSALM 145

REFRAIN:

Let your mercy be known through all the earth.

I will exalt you, God my king,
for ever bless your name.
I will bless you every day,
for ever praise your name.

Great is the Lord, highly to be praised,
great beyond our reach.

Age to age proclaims your works,
recounts your mighty deeds.
I ponder your splendor and glory
and all your wonderful works.

They reveal your fearful power,
I tell of your great deeds.
They recall your ample goodness,
joyfully sing your justice.

Gracious and merciful is the Lord,
slow to anger, full of love.
The Lord is good in every way,
merciful to every creature.

Let your works praise you, Lord,
your faithful ones bless you.
Let them proclaim your glorious reign,
let them tell of your might.

Let them make known to all
your might and glorious reign.
Your dominion lasts for ever,
your rule for all generations!

The Lord is faithful in every word
and gracious in every work.
The Lord supports the fallen,
raises those bowed down.

The eyes of all look to you,
you give them food in due time.
You open wide your hand
to feed all living things.

The Lord is just in every way,
loving in every deed.
The Lord is near to those who call,
who cry out from their hearts.

God grants them their desires,
hears their cry and saves them.
Those who love God are kept alive;
the wicked, the Lord destroys.

I will sing the Lord's praise,
let all flesh bless God's Name,
holy, both now and for ever.

DOXOLOGY

*Glory to you, Source of Life, Living Word, and Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever, world
without end. Amen*

REFRAIN:

Let your mercy be known through all the earth.

READING: Romans 8:1-2, 10-11

*There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.
For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free
from the law of sin and of death. But if Christ is in you, though
the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of
righteousness. If the Spirit of God who raised Jesus from the
dead dwells in you, that God who raised Christ from the dead will
give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in
you.*

CANTICLE OF MARY

REFRAIN:

Let your Spirit find a dwelling place in us, O God.

I acclaim the greatness of the Lord,
I delight in God my savior,
who regarded my humble state.
Truly from this day on
all ages will call me blest.

For God, wonderful in power,
has used that strength for me.
Holy the name of the Lord!
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God rescues lowly Israel,
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DOXOLOGY

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As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever, world
without end. Amen*

REFRAIN:

Let your Spirit find a dwelling place in us, O God.

INTERCESSIONS

*Let us bring all our prayers and those of the world before our God
who loves us:*

~ Spirit of Jesus, dwelling within us, hear our prayer.

*For the church and all who minister in Christ's name, that we may
remain strong in our faith and zeal for spreading the Good News,
we pray:*

~ Spirit of Jesus, dwelling within us, hear our prayer.

*For world leaders and politicians, that they may not get caught up
in the pursuit of priorities that hinder justice, we pray:*

~ Spirit of Jesus, dwelling within us, hear our prayer.

*For the victims of chemical dependency, that they may find the
strength to deal with this problem through God's love for them,
we pray:*

~ Spirit of Jesus, dwelling within us, hear our prayer.

*For our community, that we may strive to live lives rooted in the
gospel and our mercy tradition, we pray:*

~ Spirit of Jesus, dwelling within us, hear our prayer.

*For those who will die today, that they may be greeted by the
angels and saints welcoming them home, we pray:*

~ Spirit of Jesus, dwelling within us, hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER

*Spirit of God, dwell in our hearts. Through your transforming
power help us to respond more courageously to the gospel
challenges calling us to practical love for our sisters and brothers.
Inspired by the example of Catherine McAuley may we carry the
Good News of your mercy to our world. We ask this in Jesus'
name. Amen.*

BLESSING

*May the God of mercy bless and protect us all. Amen.
May the God of peace comfort us in times of trial. Amen.
May the God of love shine forth in our lives. Amen.*

Saturday Morning Prayers

*"Wherever a religious woman presides, peace
and good order are generally to be found."*

C. McAuley



Saturday Morning

PSALM 119: 169-176

REFRAIN:

May I live to praise you, upheld by our word.

I rejoice before you, Lord,
let your word bring me light.
Hear my prayer,
rescue me as you promise.

May praise be on my lips,
because you taught me your rule.
May praise be on my tongue,
because your commands are just.

Reach out and lead me,
I choose your path.
I long to be safe, Lord,
your law is my delight.

May I live to praise you,
upheld by your word.

If I stray like a lost sheep,
seek out your servant
for I never forget your laws.

DOXOLOGY:

*Glory to you, three in one.
Your mercy endures forever. Amen*

REFRAIN:

May I live to praise you, upheld by our word.

READING - 2 Peter 1:10-11

Brothers and sisters, be all the more eager to confirm your call and election, for if you do this, you will never stumble. For in this way, entry into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be richly provided for you.

CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH

REFRAIN:

Draw me to yourself, O God of mercy, and I shall live.

Praise the Lord, the God of Israel,
who shepherds the people and sets them free.

God raises from David's house
a child with power to save.
Through the holy prophets
God promised in ages past
to save us from enemy hands,
from the grip of all who hate us.

The Lord favored our ancestors
recalling the sacred covenant,
the pledge to our ancestor Abraham,
to free us from our enemies,

so we might worship without fear
and be holy and just all our days.

And you child, will be called
Prophet of the Most High,
for you will come to prepare
a pathway for the Lord
by teaching the people salvation
through forgiveness of their sin.

Out of God's deepest mercy
a dawn will come from on high,
light for those shadowed by death,
a guide for our feet on the way to peace.

DOXOLOGY:

*Glory to you, three in one.
Your mercy endures forever. Amen*

REFRAIN:

Draw me to yourself, O God of mercy, and I shall live.

INTERCESSIONS

*Challenging God, refreshed by our rest we commit ourselves once
again to walk the path of life.*

*You invite us to walk with you:
~ Deepen our faith.*

*You call us to mirror your Spirit:
~ Inflame our hearts with love.*

*You ask us to attend to your word:
~ Open our ears.*

*You prod us to tear down and to build up:
~ Strengthen our conviction.*

*You challenge us to abandon sinfulness:
~ Purify our hearts.*

*You promise us unending life:
~ Be our hope.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER

God of Miriam and Moses, you led your people through the desert. You guided them by day and night and made with them your covenant of love. Let us walk with you in faithfulness, following the way shown to us by Jesus and the prophets. Be with us our journey, O God of mercy. Amen.

BLESSING

*May God's blessing be upon us. Amen
May God's light lead us in the way of Righteousness. Amen.
May our lives be patterned on Christ Jesus. Amen.*

Saturday Morning

PSALM 92

REFRAIN:

O God, how good to sing your love at dawn, your faithfulness at dusk.

How good to thank you, Lord,
to praise your name, Most High,
to sing your love at dawn,
your faithfulness at dusk
with sound of lyre and harp,
with music of the lute.
For your work brings delight,
your deeds invite song.

I marvel at what you do.
Lord, how deep your thought!
Fools do not grasp this,
nor the senseless understand.
Scoundrels spring up like grass,
flourish and quickly wither.
You, Lord, stand firm forever.

See how your enemies perish,
scattered to the winds,
while you give me brute strength,
pouring rich oil upon me.
I have faced my enemies,

heard them plot against me.

The just grow tall like palm trees,
majestic like the cedars of Lebanon.
They are planted in the temple courts
and flourish in God's house,
green and heavy with fruit
even in old age.

Proclaim that God is just,
my rock without a fault.

DOXOLOGY

*Glory to you, Source of Life, Living Word, and Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever, world
without end. Amen*

REFRAIN:

*O God, how good to sing your love at dawn, your faithfulness at
dusk.*

READING - Romans 12:13-18

*Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to
strangers. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not
curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who
weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but
associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do
not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble
in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live
peaceably with all.*

CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH

REFRAIN:

*Make my heart like yours, O Jesus Christ, that I may weep with
those who weep and rejoice with those who rejoice.*

*Praise the Lord, the God of Israel,
who shepherds the people and sets them free.*

*God raises from David's house
a child with power to save.
Through the holy prophets
God promised in ages past
to save us from enemy hands,
from the grip of all who hate us.*

*The Lord favored our ancestors
recalling the sacred covenant,
the pledge to our ancestor Abraham,
to free us from our enemies,
so we might worship without fear
and be holy and just all our days.*

*And you child, will be called
Prophet of the Most High,
for you will come to prepare
a pathway for the Lord
by teaching the people salvation
through forgiveness of their sin.*

*Out of God's deepest mercy
a dawn will come from on high,
light for those shadowed by death,
a guide for our feet on the way to peace.*

Praise the Lord, the God of Israel,

who shepherds the people and sets them free.

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DOXOLOGY

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As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever, world
without end. Amen*

REFRAIN:

*Make my heart like yours, O Jesus Christ, that I may weep with
those who weep and rejoice with those who rejoice.*

INTERCESSIONS

*God your mercy endures forever. As a people called to be merciful, we need your loving kindness beyond all measure. We ask for your blessing as we minister to others this day:
- God of mercy, hear our prayer!*

*We ask you to give us the spirit of the poor, grateful for simple gifts:
God of mercy, hear our prayer!*

*We ask you to bless our lives with meekness, freeing us to forgive:
God of mercy, hear our prayer!*

*We ask you to give us pure hearts, centered in you alone:
God of mercy, hear our prayer!*

*We ask you to comfort us in times of loss, strengthening us with the courage to mourn:
God of mercy, hear our prayer!*

*We ask you to energize us for justice, aware that we do not hunger and thirst for it alone:
God of mercy, hear our prayer!*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER

Blessed be your name, O God. You have filled the earth with your gifts. Blessed are those who have believed in you. Blessed are those who have sought to say "yes" to you. This day we stand in union with all our sisters who have gone before us and ask that we be strengthened to follow in the way of Mercy which is their legacy. Like them may we see you face to face in eternity, for Jesus has told us, "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall see God!" Amen

BLESSING

*May the God of Mercy bless and protect us all. Amen.
May the God of peace comfort us in times of trial. Amen.
May the God of love shine forth in our lives. Amen.*

Saturday Morning

PSALM 149

REFRAIN

We delight in you, O God. Our joy is in our God who saves.

Sing a new song, you faithful,
praise God in the assembly.
Israel, rejoice in your maker,
Zion, in your king.
Dance in the Lord's name,
sounding harp and trombone.

The Lord delights
in saving a helpless people.
Revel in the glory,
join in clan by clan.
Shout praise from your throat,
sword flashing in hand

to discipline nations
and punish the wicked,
to shackle their kings
and chain their leaders,
and execute God's sentence.
You faithful, this is your glory!

Hallelujah!

DOXOLOGY

*Glory to you, Source of Life, Living Word, and Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever, world
without end. Amen*

REFRAIN

We delight in you, O God. Our joy is in our God who saves.

READING - Philippians 2:2 - 4,14 - 16

*Make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same
love, being of full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from
selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better
than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests,
but to the interests of others.*

*Do all things without murmuring or arguing, so that you may be
blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the
midst of a crooked and perverse generation, in which to shine like
the stars in the world. It is by your holding fast to the word of
life that I can boast on the day of Christ that I did not run in vain
or labor in vain.*

CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH

REFRAIN:

May I see your people through the prism of your love, O God.

*Praise the Lord, the God of Israel,
who shepherds the people and sets them free*

*God raises from David's house
a child with power to save.
Through the holy prophets
God promised in ages past
to save us from enemy hands,
from the grip of all who hate us.*

*The Lord favored our ancestors
recalling the sacred covenant,
the pledge to our ancestor Abraham,
to free us from our enemies,
so we might worship without fear
and be holy and just all our days.*

*And you child, will be called
Prophet of the Most High,
for you will come to prepare
a pathway for the Lord
by teaching the people salvation
through forgiveness of their sin.*

*Out of God's deepest mercy
a dawn will come from on high,
light for those shadowed by death,
a guide for our feet on the way to peace.*

DOXOLOGY

*Glory to you, Source of Life, Living Word, and Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever, world
without end. Amen*

REFRAIN:

May I see your people through the prism of your love, O God.

INTERCESSIONS

O God, your mother Mary is the model for all who are called to holiness. Through her intercession we pray for women everywhere who reveal the feminine dimension of your love:

-O God, help us to respond to your call.

For mothers, grandmothers, aunts, and godmothers who call us to relationship, we pray:

-O God, help us to respond to your call.

For painters and potters, weavers and writers, artists and musicians, who call us to beauty, we pray:

-O God, help us to respond to your call.

For scientists, mathematicians, astronomers and astronauts, who call us to new discoveries, we pray:

-O God, help us to respond to your call.

For nurses, physicians, physiologists and other health care professionals, who call us to wholeness and healing, we pray:

-O God, help us to respond to your call.

For women who visit the sick, the elderly and the imprisoned, and who call us to compassion, we pray:

-O God, help us to respond to your call.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER

Faithful God, your labors of love delight us and your marvelous deeds move us to song. Make us eager to labor for the good of our neighbor and to witness to your care by our compassionate presence. We ask this in the name of Jesus and through the power of your Spirit. Amen

BLESSING

May the God of Mercy bless and protect us all. Amen.

May the God of peace comfort us in times of trial. Amen.

May the God of love shine forth in our lives. Amen.

Saturday Morning

PSALM 8

REFRAIN

Let the whole world tell of God's greatness.

Lord our God,
the whole world tells
the greatness of your name.
Your glory reaches
beyond the stars.

Even the babble of infants
declares your strength,
your power to halt
the enemy and avenger.

I see your handiwork
in the heavens:
the moon and the stars
you set in place.

What is humankind
that you remember them,
the human race
that you care for them?

You treat them like gods,
dressing them in glory and splendor.

You give them charge of the earth,
laying all at their feet:

cattle and sheep,
wild beast,
birds of the sky,
fish of the sea,
every swimming creature.

Lord, our God,
the whole world tells
the greatness of your name.

DOXOLOGY

Glory to you, Source of Life, Living Word, and Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever, world
without end. Amen

REFRAIN

Let the whole world tell of God's greatness.

READING: Revelations 21:5-6

The one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also, he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH

REFRAIN:

A new heaven and a new earth you prepare for us, O God. Let your love shine forth.

Praise the Lord, the God of Israel,
who shepherds the people and sets them free.

God raises from David's house
a child with power to save.
Through the holy prophets
God promised in ages past
to save us from enemy hands,
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REFRAIN:

A new heaven and a new earth you prepare for us, O God. Let your love shine forth.

INTERCESSIONS

God of the heavens and the earth, open our eyes to the beauty of your handiwork. In a spirit of trust, we bring you our needs:

~ Gracious God, hear our prayer.

That all who minister in the church will use its resources to serve those in need, we pray:

~ Gracious God, hear our prayer.

That world leaders will pursue the common good rather than personal gain, we pray:

~ Gracious God, hear our prayer.

That our companions will find in us a reflection of the hospitality of Christ, we pray:

~ Gracious God, hear our prayer.

That all who are hungry in body or spirit will be fed from your abundance, we pray:

~ Gracious God, hear our prayer.

That those who are depressed and discouraged will find their burdens lifted, we pray:

~ Gracious God, hear our prayer.

That the sick and dying will find healing and peace, we pray:

~ Gracious God, hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER

All glorious God, yours are the heavens and the earth. We begin this day telling of your greatness and knowing our responsibility to help bring about a new heaven and a new earth. Give us strength for our charge, and joy in its fulfillment. We ask this, believing in the power of Jesus' name. Amen.

BLESSING

May the God of mercy bless and protect us all. Amen.

May the God of peace comfort us in times of trial. Amen.

May the God of love shine forth in our lives. Amen.

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