

Daily prayer for Lent

Please join in with the words in Bold.....

O Lord, open our lips

All and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

You laid the foundation of the earth

All and the heavens are the work of your hands.

Blessed are you, God of compassion and mercy,
to you be praise and glory for ever.

In the darkness of our sin,
your light breaks forth like the dawn
and your healing springs up for deliverance.

As we rejoice in the gift of your saving help,
sustain us with your bountiful Spirit
and open our lips to sing your praise.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All Blessed be God for ever.

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
so may the light of your presence, O God,
set our hearts on fire with love for you;
now and for ever.

All Amen.

The Word of God

Psalm 111

Refrain: *The Lord is gracious and full of compassion.*

1 Alleluia.

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, 
in the company of the faithful and in the congregation.

2 The works of the Lord are great, 
sought out by all who delight in them.

3 His work is full of majesty and honour 
and his righteousness endures for ever.

4 He appointed a memorial for his marvellous deeds; 
the Lord is gracious and full of compassion. *R*

5 He gave food to those who feared him; 
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

6 He showed his people the power of his works 
in giving them the heritage of the nations.

7 The works of his hands are truth and justice; 
all his commandments are sure. *R*

8 They stand fast for ever and ever; 
they are done in truth and equity.

9 He sent redemption to his people;
he commanded his covenant for ever; 
holy and awesome is his name.

10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
a good understanding have those who live by it; 
his praise endures for ever.

Refrain: *The Lord is gracious and full of compassion.*

*Gracious God, you are full of compassion;
may we who long for your kingdom to come
rejoice to do your will
and acknowledge your power alone to save;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.***

**All Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Scripture Reading

1 Samuel 2:1-10

Then Hannah prayed and said:

¹My heart rejoices in the LORD;
in the LORD my horn^[a] is lifted high.

My mouth boasts over my enemies,
for I delight in your deliverance.

²There is no one holy like the LORD;
there is no one besides you;
there is no Rock like our God.

³Do not keep talking so proudly
or let your mouth speak such arrogance,
for the LORD is a God who knows,
and by him deeds are weighed.

⁴The bows of the warriors are broken,
but those who stumbled are armed with strength.

⁵Those who were full hire themselves out for food,
but those who were hungry are hungry no more.

She who was barren has borne seven children,
but she who has had many sons pines away.

⁶The LORD brings death and makes alive;
he brings down to the grave and raises up.

⁷The LORD sends poverty and wealth;
he humbles and he exalts.

⁸He raises the poor from the dust

and lifts the needy from the ash heap;
he seats them with princes
and makes them inherit a throne of honour.
'For the foundations of the earth are the LORD's;
on them he has set the world.
⁹He will guard the feet of his faithful servants,
but the wicked will be silenced in the place of darkness.
'It is not by strength that one prevails;
¹⁰ those who oppose the LORD will be broken.
The Most High will thunder from heaven;
the LORD will judge the ends of the earth.
'He will give strength to his king
and exalt the horn of his anointed.'

A suitable song or chant, or a responsory in this or another form, may follow

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
All O my God, in you I trust.
You are the God of my salvation,
All To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
In you I hope all the day long.
All O my God, in you I trust.
Remember, Lord, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.
All To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
O my God, in you I trust

**All Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they shall be satisfied.**

1 Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel, 
who has come to his people and set them free.

2 He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, 
born of the house of his servant David.

3 Through his holy prophets God promised of old 
to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all that hate us,

4 To show mercy to our ancestors, ◆
and to remember his holy covenant.

5 This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham: ◆
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

6 Free to worship him without fear, ◆
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.

7 And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, ◆
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,

8 To give his people knowledge of salvation ◆
by the forgiveness of all their sins.

9 In the tender compassion of our God ◆
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

10 To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, ◆
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Luke 1.68-79

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and shall be for ever. Amen.**

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Prayers

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer

Silence may be kept.

The Collect of the day is said

Merciful Lord,
you know our struggle to serve you:
when sin spoils our lives
and overshadows our hearts,
come to our aid
and turn us back to you again; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
All Amen

The Lord's Prayer is said

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**All Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

The Conclusion

The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil,
and keep us in eternal life.

All Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.