

Daily Prayer

Opening Responses

The world belongs to God, the earth and all its people.

How good it is, how wonderful to live together in unity.

Love and faith come together; justice and peace join hands.

If Christ's disciples keep silent, these stones would shout aloud.

Open our lips, O God, and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

Prayer

Move among us, God; give us life; let your people rejoice in you.

Give us again the joy of your help; with your spirit of freedom sustain us.

God, make our hearts clean, restore us in body, mind and spirit.

(Pause)

Trusting in God's forgiveness, let us in silence confess my/our failings and acknowledge my/our part in the pain of the world.

Before God, with the people of God, I/we confess to turning away from God in the ways I/we wound my/our life, the lives of others and the life of the world.

May God forgive you and I, Christ renew you and I, and the Spirit enable us to grow in love. Amen.

Today's Readings

Affirmation

With the whole church we affirm

that we are made in God's image, befriended by Christ, empowered by the Spirit.

With people everywhere we affirm God's goodness at the heart of humanity planted more deeply than all that is wrong

With all creation we celebrate the miracle and wonder of life, the unfolding purposes of God for ever at work in ourselves and the world.

Prayers for others

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Monday

God, in whose heart is love and justice, show us this day whom we must love and what we should challenge or change in order that your will for the earth might be done.

Increase our hope, dispel our apathy; inspire our imagination, and deepen our commitment until we become the signs of your kingdom for which we and others pray. Amen.

Tuesday

O Christ, the Master Carpenter, you at the last, through wood and nails, crafted our whole salvation. Wield well your tools in the workshop of your world, so that we who come rough-hewn to your bench may here

be fashioned to a truer beauty of your hand.

Wednesday

O God, you gave to your servants who have gone before us gifts of courage, faith and cheerfulness, and sent them out to carry your Gospel to every creature. Further in all things the purpose of this community, that hidden things may be revealed to us and new ways found. to touch the hearts of all. Amen.

Thursday

Jesus, you have set before us a great hope that your kingdom will come on earth, and have taught us to pray for its coming. Make us ready to celebrate the signs of its dawning, and to pray and work for the perfect day when your will shall be done on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

Friday

O Christ, you are within each of us. It is our own inner being you have renewed. We are your temple not made with human hands; we are your body. If every wall should crumble, and every church decay, we are your habitation. Nearer are you than breathing, closer than hands and feet. Ours are the eyes with which you, in the mystery look out with compassion on the world. So we bless you for our church, for your directing of us, your redeeming of us, your presence among us. Take us outside, O Christ, outside holiness, to where nations clash at the crossroads of the world. Amen.

Saturday

Ever-present God, set your blessing on us as we begin this day. Confirm in

us the truth by which we rightly live; confront us with the truth from which we wrongly turn. We ask not for what we want but for what you know we need, as we offer this day and ourselves for you and to you. Amen.

Closing

This is the day that God has made

We will rejoice and be glad in it.

We will not offer to God

Offerings that cost us nothing.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord,

We will seek peace and pursue it.

In the name of the Trinity of Love,

One God in perfect community. Amen.

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