



Daily Prayer For Individuals and Families

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This brief service is intended as a simple form of daily prayer for individuals and families. When more than one person is present, the psalm and responses may be spoken responsively, with one person reading the words in regular type and the others responding with the words in bold type. The Creed and Prayers that are in bold type are to be said by all.

The sign of the cross ✠ may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

Invocation

In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Psalm

(From Psalms 50 and 119)

P Call upon me in the day of trouble;

C **I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.**

With my whole heart I cry; answer me, O LORD!

I will keep your statutes.

I call to you; save me,

that I may observe your testimonies.

I rise before dawn and cry for help;

I hope in your words.

My eyes are awake before the watches of the night,

that I may meditate on your promise.

Hear my voice according to your steadfast love;

O LORD, according to your justice give me life.

For those with access to the internet, you may now play today's worship video, located on Bethany's website (www.bethanycr.org) under the Worship Resources tab and then continue with the Apostles' Creed. Everyone else may continue the service as printed....

Scripture Lesson

(Luke 11:1-13)

¹Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." ²And he said to them, "When you pray, say:

"Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

³Give us each day our daily bread,

⁴and forgive us our sins,

for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us.

And lead us not into temptation.”

⁵And he said to them, “Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves, ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him’; ⁷and he will answer from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything’? ⁸I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. ⁹And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. ¹¹What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; ¹²or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

Sermon – † *Learning to Pray* † (A copy is included at the end of this service.)

Apostles’ Creed

☐ I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven And sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; The holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life † everlasting. Amen.

The Lord’s Prayer



**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass
against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and
ever. Amen.**

Bethany's Prayer List

Thanksgiving

- Mike Raymon - back pain relief

Entrusting into God's Care

- Those in an accident during the return trip from Houston
- Persecuted Christians and refugees
- Those suffering after the storm and during the pandemic
- Peace in Europe and throughout the world
- Project 24 students, Yvonne and Lorine

Healing

- Faye Sieck - pain
- Elaine Cook - health issues
- Abi Clark - health issues
- Cherie Miller - injury
- Norm Rutz - cancer treatment
- Joyce Fritz - recovering at home after surgery
- Angela Yuza - recovering after surgery
- Emily Kroemer - recovering after broken ankle
- Doug Knutson - cancer treatment
- Lee Rathje - health issues
- Cindy Broadwater - relief of foot pain
- Dave Christian - recovering at home after cardiac surgery

Homebound

- Betty Hein - Terrace Glen Village, Marion

Mourning, friends and family of

- Tami (friend of Becky Thur) - died 7/12
- John Siebenmann - died 7/10

Serving Our Country

- Mitchell & Benjamin (relatives of Schoens & Smiths) - US Navy
- Harrison (son of Rob & Faye Sieck) - US Army

Collect of the Day

Let us pray... O Lord, let Your merciful ears be attentive to the prayers of Your servants, and by Your Word and Spirit teach us how to pray that our petitions may be pleasing before You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Concluding Prayers

Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scripture to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Together we pray... **I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that you would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



✠ *Learning to Pray* ✠

Grace, mercy, and peace to you from God – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

“Mine, mine, mine!” are words that seem to fill any house containing a young child. Most parents know that when their child reaches a certain age everything that they may lay their eyes on they want and they let you know about it. Now, it is one thing of course, if they want a cup of apple juice or a baseball bat, but when they are pointing to your dinner or even an airplane in the sky and saying, “Mine, mine, mine!” it becomes a little tiresome rather quickly.

For those of you who have spent any amount of time around a young child with a similar attitude or outlook on life, you know what I’m talking about. And you would probably imagine that our God would discourage such constant begging and pleading of Him. But instead, Jesus teaches us that this is exactly what prayer is – God’s children asking the Father. And He tells us that we are to keep asking because we desperately need what only the Father can and does give.

This is hard for us to understand or accept today. We tend to be proud, thinking that we don’t need anyone’s help. We want to be independent, not owing anyone anything. The movie *Invictus* is about Nelson Mandela and post-apartheid South Africa. In this inspirational movie the poem *Invictus* was referenced several times to inspire the characters and nation of South Africa to greatness. The poem and movie ends with the lines, “I am the master of my fate, I am the captain of my soul.” And we like that idea. It inspires us. It motivates us. But unfortunately, it’s simply not true.

In Luke 18 Jesus tells us a parable of a tax collector and Pharisee, the Pharisee asks for nothing from God because he thinks that he needs nothing. He’s good enough on his own. He’s done what he is supposed to. He is the captain of his soul. The tax collector on the other hand, knows that before God he is a beggar. He needs everything that God is willing to give him.

According to Jesus in our Scripture lesson today, we are all beggars, for we are all sinners in the eyes of God. Even the best earthly fathers among us, who would never hurt or harm their children and sacrifice for them, are called evil in verse 13. Likewise, the neighbor who has midnight company is moved to ask for bread because he knows he has nothing to set before his guest. On our own, we have nothing to set before God.

Yet in the prayer that Jesus gives us, He teaches us what to ask for, thus teaching what we need. He starts right at the beginning by telling us that we are to call upon our “Father”. This puts us in our place. It reminds us that everything we have belongs to God. For by Holy Baptism, God has become our Father, and we His children. And as our perfect Father, He gives us only good gifts.

Gifts like His name to call upon. Jesus tells us to pray, *Hallowed be your name, your kingdom come*. What we often think is most important to us is our name or reputation and our kingdom or our possessions. But Jesus redirects our wants to the best gifts that God offers. We are to ask for God’s name to be kept holy among us. So that knowing who God is and what He has done for us in Christ’s suffering and death, we may have forgiveness and life where once there was only judgment and damnation. We are to ask for God’s kingdom to come to us through Christ’s Word, Baptism, and Supper so that we may live free from chains of not only sin and death, but from despair and fear.

For all our needs of body and soul are met by God alone, as Jesus tells us to pray for *daily bread*. We cannot trust in our own work or our own prayers to give us what we need in life. I know that many of us work, or have worked, hard for what you have. And along with that, unfortunately, some look down upon those whom they judge to be lazy or incompetent. But your ability to work, your motivation to excel, your intelligence and wisdom are all gifts given to you by your Father. And so, we thank God for, and trust in Him to give us, our daily bread.

All of these things we may ask for because our sins are forgiven. Without the blood bought forgiveness of Christ we would be dead and have no right to ask the Father for anything. As St. Paul says in Colossians, “*we were dead in our trespasses but made alive having been forgiven.*” Our debt has been cancelled and nailed to the cross so that all those who would work against us; all those who would drag us down; all those who would tells us that we are not good enough or worthy enough to be loved by God - are now put to shame.

If all of this sounds like a lot to ask God for, it is. But remember, He is God our Father. Any loving father would give his son everything good thing that he asks for in life. But unfortunately, human fathers can’t always do that. But God can, and so Jesus teaches us to pray, asking the Father for all of these incredible things. God was not wearied by Abraham’s endless pleas for Sodom, and He’ll never be wearied by our cries for help as well. In fact, He wants to help us – this is why Jesus came and died on the cross. This is why Jesus teaches us to pray for everything we will ever need in this life of the next. Amen.

And now may the peace of God that surpasses all understanding keep your hearts and minds forever in Christ Jesus. Amen.

