



# Daily Prayer For Individuals and Families

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**May 17, 2026 A.D.**

**Ascension Sunday**

*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 other parts of the service 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 100 & 101*

I will sing of steadfast love and justice;  
to you, O LORD, I will make music.

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

Know that the LORD, he is God!

It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.  
Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!

Give thanks to him; bless his name!

For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning,**

**is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

I will sing of steadfast love and justice;  
to you, O LORD, I will make music.

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

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## **Scripture Lesson** – Acts 1:1-11

<sup>1</sup>In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach,  
<sup>2</sup>until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commands through the Holy Spirit to the  
apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>To them he presented himself alive after his suffering by many  
proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

<sup>4</sup>And while staying with them he ordered them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me; <sup>5</sup>for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

<sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” <sup>7</sup>He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” <sup>9</sup>And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, <sup>11</sup>and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

**Sermon** – † *Ascension* † (A video of the sermon will be available on Bethany's Website Sunday afternoon. Contact the church office if you would like to receive a printed copy.)

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### The Nicene Creed

**I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven  
and earth and of all things visible and invisible.  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of  
God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,  
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.  
And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life † of the world to come. 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

#### **Entrusting into God's Care**

- Elaine Cook- hospice care
- Mission Center
- Tracy (relative of Dathan Hinrichs)- brain tumor
- Kelly Johnson– life issues

#### **Healing**

- Larry Kroemer– recovering after hospitalization
- Jeannine Robinson– upcoming surgery on 5/22
- Cassandra (friend of the Urbans)– hospice care
- Beth Wright– recovering after surgery
- Karen Swalley– health issues
- Mike Raymon– recovering after surgery
- Vern Happel - recovering after surgery
- Janelle Dunbar– recovering after procedure
- Lorna Fischer– recovering after hospitalization
- Philip Hackbardt– recovering after surgery
- Vern Piering– recovering after surgery
- Tom Larson - recovering after surgery
- Linda Patten - recovering after surgery
- Abi Clark - health issues

#### **Homebound**

- Elda Joyner– at home

#### **Grief (family and friends of)**

- Jeff (relative of Chuck Kroemer)- died 4/23
- Leon (brother of Barb Rocarek)- died 4/16

#### **Serving Our Country**

- Charles Clark - IA National Guard
- Hunter (husband of Sarah Ealy) - IA National Guard

- Eli (brother of Ashton Berberich) - Marines
- Aiden (grandson of Foremans) - US Army
- Amber (daughter of Ann Balvanz) - US Army, Germany
- Ben (son of Kroemers) - IA National Guard
- Mitchell & Benjamin (relatives of Schoens & Smiths) - US Navy Jordan (grandson of Kim Neuhaus) - IA National Guard

### **Collect of the Day**

Almighty God, as Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, ascended into the heavens, so may we also ascend in heart and mind and continually dwell there with Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **Concluding Prayers**

Heavenly Father, into whose keeping we entrust our loved ones, help us to look to You in our times of sorrow, remembering the could of faithful witnesses with which we are surrounded. And grant that we may one day share in the joys of those who now rest in Your presence.; through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

**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.**

