



AGRARIAN  
DAILY PRAYER

THE  
**KEEP & TILL**

You shall be like a tree planted by streams of water.

-Psalm 1

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*"The purpose of prayer is not to get God to do what we think God ought to do. The purpose of prayer is to be properly formed." – Brian Zahnd*

### Introduction to Prayer

The Bible is one large, diverse, dynamic metanarrative – a huge story that takes us from creation, to fall, to the cross, to redemption. As Christians, it is the primary tool we have for learning to pray. Prayer puts us into that story and enlightens us to see what God is doing and to align our lives to His goodness. Prayer takes us into the story of God and teaches us to live.

However, this story doesn't come to us free and easy. We are immersed in many, many stories: the world, history, politics, our local communities, advertising, our families, and even our own personal stories (the ones that are true and the ones we tell ourselves). Our lives are full of the static of competing narratives. We'll never sort through all of this in quick, spiritual sound bites. Prayer forms us as we are formed in life – the slow, daily, grind of discipline. Discipline intentionally removes us from the rapid ebb and flow of our emotions and the blaring noise of other stories and into the predictable, stable rhythms of God's Word.

But we don't undertake this discipline alone. Rarely does discipline take hold when we set off by ourselves. We might pray for a short spell, but it almost certainly gets washed away in the demands of our lives - unless we know that we are joined by "a great cloud of witnesses." Prayer is fundamentally a communal activity; Jesus taught us to pray "Our Father." So we find a way to pray together.

Daily prayer puts the same words, the same story, the same discipline in all our mouths, our minds, and our hearts. We are all shaped into the same story and drawn together into a real community, with shared perspectives, values, and commitments. But we all bring our own selves to it, which means it will shape each of us uniquely. Communal prayer doesn't erase our individuality, but rather strengthens it into something more than ego. This is the work of the Holy Spirit. Only by the Spirit's work are we formed into a community and into our unique selves at the same time.

There are many excellent forms of prayer that can help us enter the story of God. So why create another one? We're glad you asked. This is Agrarian Daily Prayer. The unique purpose of this order of prayer is to show us the story of God who is the maker of Heaven and Earth and who walks this land with us. The Bible reveals God who

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“became flesh and dwelt among us,” God who redeems us and resurrects us in body and spirit, God who comes to us in the everyday elements of water, bread, and wine. From the creation of the world, to the promise of land and its role in salvation, to the Incarnation, to the salvation of the entire cosmos, we want to enter into a story of salvation that involves and includes the stuff we can taste, touch, and feel.

## The Basic Structure of Prayer

### Part 1 - The Parts that Don't Change.

We recognize that some parts of Scripture have shaped us in really important ways. Think of your favorite scripture passages: John 3:16, Psalm 23, “I know the plans I have for you,” etc. These passages of Scripture are the foundation for our spirituality, and we return to them often for comfort and perspective. In prayer, we do well to build in some foundational passages that we can return to regularly. Regular repetition moves the message of Scripture from our minds to our hearts. In our efforts to have an agrarian faith, the repeating passages we've chosen have agrarian themes, that speak to the salvation of the entire cosmos, remind us of the inherent goodness of creation and God's love and faithfulness to it. If we are going to be agrarian disciples, we've got to be regularly in touch with God who meets us in the soil of our lives.

For generations, the **psalms** have been the backbone of Christian prayer. In them is every emotion known to humanity, and yet in them is the response of God. In ancient times, it wasn't unusual to memorize the entire Psalter as training for prayer. We won't do that, but we have chosen some basic psalms that will begin moving the story of God from our brains to our hearts.

The other tool we regularly use is called a “**canticle.**” These are scriptural songs or poetry that remind us of the stories of God's people. They are important supports for the praying of the psalms, and we have carefully selected a few, that they might become our songs.

### Part 2 - The Parts That Do Change.

If we know the power of deep-rooted passages of Scripture, we also want to acknowledge and avoid the myopia of basing an entire belief system on a few favorite

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passages. We've all watched people throw Bible verses at one another without compassion, as if one verse settled any single issue. When we only allow certain passages to speak to us we often find ourselves worshipping a God of our own making. We do best when we are shaped by the entire ecosystem of the Bible, revealing a God much larger than our assumptions and a God who surprises us with His goodness and generosity. While daily prayer isn't designed to touch every passage of Scripture, we can expand our vision of what God is doing. In particular, we'd like these portions to help shape how we understand God's work at K&T, so we've chosen some themes for you to work through.

**Week 1 - Ecology.** What is God doing in all of creation? How does God relate to the cosmos – galaxies, gardens, meerkats and monsoons?

**Week 2 - Community.** How is God present in our neighborhood and in our land? What is God's plan for the local community of the faithful?

**Week 3 - Prayer.** How does God work in my life? Where is God leading me as a disciple?

**Week 4 - The Eucharist.** We believe this is the center of all of Christianity, the place where we meet Christ and the cross most intimately. What happens when we come to the cross? What does it mean to be "saved?"

We do not propose that we are exploring every aspect of God, but we believe that these themes will help shape us into agrarian disciples and a faithful agrarian community. By both establishing a rhythm of regular passages and journeying along the changing landscape of Scripture's contours, we hope to do the deep work of spiritual formation.

Before we go on to practical instructions, I want to give you a warning. This WILL get boring. There will be days when it seems completely useless. There are days when it will not stir our hearts at all. There will be days when everything on our calendar will scream at us with more urgency and importance than these few minutes of "nothing." That's how those other stories work – they don't tell a better story, just a louder one. So we must persevere if we are to live that better story. Anglican priest and spiritual director Martin Thornton offers some practical encouragement:

*We must re-learn the essential truth that Christian Prayer is rather like cleaning a car. When we are lucky enough to have a new one we wash and polish away with enthusiastic*

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*fervor, it is a devotional job. When the novelty wears off it becomes rather a nuisance and a bore, but we can still clean it efficiently, and here is the one vital point; there is no difference whatever in the result. It is exactly the same with prayer.” (Christian Proficiency, 4)*

## Outline for Agrarian Daily Prayer

**Introductory Prayer** - a simple and direct prayer for God’s help. It puts in our mouths the truth that God – the One who made it all – hears our prayer and is with us. Having assured ourselves of God’s listening ear, we remind ourselves of the whole story – the God of Abraham, the God of Israel, the God of Jesus; it is to this God that we pray.

### Psalm of the Day

### Canticle

**Apostles’ Creed** - The creed is a non-biblical statement of faith with deep, penetrating roots in Christian tradition. It reminds us that faith is not created but received, and this statement reminds us of “the faith once delivered to all the saints.” Furthermore, when we approach the Scriptures we want to remind ourselves of the faith in which that Scripture was written and in which we read them. None of us come to the Bible with an empty mind; we all come with a perspective and assumptions. Sometimes that is helpful, sometimes not. We want to learn to read the Scriptures with the faith of our mothers and fathers.

**Scripture** – Read these slowly, carefully, thoughtfully. We’re not well-practiced in the ways of God, which means we have to slow down, listen clearly, think deeply.

**Contemplation** – contemplation is the summit of prayer. At its best, contemplation doesn’t seek to do anything. It just wants to be. So just sit with Jesus. Sometimes you’ll want to offer something; so pray. Sometimes you’ll want to hear from Jesus; so sit quietly. Sometimes (maybe, most of the time) you’ll just want to wonder. Imagine the Scriptures as waves on the beach - just let it roll, and listen. If you are having trouble keeping your mind quiet, a simple technique is to remember a word or brief phrase from the reading. Repeat it to yourselves when you find yourself wandering.

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**Beatitudes** – Having heard from God, we prepare to respond with our own prayers. As we prepare for intercessory prayer, we want to ready ourselves to pray like Jesus. The most important statement of the values, morals, and perspectives of Jesus is the Beatitudes. In reciting this, we tune our heart to the heart of Jesus.

**Intercessory Prayer** – whatever is on your heart, let it out. But given the process we've gone through, there's a good chance that we'll have changed. Rather than our prayers being self-centered, emotionally driven, and spiritually iffy, hopefully we're at a point where they are shaped by the narrative of God, the values of Jesus, and a faith that indeed looks towards a coming Kingdom. But don't worry too much about whether it is right or wrong to pray for something. If it is on your heart, God knows already. Just offer it.

**Lord's Prayer** - When all our prayer is exhausted, we do well to remember that there is much we haven't prayed for. There are things that matter to God that don't yet register with us. So we train in prayer daily by tracing the letters and prayers of Jesus. Whatever we may have forgotten or undervalued, is set right here in the prayer that Jesus gives us. The challenge here is to "pray it like a monk" – slowly, thoughtfully.

**Closing Prayer** – an expression of our unworthiness, God's infinite love, our responsibility for thanks, and a request that we would spend this day in the service of God.

## Praying in Groups

You'll want to find opportunities to pray with small groups of people. Perhaps it's a family prayer time, or a small group, or even just you and a friend out for coffee. We've put some cues in the prayer to help you with that. First, pick someone to "lead" prayer. The only role for this person is that if you aren't sure who should read, let the leader do it! Make sure you change the leader if you meet in a group regularly.

You'll notice that each section is broken up into paragraphs or "chunks." All you need to do is pass the reading around from person to person. This is a helpful practice – it lets us participate and listen deeply at the same time, and to hear the Word of God from other voices. Lines printed in bold should be said in unison. And above all, don't worry about doing it "right." Prayer is not a test to be graded, but a time to be with God and

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with one another. So feel free to adapt it to suit the needs of your group. Want to pray the Lord's Prayer together? Do it! The important thing is to pray.

And we conclude with a prayer from us for you, written by hymnist Clara Scott:

*Silently now I wait for Thee,  
Ready my God, Thy will to see,  
Open my eyes, illumine me,  
Spirit divine!*

## Week II

### Sunday Morning Prayer

God, come to my assistance.

**Lord, make haste to help me.**

Our help is in the name of the Lord

**Who made heaven and earth.**

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.**

Father God, Creator of heaven and earth,

God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob,

God of Israel,

God and Father of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

True and Living God who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

**Have mercy and hear our prayer.**

#### Psalm of the Day: Psalm 100

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.



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**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.**

### **Canticle: Exodus 15:1-2, 6-11, 17-18**

"I will sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously;  
the horse and his rider he has thrown into the sea.

The Lord is my strength and my song,  
and he has become my salvation;  
this is my God, and I will praise him,  
my father's God, and I will exalt him.

Your right hand, O Lord, glorious in power,  
your right hand, O Lord, shatters the enemy.  
In the greatness of your majesty you overthrow your adversaries;  
you send out your fury; it consumes them like stubble.

At the blast of your nostrils the waters piled up;  
the floods stood up in a heap;  
the deeps congealed in the heart of the sea.

The enemy said, 'I will pursue, I will overtake,  
I will divide the spoil, my desire shall have its fill of them.  
I will draw my sword; my hand shall destroy them.'

You blew with your wind; the sea covered them;  
they sank like lead in the mighty waters.

"Who is like you, O Lord, among the gods?  
Who is like you, majestic in holiness,  
awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders?"

You will bring them in and plant them on your own mountain,  
the place, O Lord, which you have made for your abode,  
the sanctuary, O Lord, which your hands have established.

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The Lord will reign forever and ever.”

**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.**

### **Apostles' Creed**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

### **Scripture Reading: Acts 2:42-47**

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad

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and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Contemplation

### The Beatitudes

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

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

"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

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"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

### Intercessory Prayer

#### 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 of our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For yours is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

### Closing Prayer

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above

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all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**May the Lord bless us, protect us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.**

### Monday Morning Prayer

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God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob,

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True and Living God who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

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### Psalm of the Day: Psalm 95

Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;

let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

For the Lord is a great God,

and a great King above all gods.

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In his hand are the depths of the earth;  
the heights of the mountains are his also.  
The sea is his, for he made it,  
and his hands formed the dry land.

Oh come, let us worship and bow down;  
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!  
For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture,  
and the sheep of his hand.

Today, if you hear his voice,  
do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah,  
as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,  
when your fathers put me to the test  
and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.

For forty years I loathed that generation  
and said, "They are a people who go astray in their heart,  
and they have not known my ways."  
Therefore I swore in my wrath,  
"They shall not enter my rest."

**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.**

### **Canticle: Micah 4:1-5**

It shall come to pass in the latter days  
that the mountain of the house of the Lord  
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,  
and it shall be lifted up above the hills;  
and peoples shall flow to it,

and many nations shall come, and say:

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“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,  
to the house of the God of Jacob,  
that he may teach us his ways  
and that we may walk in his paths.”

For out of Zion shall go forth the law,  
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.  
He shall judge between many peoples,  
and shall decide disputes for strong nations far away;

and they shall beat their swords into plowshares,  
and their spears into pruning hooks;  
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war anymore;

but they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree,  
and no one shall make them afraid,  
for the mouth of the Lord of hosts has spoken.

For all the peoples walk  
each in the name of its god,  
but we will walk in the name of the Lord our God  
forever and ever.

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### Apostles' Creed

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He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

### Scripture Reading: Luke 10:1-9

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. Carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house!' And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you. And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you. Heal the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'

Contemplation

### The Beatitudes

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

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**May the Lord bless us, protect us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.**



## Tuesday Morning Prayer

God, come to my assistance.

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**Who made heaven and earth.**

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Father God, Creator of heaven and earth,

God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob,

God of Israel,

God and Father of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

True and Living God who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

**Have mercy and hear our prayer.**

### Psalm of the Day: Psalm 8

O Lord, our Lord,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

Out of the mouth of babies and infants,

you have established strength because of your foes,

to still the enemy and the avenger.

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,

the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,

what is man that you are mindful of him,

and the son of man that you care for him?

Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings

and crowned him with glory and honor.

You have given him dominion over the works of your hands;

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you have put all things under his feet,  
all sheep and oxen,  
and also the beasts of the field,  
the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea,  
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

O Lord, our Lord,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**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.**

### **Canticle: Daniel 3:57-87**

Bless the Lord, all you works of the Lord;  
sing praise to him and highly exalt him forever.

Bless the Lord, you heavens;  
Bless the Lord, you angels of the Lord;  
Bless the Lord, all you waters above the heavens;  
Bless the Lord, all you powers of the Lord;  
Bless the Lord, sun and moon;  
Bless the Lord, stars of heaven;  
sing praise to him and highly exalt him forever.

Bless the Lord, all rain and dew;  
Bless the Lord, all you winds;  
Bless the Lord, fire and heat;  
Bless the Lord, winter cold and summer heat;  
Bless the Lord, dews and falling snow;  
Bless the Lord, ice and cold;  
sing praise to him and highly exalt him forever.

Bless the Lord, frosts and snows;

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Bless the Lord, nights and days;  
Bless the Lord, light and darkness;  
Bless the Lord, lightning and clouds;  
sing praise to him and highly exalt him forever.

Let the earth bless the Lord;  
Bless the Lord, mountains and hills;  
Bless the Lord, all that grows in the ground;  
Bless the Lord, you springs;  
Bless the Lord, seas and rivers;  
sing praise to him and highly exalt him forever.

Bless the Lord, you whales and all that swim in the waters;  
Bless the Lord, all birds of the air;  
Bless the Lord, all wild animals and cattle;  
sing praise to him and highly exalt him forever.

Bless the Lord, all people on earth;  
Bless the Lord, O Israel;  
Bless the Lord, you priests of the Lord;  
Bless the Lord, you servants of the Lord;

Bless the Lord, spirits and souls of the righteous;  
Bless the Lord, you who are holy and humble in heart;  
sing praise to him and highly exalt him forever.

**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.**

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I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

### **Scripture Reading: Isaiah 61:1-4, 10-11**

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to grant to those who mourn in Zion— to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he may be glorified. They shall build up the ancient ruins; they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord; my soul shall exult in my God, for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation; he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its sprouts, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to sprout up before all the nations.

Contemplation

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### The Beatitudes

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#### Lord's Prayer

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Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven.

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And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For yours is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

### Closing Prayer

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and

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by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**May the Lord bless us, protect us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.**

### Wednesday Morning Prayer

God, come to my assistance.

**Lord, make haste to help me.**

Our help is in the name of the Lord

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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.**

Father God, Creator of heaven and earth,

God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob,

God of Israel,

God and Father of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

True and Living God who is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

**Have mercy and hear our prayer.**

### Psalm of the Day: Psalm 29

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,

ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;

worship the Lord in holy splendor.

The voice of the Lord is over the waters;

the God of glory thunders,

the Lord, over mighty waters.

The voice of the Lord is powerful;

the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.

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The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;  
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,  
and Sirion like a young wild ox.  
The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of fire.

The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;  
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.  
The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl,  
and strips the forest bare;  
and in his temple all say, "Glory!"

The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;  
the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.

May the Lord give strength to his people!  
May the Lord bless his people with peace!

**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.**

### **Canticle: from Job 39**

"Do you know when the mountain goats give birth?  
Do you observe the calving of the does?  
Can you number the months that they fulfill,  
and do you know the time when they give birth,

when they crouch to give birth to their offspring,  
and are delivered of their young?  
Their young ones become strong, they grow up in the open;  
they go out and do not return to them.

"Is the wild ox willing to serve you?

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Will it spend the night at your manger?  
Can you bind it in the furrow with ropes,  
or will it harrow the valleys after you?

Will you depend on it because its strength is great,  
and will you leave to him your labor?  
Do you have faith in it that it will return your grain  
and gather it to your threshing floor?

“Is it by your understanding that the hawk soars,  
and spreads its wings toward the south?  
Is it at your command that the eagle mounts up  
and makes its nest on high?

On the rock it dwells and makes its home  
in the rocky crag and stronghold.  
From there it spies out the prey;  
its eyes behold it from far away.  
Its young ones suck up blood;  
and where the slain are, there it is.”

**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.**

### **Apostles' Creed**

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He ascended into heaven,  
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the holy catholic Church,  
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and the life everlasting. Amen.

### Scripture Reading: Exodus 3:1-14

Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. And the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. And Moses said, "I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned." When the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." And he said, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the Lord said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey...But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?" He said, "But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain." Then Moses said to God, "If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM who I AM."

Contemplation

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### The Beatitudes

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### Thursday Morning Prayer

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### Psalm of the Day: Psalm 98

Oh sing to the Lord a new song,  
for he has done marvelous things!  
His right hand and his holy arm  
have worked salvation for him.

The Lord has made known his salvation;  
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.  
He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness  
to the house of Israel.  
All the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation of our God.

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Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;  
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!  
Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,  
with the lyre and the sound of melody!

With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord!  
Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;  
the world and those who dwell in it!

Let the rivers clap their hands;  
let the hills sing for joy together  
before the Lord, for he comes  
to judge the earth.  
He will judge the world with righteousness,  
and the peoples with equity.

**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.**

### **Canticle: Jeremiah 31:10-14**

“Hear the word of the Lord, O nations,  
and declare it in the coastlands far away;  
say, ‘He who scattered Israel will gather him,  
and will keep him as a shepherd keeps his flock.’

For the Lord has ransomed Jacob  
and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him.  
They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion,  
and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord,

over the grain, the wine, and the oil,  
and over the young of the flock and the herd;  
their life shall be like a watered garden,

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and they shall languish no more.

Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance,  
and the young men and the old shall be merry.  
I will turn their mourning into joy;  
I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.

I will feast the soul of the priests with abundance,  
and my people shall be satisfied with my goodness,  
declares the Lord."

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and the life everlasting. Amen.

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### Scripture Reading: Matthew 13:24-30

Jesus told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. When the wheat sprouted and formed heads, then the weeds also appeared. "The owner's servants came to him and said, 'Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?' "An enemy did this,' he replied. "The servants asked him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?' "No,' he answered, 'because while you are pulling the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.'"

Contemplation

### The Beatitudes

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**May the Lord bless us, protect us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.**

### Friday Morning Prayer

God, come to my assistance.

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**Have mercy and hear our prayer.**

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### Psalm of the Day: Psalm 51

Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy  
blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin!  
For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.  
Against you, you only, have I sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight,

so that you may be justified in your words  
and blameless in your judgment.  
Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,  
and in sin did my mother conceive me.

Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,  
and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.  
Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Let me hear joy and gladness;  
let the bones that you have broken rejoice.  
Hide your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation,



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and uphold me with a willing spirit.  
Then I will teach transgressors your ways,  
and sinners will return to you.

Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God,  
O God of my salvation,  
and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness.  
O Lord, open my lips,  
and my mouth will declare your praise.

For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it;  
you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.  
The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Do good to Zion in your good pleasure;  
build up the walls of Jerusalem;  
then will you delight in right sacrifices,  
in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings;  
then bulls will be offered on your altar.

**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.**

### **Canticle: from Jeremiah 17**

Thus says the Lord:  
“Cursed is the man who trusts in man  
and makes flesh his strength,  
whose heart turns away from the Lord.

He is like a shrub in the desert,  
and shall not see any good come.  
He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness,  
in an uninhabited salt land.

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Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord,  
whose trust is the Lord.

He is like a tree planted by water,  
that sends out its roots by the stream,  
and does not fear when heat comes,

for its leaves remain green,  
and is not anxious in the year of drought,  
for it does not cease to bear fruit."

The heart is deceitful above all things,  
and desperately sick;  
who can understand it?

"I the Lord search the heart  
and test the mind,  
to give every man according to his ways,  
according to the fruit of his deeds."

Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed;  
save me, and I shall be saved,  
for you are my praise.

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I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

### Scripture Reading: John 12:23-26

Jesus replied, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds. Anyone who loves their life will lose it, while anyone who hates their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be. My Father will honor the one who serves me."

Contemplation

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### Psalm of the Day: Psalm 65

Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion,  
and to you shall vows be performed.

O you who hear prayer,  
to you shall all flesh come.

When iniquities prevail against me,  
you atone for our transgressions.

Blessed is the one you choose and bring near,  
to dwell in your courts!

We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house,  
the holiness of your temple!

By awesome deeds you answer us with righteousness,  
O God of our salvation,  
the hope of all the ends of the earth  
and of the farthest seas;

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the one who by his strength established the mountains,  
being girded with might;  
who stills the roaring of the seas,  
the roaring of their waves,  
the tumult of the peoples,

so that those who dwell at the ends of the earth  
are in awe at your signs.

You make the going out of the morning and the evening  
to shout for joy.

You visit the earth and water it;  
you greatly enrich it;  
the river of God is full of water;  
you provide their grain,  
for so you have prepared it.

You water its furrows abundantly,  
settling its ridges,  
softening it with showers,  
and blessing its growth.

You crown the year with your bounty;  
your wagon tracks overflow with abundance.  
The pastures of the wilderness overflow,  
the hills gird themselves with joy,

the meadows clothe themselves with flocks,  
the valleys deck themselves with grain,  
they shout and sing together for joy.

**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.**

**Canticle: Isaiah 65:17-19, 21-25**

"For behold, I create new heavens  
and a new earth,  
and the former things shall not be remembered  
or come into mind.

But be glad and rejoice forever  
in that which I create;  
for behold, I create Jerusalem to be a joy,  
and her people to be a gladness.

I will rejoice in Jerusalem  
and be glad in my people;  
no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping  
and the cry of distress.

They shall build houses and inhabit them;  
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.  
They shall not build and another inhabit;  
they shall not plant and another eat;  
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,  
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

They shall not labor in vain  
or bear children for calamity,  
for they shall be the offspring of the blessed of the Lord,  
and their descendants with them.

Before they call I will answer;  
while they are yet speaking I will hear.  
The wolf and the lamb shall graze together;  
the lion shall eat straw like the ox,  
and dust shall be the serpent's food.

They shall not hurt or destroy

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in all my holy mountain,"  
says the Lord.

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### **Scripture Reading: Amos 9:11-15**

"In that day I will raise up the booth of David that is fallen and repair its breaches, and raise up its ruins and rebuild it as in the days of old, that they may possess the remnant of Edom and all the nations who are called by my name," declares the Lord who does this.



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"Behold, the days are coming," declares the Lord, "when the plowman shall overtake the reaper and the treader of grapes him who sows the seed; the mountains shall drip sweet wine, and all the hills shall flow with it. I will restore the fortunes of my people Israel, and they shall rebuild the ruined cities and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and drink their wine, and they shall make gardens and eat their fruit. I will plant them on their land, and they shall never again be uprooted out of the land that I have given them," says the Lord your God.

Contemplation

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## Agrarian Daily Prayer

### Closing Prayer

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**May the Lord bless us, protect us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.**