

¶ *Prayer During the Day*
Advent
Wednesday, 1 December 2021
Charles de Foucauld, Hermit in the Sahara, 1916 [Commemoration]

Preparation

O God, make speed to save us.

All **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Your words have I hidden within my heart,

All **that I should not sin against you.**

Psalm 119.11

Praise

A hymn, song, canticle, extempore praise or

Saviour eternal,
life of the world unfailing,
light everlasting
and our true redemption.

Taking our humanity
in your loving freedom,
you rescued our lost earth
and filled the world with joy.

By your first advent justify us,
by your second, set us free:
that when the great light dawns
and you come as judge of all,
we may be robed in immortality
and ready, Lord, to follow
in your footsteps blest, wherever they may lead.

Salus Aeterna

The Word of God

Psalmody

Either, Wednesday Psalm 54

Or, on any day Psalm 80.1-8

Alternatively, when Morning and Evening Prayer are also celebrated, [one of these cycles](#) may be followed.

Psalm 54

Refrain: Behold, God is my helper.

1 Save me, O God, by your name
and vindicate me by your power.

2 Hear my prayer, O God;
give heed to the words of my mouth.

3 For strangers have risen up against me,
and the ruthless seek after my life;
they have not set God before them.

4 Behold, God is my helper;
it is the Lord who upholds my life.

5 May evil rebound on those who lie in wait for me;
destroy them in your faithfulness.

6 An offering of a free heart will I give you
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is gracious.

7 For he has delivered me out of all my trouble,
and my eye has seen the downfall of my enemies.

Refrain: Behold, God is my helper.

O living God,
reach through the violence of the proud
and the despair of the weak
to create in Jesus Christ
a people free to praise your holy name,
now and for ever.

(or)

Psalm 80.1-8

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, [□]

you that led Joseph like a flock;

2 Shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim, [□]

before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh.

3 Stir up your mighty strength [□]

and come to our salvation.

4 Turn us again, O God; [□]

show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

5 O Lord God of hosts, [□]

how long will you be angry at your people's prayer?

6 You feed them with the bread of tears; [□]

you give them abundance of tears to drink.

7 You have made us the derision of our neighbours, [□]

and our enemies laugh us to scorn.

8 Turn us again, O God of hosts; [□]

show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

Faithful shepherd of your people,

as we look for the light of your countenance,

restore in us the image of your glory

and graft us into the risen life of your Son,

Jesus Christ our Lord.

Each psalm or group of psalms may end with

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.**

Short readings

Wednesday

Jesus said to his disciples, 'Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them.'

Luke 12.35 - 37

Or, on any day in Advent

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.

Isaiah 40.1

Response

Silence, study, song, or words from Scripture, such as

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

All

for they will be filled.

Matthew 5.6

Prayers

Prayers may include these concerns:

- ¶ *The Church, that she may be ready for the coming of Christ*
- ¶ *The leaders of the Church*
- ¶ *The nations, that they may be subject to the rule of God*
- ¶ *Those who are working for justice in the world*
- ¶ *The broken, that they may find God's healing*

A form of intercession found [here](#) may be used.

Either, the following prayer is said

Keep us, O Lord,
while we tarry on this earth,
in a serious seeking after you,
and in an affectionate walking with you,
every day of our lives;
that when you come,
we may be found not hiding our talent,
nor serving the flesh,
nor yet asleep with our lamp unfurnished,
but waiting and longing for our Lord,
our glorious God for ever.

All

Amen.

Richard Baxter (1691)

Or, the Collect of the day is said

Almighty God,
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness
and to put on the armour of light,
now in the time of this mortal life,
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;
that on the last day,
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty
to judge the living and the dead,
we may rise to the life immortal;
through him who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer is said.

(Either)

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.**

(or)

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

All

**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,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Conclusion

May the Lord make us ready for his coming in glory.

All

Amen.

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