



*Prayer During the Day*

*from All Saints' Day until*

*the day before the First Sunday of Advent*

Friday, 25 November 2022

Catherine of Alexandria, Martyr, 4th century [Commemoration]

Isaac Watts, Hymn Writer, 1748 [Commemoration]

### **Preparation**

O God, make speed to save us.

*All*

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

You have been my helper

*All*

**and under the shadow of your wings will I rejoice.**

*Psalm 63.8*

### **Praise**

*A hymn, song, canticle or extempore praise or*

For the gift of his Spirit:

blessed be Christ.

For the catholic Church:

blessed be Christ.

For the means of grace:

blessed be Christ.

For the hope of glory:

blessed be Christ.

For the triumphs of his gospel:

blessed be Christ.

For the lives of his saints:

blessed be Christ.

In joy and in sorrow:

blessed be Christ.

In life and in death:

blessed be Christ.

Now and to the end of the ages:

blessed be Christ.

*from A Litany of the Resurrection*

### **The Word of God**

*Psalmody*

Either, Friday Psalm 125

(or)

Or, on any day Psalm 24.1-6

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

# Psalm 125

Refrain: Glorious things are spoken of you,  
Zion, city of our God.

1 Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, □  
which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever.

2 As the hills stand about Jerusalem, □  
so the Lord stands round about his people,  
from this time forth for evermore.

3 The sceptre of wickedness shall not hold sway  
over the land allotted to the righteous, □  
lest the righteous turn their hands to evil.

4 Do good, O Lord, to those who are good, □  
and to those who are true of heart.

5 Those who turn aside to crooked ways  
the Lord shall take away with the evildoers; □  
but let there be peace upon Israel.

Refrain: Glorious things are spoken of you,  
Zion, city of our God.

God of power,  
you are strong to save  
and you never fail those who trust in you;  
keep us under your protection  
and spread abroad your reign of peace  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(or)

## Psalm 24.1-6

Refrain: The Lord of hosts: he is the King of glory.

1 The earth is the Lord's and all that fills it, □  
the compass of the world and all who dwell therein.

2 For he has founded it upon the seas □  
and set it firm upon the rivers of the deep.

3 'Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord, □  
or who can rise up in his holy place?'

4 'Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, □  
who have not lifted up their soul to an idol,  
nor sworn an oath to a lie;

5 'They shall receive a blessing from the Lord, □  
a just reward from the God of their salvation.'

6 Such is the company of those who seek him, □  
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

Refrain: The Lord of hosts: he is the King of glory.

O Lord of hosts,  
purify our hearts  
that the King of glory may come in,  
your Son, Jesus our redeemer.

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*

*Either, Friday*

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

*Hebrews 12.1,2*

*Or, on any day from All Saints to Advent*

Our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Philippians 3.20*

## **Response**

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

Blessed are the poor in spirit,

*All*

**for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

*Matthew 5.3*

## **Prayers**

*Prayers may include these concerns:*

- ¶ *The saints on earth, that they may live as citizens of heaven*
- ¶ *All people, that they may hear and believe the word of God*
- ¶ *All who fear the winter months*
- ¶ *All sovereigns and political leaders, that they may imitate the righteous rule of Christ*
- ¶ *All who grieve or wait with the dying*

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

*Either, the following prayer is said*

Bring us, O Lord God, at our last awakening  
into the house and gate of heaven,  
to enter that gate and dwell in that house,  
where there shall be no darkness nor dazzling,  
but one equal light;  
no noise nor silence, but one equal music;  
no fears nor hopes, but one equal possession;  
no ends or beginnings, but one equal eternity;  
in the habitations of your glory and dominion,  
world without end.

All

**Amen.**

*Eric Milner-White (1963)*

*after John Donne (1631)*

*Or, the Collect of the day is said*

Eternal Father,

whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven

that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:

keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit

and in the bond of peace,

and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

AllAmen.

*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 God give us grace to follow the saints in glory.

All

**Amen.**

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