Prayer During the Day
from All Saints' Day until
the day before the First Sunday of Advent
Saturday, 4 November 2023

**Preparation**

O God, make speed to save us.

All

O Lord, make haste to help us.

All

You have been my helper

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, Saturday Psalm 133

(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 133

Refrain: Mercy and truth are met together,
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

1 Behold how good and pleasant it is to dwell together in unity.

2 It is like the precious oil upon the head,
running down upon the beard,

3 Even on Aaron's beard,
running down upon the collar of his clothing.

4 It is like the dew of Hermon running down upon the hills of Zion.

5 For there the Lord has promised his blessing: even life for evermore.

Refrain: Mercy and truth are met together,
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

Grant to your people, good Lord,
the spirit of unity,
that they may dwell together in your love,
and so bear to the world
the ointment of your healing and the
dew of your blessing;
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, Saturday**

Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

Daniel 12.2,3
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,

*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 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.

*Amen.*
Or, the Collect of the day is said

Blessed Lord,
who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:
help us so to hear them,
to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them
that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word,
we may embrace and for ever hold fast
the hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ,
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

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
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.

Amen.