



Prayer During the Day on Thursday

Thursday, 31 October 2024

Martin Luther, Reformer, 1546 [Commemoration]

Preparation

O God, make speed to save us.

All

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Teach me to do what pleases you, for you are my God;

All

let your kindly spirit lead me on a level path.

Psalm 143.10

Praise

A hymn, song, canticle, extempore praise, or

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:

Such a Way, as gives us breath:

Such a Truth, as ends all strife:

And such a Life, as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:

Such a Light, as shows a Feast:

Such a Feast, as mends in length:

Such a Strength, as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:

Such a Joy, as none can move:

Such a Love, as none can part:

Such a Heart, as joys in Love.

George Herbert (1633)

The Word of God

Psalmody

Either, on any Thursday Psalm 133

Or, Week 3 Psalm 101

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 101

1 I will sing of faithfulness and justice; □
to you, O Lord, will I sing.

2 Let me be wise in the way that is perfect: □
when will you come to me?

3 I will walk with purity of heart □
within the walls of my house.

4 I will not set before my eyes □
a counsel that is evil.

5 I abhor the deeds of unfaithfulness; □
they shall not cling to me.

6 A crooked heart shall depart from me; □
I will not know a wicked person.

7 One who slanders a neighbour in secret □
I will quickly put to silence.

8 Haughty eyes and an arrogant heart □
I will not endure.

9 My eyes are upon the faithful in the land, □
that they may dwell with me.

10 One who walks in the way that is pure □
shall be my servant.

11 There shall not dwell in my house □
one that practises deceit.

12 One who utters falsehood □
shall not continue in my sight.

13 Morning by morning will I put to silence □
all the wicked in the land,

14 To cut off from the city of the Lord □
all those who practise evil.

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

Week Three

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

1 Peter 2.9,10

Or, on any Thursday

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.

1 Corinthians 12.12,13a

Response

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

Jesus said, I am the gate for the sheep.

All

I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

John 10.7,10b

Prayers

Prayers may include these concerns:

- ¶ *Local government, community leaders*
- ¶ *All who provide local services*
- ¶ *Those who work with young or elderly people*
- ¶ *Schools, colleges and universities*
- ¶ *Emergency and rescue organizations*

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

Either, the following prayer is said

O gracious and holy Father,
give us wisdom to perceive you,
diligence to seek you,
patience to wait for you,
eyes to behold you,
a heart to meditate upon you,
and a life to proclaim you,
through the power of the Spirit
of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All

Amen.

Benedict of Nursia (c.550)

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

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 kindle in us the fire of love.

All

Amen.

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