



PRAYER DURING THE DAY FOR SEPTEMBER 2020

*Text in **bold** may be said by all, if saying it with others.*

O God, make speed to save us. **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Thus says our God, I will comfort you, **you shall see and your heart shall rejoice.**

From Isaiah 66

PRAISE

A hymn, song, poem, freeform praise or

Open up this way of listening
To almighty echoes
In the caverns of my reading
In the hillsides of my ways.

A new way of listening
To the order and the chaos.
A mess can carry beauty
And a yearning bears its source.
May the rivers of our aching
Know their force and mend their rending.

Oh the nighttime of our longing
Waits for the morning, waits for dawn.

The echo of a voice
Finds room within my rooms
Finds voice within my feeling
Finds calm within my prayer.
Oh my lifetime, oh my waiting
Oh my safe way through my caves.
Oh my Jesus in my nighttime
Oh my walking on the waves.

Narrative Theology #3, Pádraig Ó Tuama

THE WORD OF GOD

Psalm 119 over 2 weeks

Each psalm or group of psalms may end with

**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.**

<i>Day</i>	<i>Week 1</i>	<i>Week 2</i>
Monday	V 1-16	V 97-112
Tuesday	V 17-32	V 113-128
Wednesday	V 33-48	V 129-144
Thursday	V 49-64	V145-160
Friday	V 65-80	V 161-168
Saturday	V 81-96	V 169-176

READINGS

Monday

The Lord said: At the right time, I answered you; on a day of salvation, I helped you. I have guarded you, and given you as a covenant to the people, to restore the land, and to reassign deserted properties, saying to the prisoners, "Come out," and to those in darkness, "Show

yourselves.” Along the roads animals will graze; their pasture will be on every treeless hilltop. They won’t hunger or thirst; the burning heat and sun won’t strike them, because one who has compassion for them will lead them and will guide them by springs of water. I will turn all my mountains into roads; my highways will be built up. Look! These will come from far away. Look! These from the north and west, and these from the southland. Sing, heavens! Rejoice, earth! Break out, mountains, with a song. The Lord has comforted his people, and taken pity on those who suffer.

Isaiah 49 8-13

Tuesday

Peter and John were going up to the temple at three o’clock in the afternoon, the established prayer time. Meanwhile, a man crippled since birth was being carried in. Every day, people would place him at the temple gate known as the Beautiful Gate so he could ask for money from those entering the temple. When he saw Peter and John about to enter, he began to ask them for a gift. Peter and John stared at him. Peter said, “Look at us!” So the man gazed at them, expecting to receive something from them. Peter said, “I don’t have any money, but I will give you what I do have. In the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, rise up and walk!” Then he grasped the man’s right hand and raised him up. At once his feet and ankles became strong. Jumping up, he began to walk around. He entered the temple with them, walking, leaping, and praising God. All the people saw him walking and praising God. They recognized him as the same one who used to sit at the temple’s Beautiful Gate asking for money. They were filled with amazement and surprise at what had happened to him.

Acts of the Apostles 3. 1-10

Wednesday

In Jerusalem near the Sheep Gate in the north city wall is a pool with the Aramaic name Bethesda. It had five covered porches, and a crowd of people who were sick, blind, lame, and paralyzed sat there. A certain man was there who had been sick for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him lying there, knowing that he had already been there a long time, he asked him, “Do you want to get well?”

The sick man answered him, “Sir, I don’t have anyone who can put me in the water when it is stirred up. When I’m trying to get to it, someone else has gotten in ahead of me.”

Jesus said to him, “Get up! Pick up your mat and walk.” Immediately the man was well, and he picked up his mat and walked. Now that day was the Sabbath.

John 5. 2-9

Thursday

Then the Lord said, “I’ve clearly seen my people oppressed in Egypt. I’ve heard their cry of injustice because of their slave masters. I know about their pain. I’ve come down to rescue them from the Egyptians in order to take them out of that land and bring them to a good and broad land, a land that’s full of milk and honey, a place where the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites all live. Now the Israelites’ cries of injustice have reached me. I’ve seen just how much the Egyptians have oppressed them. So get going. I’m sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.”

Exodus 3. 7-10

Friday

May the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ be blessed! He is the compassionate Father and God of all comfort. He's the one who comforts us in all our trouble so that we can comfort other people who are in every kind of trouble. We offer the same comfort that we ourselves received from God. That is because we receive so much comfort through Christ in the same way that we share so many of Christ's sufferings. So if we have trouble, it is to bring you comfort and salvation. If we are comforted, it is to bring you comfort from the experience of endurance while you go through the same sufferings that we also suffer. Our hope for you is certain, because we know that as you are partners in suffering, so also you are partners in comfort.

2 Corinthians 1. 3-7

Saturday

At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you've hidden these things from the wise and intelligent and have shown them to babies. Indeed, Father, this brings you happiness. "My Father has handed all things over to me. No one knows the Son except the Father. And nobody knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wants to reveal him. "Come to me, all you who are struggling hard and carrying heavy loads, and I will give you rest. Put on my yoke, and learn from me. I'm gentle and humble. And you will find rest for yourselves. My yoke is easy to bear, and my burden is light."

Matthew 11. 25-30

RESPONSE

Silence, study, reading, or song. Then these words from Scripture:

Gracious is the Lord and righteous; **our God is full of compassion.**

Psalms 116.4

PRAYERS

Let your prayers be guided by these concerns, and may your heart be led to even more:

God the Father, your will for all people is health and salvation; God the Son, you came that we might have life, and might have it more abundantly; God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temple of your presence;

We praise you and thank you, O Lord.

Lord, grant your grace to all who are sick or injured.

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Grant to all who seek your guidance, and to all who are lonely, anxious, or miserable, a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your presence;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to serenity of spirit;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Bless physicians, nurses, and all others who serve the suffering, granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by the grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin, in our lives, in our nation, and in the world;

Hear us, O Lord of life.

You are the Lord who does wonders: You have declared your power among the peoples.

With you, O Lord, is the well of life:

And in your light we see light.

Hear us, O Lord of life:

Heal us, and make us whole.

In the power of the Holy Trinity, in whom we live and move and have our being. **Amen.**

The following prayer is said to collect the prayers

God of all mercy, may this time be a space of discovery, where the possibilities that sleep in the sand of our souls can emerge to deepen and refine our vision for all that is Yet to come.

May this be a time of courage where healing and growth are loved, where dignity and forgiveness prevail.

A space where patience is prized and the destination is never lost, though the journey can be difficult and slow.

May we have the heart to see that no one arrives without a gift and no one leaves without a blessing.

To the honor and glory of your Name, now and forever. **Amen.**

OTHER COLLECTS AND PRAYERS (*IF DESIRED*)

THE LORD'S PRAYER *is said in whatever language is closest to your heart*

THE CONCLUSION

Thus says our God, I will comfort you, **you shall see and your heart shall rejoice.**

This follows the outline of Prayer During the Day from CoE, readings focusing on comfort and healing.

Prayers are adapted from 'A Litany of Healing' Enriching our Worship 2.