



PRAYER DURING THE DAY FOR OCTOBER 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.**

Old and young together, let them praise the name of the Lord

For God's name alone is uplifted; his glory is above earth and heaven.

Psalm 148.13

PRAISE

A hymn, song, poem, freeform praise or

Most High, all powerful, good Lord,*
to you be praise, glory, honor and all blessing.
Only to you, Most High, do they belong*
and no one is worthy to call upon your name.
May you be praised, my Lord, with all your
creatures, especially brother sun,*
through whom you lighten the day for us.
He is beautiful and radiant with great splendor;*
he signifies you, O Most High.
Be praised, my Lord, for sister moon
and the stars:*

clear and precious and lovely,
they are formed in heaven.
Be praised, my Lord, for brother wind
and by air and clouds, clear skies
and all weathers,*
by which you give sustenance to your creatures.
Be praised, my Lord, for sister water,*
who is very useful and humble and
precious and pure.
Be praised, my Lord, for brother fire,
by whom the night is illumined for us:*

he is beautiful and cheerful,
full of power and strength.
Be praised, my Lord, for sister, our mother earth,
who sustains and governs us*
and produces diverse fruits
and colored flowers and grass.
Be praised, my Lord,
by all those who forgive for love of you*
and who bear weakness and tribulation.
Blessed are those who bear them in peace:*

for you, Most High, they will be crowned.
Be praised, my Lord, for our sister,
the death of the body,*
from which no one living is able to flee;
woe to those who are dying in mortal sin.
Blessed are those who are found doing
your most holy will,*
for the second death will do them no harm.
Praise and bless my Lord and give him thanks*
and serve him with great humility.

-Attributed to Francis of Assisi, translation from Common Worship (CoE)

THE WORD OF GOD

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	8	104
Tuesday	19	106 1-18
Wednesday	120	106 19-48
Thursday	121	111 1-6
Friday	122	145
Saturday	123	148

READINGS

Monday

God said, “Let the waters swarm with living things, and let birds fly above the earth up in the dome of the sky.” God created the great sea animals and all the tiny living things that swarm in the waters, each according to its kind, and all the winged birds, each according to its kind. God saw how good it was. Then God blessed them: “Be fertile and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let the birds multiply on the earth.” There was evening and there was morning: the fifth day.

Genesis 1.20-23

Tuesday

The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are being destroyed. But it is the power of God for those of us who are being saved. It is written in scripture: I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and I will reject the intelligence of the intelligent. Where are the wise? Where are the legal experts? Where are today’s debaters? Hasn’t God made the wisdom of the world foolish? In God’s wisdom, he determined that the world wouldn’t come to know him through its wisdom. Instead, God was pleased to save those who believe through the foolishness of preaching. Jews ask for signs, and Greeks look for wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, which is a scandal to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles. But to those who are called—both Jews and Greeks—Christ is God’s power and God’s wisdom. This is because the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

1 Corinthians 1.18-25

Wednesday

Jesus said to his disciples, “Therefore, I say to you, don’t worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. There is more to life than food and more to the body than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither plant nor harvest, they have no silo or barn, yet God feeds them. You are worth so much more than birds! Who among you by worrying can add a single moment to your life? If you can’t do such a small thing, why worry about the rest? Notice how the lilies grow. They don’t wear themselves out with work, and they don’t spin cloth. But I say to you that even Solomon in all his splendor wasn’t dressed like one of these. If God dresses grass in the field so beautifully, even though it’s alive today and tomorrow it’s thrown into the furnace, how much more will God do for you, you people of weak faith! Don’t chase after what you will eat and what you will drink. Stop worrying. All the nations of the world long for these things. Your Father knows that you need them. Instead, desire his kingdom and these things will be given to you as well.

Luke 12.22-31

Thursday

The Lord God proclaims: Long ago my people went down to reside in Egypt. Moreover, Assyria has oppressed them without cause. And now what have I here? says the Lord. My people are taken away for nothing. Their rulers wail, says the Lord, and continually all day long my name is despised. Therefore, my people will know my name on that day; I’m the one who promises it; I’m

here. How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of a messenger who proclaims peace, who brings good news, who proclaims salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God rules!" Listen! Your lookouts lift their voice; they sing out together! Right before their eyes they see the Lord returning to Zion. Break into song together, you ruins of Jerusalem! The Lord has comforted his people and has redeemed Jerusalem.

Isaiah 52.4-9

Friday

The believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, to the community, to their shared meals, and to their prayers. A sense of awe came over everyone. God performed many wonders and signs through the apostles. All the believers were united and shared everything. They would sell pieces of property and possessions and distribute the proceeds to everyone who needed them. Every day, they met together in the temple and ate in their homes. They shared food with gladness and simplicity. They praised God and demonstrated God's goodness to everyone. The Lord added daily to the community those who were being saved.

Acts of the Apostles 2. 42-47

Saturday

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up a mountain. He sat down and his disciples came to him. He taught them, saying: "Happy are people who are hopeless, because the kingdom of heaven is theirs. Happy are people who grieve, because they will be made glad. Happy are people who are humble, because they will inherit the earth. Happy are people who are hungry and thirsty for righteousness, because they will be fed until they are full. Happy are people who show mercy, because they will receive mercy. Happy are people who have pure hearts, because they will see God. Happy are people who make peace, because they will be called God's children. Happy are people whose lives are harassed because they are righteous, because the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

Matthew 5. 1-10

RESPONSE

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

He has told you, human one, what is good and
what the Lord requires from you:

to do justice, embrace faithful love, and walk humbly with your God.

Micah 6.8

PRAYERS

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

Let us give thanks to God our Creator for all the gifts so freely bestowed upon us and

for the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea; **We thank you, Lord.**

For the richness of the mountains, plains and rivers; **We thank you, Lord.**

For all that is gracious in the lives of your people; **We thank you, Lord.**

For all creatures that breathe, and move, and have life; **We thank you, Lord.**

For the songs of birds and the loveliness of flowers and trees; **We thank you, Lord.**

For the trust you have shown in giving into our care; **We thank you, Lord.**

That we may love and honor all your works, O God; **We pray to you, Lord.**

For what else shall we pray this day:

*For the Last, Least, Lonely, Dying, Bereaved, Those serving on the front lines,
for Humility, Bravery, Patience, and Listening*

That we may continue to grow in our humble enjoyment of your abundant creation;

To the honor and glory of your name, now and forever, we pray to you, O most high and good Lord. **Amen.**

The following prayer is said to collect the prayers

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,
where there is hatred, let me sow love; **where there is injury, pardon;**
where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light; **and where there is sadness, joy.**
O, God, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand; **to be loved as to love;**
for it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

OTHER COLLECTS AND PRAYERS (*IF DESIRED*)

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

THE CONCLUSION

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This follows the outline of Prayer During the Day from CoE, readings focusing on Franciscan theology.

Readings are from the CEB translation of the Bible.

Prayers from the Episcopal Church, St. Francis Eucharist

Collect from BCP 'Prayer Attributed to St. Francis'