



PRAYER DURING THE DAY FOR FEBRUARY 2021

*Text in **bold** may be said by all, if saying it with others. Most of the month is after the Epiphany, yet the 'whoa' continues.*

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

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear to my cry; **hold not your peace at my tears.**

Psalm 39.13

CONFESSION

Most merciful God, we confess to you,
before the whole company of heaven and one another,
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed
and in what we have failed to do.
Forgive us our sins, heal us by your Spirit
and raise us to new life in Christ. **Amen.**

PRAISE

A hymn, song, poem, or freeform praise

Jesus, like a mother you gather your people to
you; you are gentle with us as a mother with her
children.

your touch makes sinners righteous.
Lord Jesus, in your mercy heal us;
in your love and tenderness remake us.

Despair turns to hope through your sweet
goodness; through your gentleness we find
comfort in fear.

In your compassion bring grace and forgiveness,
for the beauty of heaven may your love prepare
us.

Your warmth gives life to the dead,

Anselm (1109)

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	3	12
Tuesday	6	32
Wednesday	11	51. 11-19
Thursday	51. 1-10	61
Friday	95 1-7	62
Saturday	130	95 8-11

READINGS

Monday

Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing. Who knows whether he will not turn and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain-offering and a drink-offering for the Lord, your God?

Joel 2.12-14

Tuesday

Do you not know that in a race the runners all compete, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win it. Athletes exercise self-control in all things; they do it to receive a perishable garland, but we an imperishable one. So I do not run aimlessly, nor do I box as though beating the air; but I punish my body and enslave it, so that after proclaiming to others I myself should not be disqualified.

1 Corinthians 9.24-27

Wednesday

Don't even begin to think that I have come to do away with the Law and the Prophets. I haven't come to do away with them but to fulfill them. I say to you very seriously that as long as heaven and earth exist, neither the smallest letter nor even the smallest stroke of a pen will be erased from the Law until everything there becomes a reality. Therefore, whoever ignores one of the least of these commands and teaches others to do the same will be called the lowest in the kingdom of heaven. But whoever keeps these commands and teaches people to keep them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5. 17-19

Thursday

Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rearguard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

Isaiah 58. 6-9a

Friday

I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Romans 7.21-25a

Saturday

Jesus told this parable to certain people who had convinced themselves that they were righteous and who looked on everyone else with disgust: "Two people went up to the temple to pray. One was a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed about himself with these words, 'God, I thank

you that I'm not like everyone else—crooks, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week. I give a tenth of everything I receive.' But the tax collector stood at a distance. He wouldn't even lift his eyes to look toward heaven. Rather, he struck his chest and said, 'God, show mercy to me, a sinner.' I tell you, this person went down to his home justified rather than the Pharisee. All who lift themselves up will be brought low, and those who make themselves low will be lifted up.

Luke 18. 9-14

RESPONSE

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

Jesus said, 'There will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents **than over ninety-nine righteous people who need no repentance.**'

Luke 15.7

PRAYERS

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

In penitence and faith let us make our prayer to the Father and ask for his mercy and grace.

For your holy people, that they may triumph over evil and grow in grace, we pray to you,
O Lord: **God of love, hear our prayer.**

For candidates for baptism and confirmation, and those returning to their walk with Christ, that they may live by every word that proceeds from your mouth, we pray to you,
O Lord: **God of love, hear our prayer.**

For the leaders of the nations, that you will guide them in the ways of mercy and truth, we pray to you, O Lord: **God of love, hear our prayer.**

For the needy, that they may not be forgotten, nor the hope of the poor be taken away, we pray to you, O Lord: **God of love, hear our prayer.**

For the sick in body, mind and spirit, that they may know your power to heal, we pray to you, O Lord: **God of love, hear our prayer.**

For those who are suffering under the wretched grief and loss of this pandemic. For those who have died (*silence*), May they rest in peace. **God of love, hear our prayer.**

For the poor in spirit, that they may inherit the kingdom of heaven and see you face to face, we pray to you, O Lord: **God of love, hear our prayer.**

You are invited to add prayers of adoration, praise, thanksgiving, penitence, intercession, and/or petition. **God of Love, hear our prayer.**

Let us commend the world, for which Christ suffered, to the mercy and protection of God.

One (or more) of the following prayers are said to collect the intentions.

Teach us, good Lord, to serve you as you deserve; to give and not to count the cost; to fight and not to heed the wounds; to toil and not to seek for rest; to labor and not to seek for any reward, save that of knowing that we do your will. **Amen.**

Eternal light, shine into our hearts, eternal goodness, deliver us from evil, eternal power, be our support, eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance, eternal pity, have mercy upon us; that with all our heart and mind and soul and strength we may seek your face and be brought by your infinite mercy to your holy presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Ever-present God, be with us in our isolation, be close to us in our distancing, be healing in our sickness, be joy in our sadness, be light in our darkness, be wisdom in our confusion, be all that is familiar when all is unfamiliar, that when the doors reopen we may with the zeal of Pentecost inhabit our communities and speak of your goodness to an emerging world. For Jesus' sake. **Amen.**

Holy God, our lives are laid open before you: rescue us from the chaos of sin and through the death of your Son bring us healing and make us whole in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you: give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but are alive and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

OTHER COLLECTS AND PRAYERS (*if desired*)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Said in whatever language is closest to your heart

THE CONCLUSION

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear to my cry; **hold not your peace at my tears.**

Psalm 39.13

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