



PRAYER DURING THE DAY FOR MAY 2021

*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.**
Make me to know your ways, O Lord, **and teach me your paths.**

Psalm 25.3

PRAISE

A hymn, song, canticle, extempore praise or

When near the end of day, life has drained
Out of light, and it is too soon
For the mind of night to have darkened things,

No place looks like itself, loss of outline
Makes everything look strangely in-between,
Unsure of what has been, or what might come.

In this wan light, even trees seem groundless.
In a while it will be night, but nothing
Here seems to believe the relief of darkness.

You are in this time of the interim
Where everything seems withheld.

The path you took to get here has washed out;
The way forward is still concealed from you.

"The old is not old enough to have died away;
The new is still too young to be born."

You cannot lay claim to anything;
In this place of dusk,
Your eyes are blurred;
And there is no mirror.

Everyone else has lost sight of your heart
And you can see nowhere to put your trust;
You know you have to make your own way through.

As far as you can, hold your confidence.
Do not allow confusion to squander
This call which is loosening
Your roots in false ground,
That you might come free
From all you have outgrown.

What is being transfigured here in your mind,
And it is difficult and slow to become new.
The more faithfully you can endure here,
The more refined your heart will become
For your arrival in the new dawn.

For the Interim Time, John O'Donohue

THE WORD OF GOD

*A two-week cycle of Psalms is listed on the right.
Use whole or in part.*

Follow the Psalm 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.**
Alleluia.

<i>Day</i>	<i>Week 1</i>	<i>Week 2</i>
Monday	24	29
Tuesday	56	57
Wednesday	61	62
Thursday	71	74
Friday	106. 1-18	78. 1-39
Saturday	106.19-48	78. 40-72

READINGS

Monday

The Egyptians treated us terribly, oppressing us and forcing hard labor on us. So we cried out for help to the LORD, our ancestors' God. The LORD heard our call. God saw our misery, our trouble, and our oppression. The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a strong hand and an outstretched arm, with awesome power, and with signs and wonders. He brought us to this place and gave us this land—a land full of milk and honey. So now I am bringing the early produce of the fertile ground that you, LORD, have given me.”

Set the produce before the LORD your God, bowing down before the LORD your God. Then celebrate all the good things the LORD your God has done for you and your family—each one of you along with the Levites and the immigrants who are among you.

Deuteronomy 26. 6-11

Tuesday

Love is patient, love is kind, it isn't jealous, it doesn't brag, it isn't arrogant, it isn't rude, it doesn't seek its own advantage, it isn't irritable, it doesn't keep a record of complaints, it isn't happy with injustice, but it is happy with the truth. Love puts up with all things, trusts in all things, hopes for all things, endures all things.

1 Corinthians 13. 4-7

Wednesday

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborer's are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborer's into his harvest.”

Matthew 9.35-end

Thursday

In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised up above the hills. Peoples shall stream to it, and many nations shall come and say: ‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.’ For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between many peoples, and shall arbitrate between strong nations far away; they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more; but they shall all sit under their own vines and under their own fig trees, and no one shall make them afraid.

Micah 4.1-4a

Friday

The community of believers was one in heart and mind. None of them would say, “This is mine!” about any of their possessions but held everything in common. The apostles continued to bear powerful witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and an abundance of grace was at work among them all. There were no needy persons among them. Those who owned properties or houses would sell them, bring the proceeds from the sales, and place them in the care and under the authority of the apostles. Then it was distributed to anyone who was in need.

Joseph, whom the apostles nicknamed Barnabas (that is, “one who encourages”), was a Levite from Cyprus. He owned a field, sold it, brought the money, and placed it in the care and under the authority of the apostles.

Saturday

Jesus asked, "What is God's kingdom like? To what can I compare it? It's like a mustard seed that someone took and planted in a garden. It grew and developed into a tree and the birds in the sky nested in its branches."

Again he said, "To what can I compare God's kingdom? It's like yeast, which a woman took and hid in a bushel of wheat flour until the yeast had worked its way through the whole."

Luke 13. 18-21

RESPONSE

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

Blessed are the merciful, **for they will receive mercy.**

Matthew 5.7

Prayers

Use these prompts to begin to hear where God is leading you in the sacred conversation of prayer:

- ¶ *The natural world that we might meet the creation sustainably*
- ¶ *The people of God, for the motivation of the Holy Spirit*
- ¶ *The persecuted and displaced people of the world*
- ¶ *All who follow Christ, for growth in discipleship and service*
- ¶ *Those in authority, for the right use of powers*
- ¶ *Victims and perpetrators of violence, for healing and repentance*
- ¶ *Those who have died, _____, may they rest in peace*
- ¶ *For children, youth, and the vulnerable of every age*
- ¶ *That those who wait on God will find renewal*
- ¶ *That the saints on earth may be inspired by the saints in glory*
- ¶ *For the needs and thanksgivings that are on our minds:*

The Collect of the day (here) or the following prayer is said

God who helps us control our appetites; God of the righteousness we should be hungrier for: you know we are creatures whose minds and bodies, emotions and behaviors are deeply interconnected. Help us to listen to the wisdom beyond our rationality. Help us to connect our own basic needs to the needs of others, so we long for what is right and work for what is shared. In the company of the bread of life, Jesus, we pray. **Amen.**

God whose voice brings new life, God whose song recreates our world: when the news discourages and the scene before us is one we wish we could turn off, may we close our eyes and listen. May the sounds you bring to our ears and the landscape we create within ourselves through music and rhythm and song calm

us when we need calmed, inspire us when we need inspiration, and encourage us to live for others whenever we need new courage. In the still small voice of your comforting Spirit we pray. **Amen.**

God of the change that begins from within, God of the difference that starts with our learning: Turn our discomfort and our impulse to look away into curiosity: drawing us in safely, leading us into better questions, replacing our assumptions with deeper understanding. And then may we see a change in ourselves and in how this story may play out. In the whispers of our Storyteller, Jesus the Christ we pray. **Amen.**

God in our private prayers, God in our corporate worship: we give thanks that the work of bringing before you our best and bringing out our better selves is not something we have to do alone. We can attend to the divisions of which we are a part by setting them before you; by naming and acknowledging together our hatred and our violence. In so doing, may we magnify the love and peace you name as worthy of our devotion. In the promised mercy of the One Lord God of the Universe we pray. **Amen.**

OTHER COLLECTS AND PRAYERS (if desired)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Said in whatever language is closest to your heart

THE CONCLUSION

May God who made both heaven and earth bless us with peace.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Amen.

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