

Midday Prayer – Friday (can be used daily in Lent)

An order adapted from Celebrating Common Prayer: Society of St Francis

You are welcome to respond with the parts in bold type

Preparation

God is with you

And also with you

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory to God, Creator, Word, Spirit

As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen .

A HYMN may be sung or said, the following or some other.

We bless you, Father, Lord of life,
To whom all living beings tend,
The source of holiness and grace,
Our first beginning and our end.

We give you thanks, redeeming Christ,
Who bore the weight of sin and shame;
In dark defeat you conquered sin,
And death, by dying, overcame.

Come, Holy Spirit, searching fire,
Whose flame all evil burns away.
With light and love come down to us
In silence and in peace to stay.

We praise you, God, the Three in One,
Sublime in majesty and might:
You reign for ever, Lord of all,
In splendour and unending light. Amen.

The Word of God

Psalmody

Psalm 51.1-10

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, in your great goodness; *
according to the abundance of your compassion
blot out my offences.
- 2 Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness *
and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I acknowledge my faults *
and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you only have I sinned *
and done what is evil in your sight,
- 5 So that you are justified in your sentence *
and righteous in your judgement.
- 6 I have been wicked even from my birth, *
a sinner when my mother conceived me.
- 7 Behold, you desire truth deep within me *
and shall make me understand wisdom
in the depths of my heart.
- 8 Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean; *
wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.
- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, *
that the bones you have broken may rejoice.
- 10 Turn your face from my sins *
and blot out all my misdeeds.

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Short Reading

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

Act of Penitence

**All: Most holy and merciful God,
we confess to you, to one another,
and to the whole communion of saints**

**in heaven and on earth,
that we have sinned by our own fault
in thought, word, and deed;
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.**

We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

All: Hear our prayer, O God.

We have been deaf to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

All: Hear our prayer, O God.

Accept our repentance, Loving God, for the wrongs we have done: for our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty. For all false judgements, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbours, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us. For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us,

All: Accept our repentance, O God.

Restore us, gracious God;

All: Hear us, for your mercy is great.

Prayers

At the end

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

The Collect

Almighty and holy God,
your Son, in obedience to the
Spirit,
fasted forty days in the
desert:
give us grace to discipline
ourselves,
so that we may press on
towards Easter
with eager faith and love;
through Jesus Christ our
Lord,
who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for
ever.**Amen**

A Prayer for Ukraine on Ash Wednesday

All-powerful God
In our powerlessness
we switch off the lights
and sit in solidarity with our siblings
in Ukraine and Russia.

We pray protection for our friends,
Love for our enemies,
And peace -
That peace which passes all
understanding,
-to abide in hearts and minds.

That a passionate, prophetic peace
would permeate political stalemates,
halt this invasion,
and disarm the threat of nuclear war.

In this day of dust and ashes
we bring all our fears and hopes
into the thickening darkness,
knowing that there,
Always there,
You are found*.

Amen

*Exodus 20:21

The Disciples Prayer (from enfleshed.com)

Lord Jesus, remember us and teach us to pray:

The disciples' prayer

Mother of us all,
who dwells within and beyond,
Sacred is your name.
May your holy vision for collective flourishing
come to fruition among us.
May your dreams of justice, love, compassion, and
connection be enfleshed on earth.
Provide us today with what we need to be nourished
in body, soul, and heart.
Forgive us for the harm we cause as we seek to
forgive those who have harmed us.
Lead us away from everything that destroys and
liberate us from the hands of evil.
For you are the ultimate source of hope.
Your power-with exceeds all power-over.
Your presence incites eternal wonder.
All praise to you, our comfort and strength.
Amen.



May Christ our brother give us peace.
Amen.

Let us bless our Loving God.
Thanks be to God.