



Prayer of the Day

O God, our refuge and strength, since you are the author of our salvation, graciously hear the prayers of your Church. Grant us by your grace all that we ask in faith; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading: Genesis 32:22-30

²²The same night Jacob arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. ²⁴And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. ²⁵When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." ²⁷And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have struggled with God and with humans, and have prevailed." ²⁹Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered."

Psalm 121

¹I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?

²**My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.**

³He will not let your foot be moved and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

⁴**Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep;**

⁵The Lord himself watches over you; the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

⁶**So that the sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.**

⁷The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; it is he who shall keep you safe.

⁸**The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth forevermore.**

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

¹⁴As for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it

¹⁵and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for

reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷that the servant of God may be complete, equipped for every good work. ¹I charge you in the presence of God

and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: ²preach the word; be ready in season and out of season;

reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. ³For the time is coming when people will not

endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own

passions, ⁴and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. ⁵As for you, always be

sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

Gospel: Luke 18:1-8

¹Jesus told his disciples a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. ²He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man.

³And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.' ⁴For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, 'Though

I neither fear God nor respect man, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.'"

⁶And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says. ⁷And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? ⁸I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily.

Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"