

DEVOTIONS FOR MONDAY

Creation in Christ: Creation and Providence

Opening Sentence

This is the day that the Lord has made,
Let us rejoice and be glad in it. *(Ps. 118:24)*

Opening Words

O Lord, open my lips
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Make me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence
and take not your holy spirit from me.

Give me again the joy of your salvation
and sustain me with your gracious spirit.

Canticle — Jubilate (Psalm 100)

- 1 O shout to the Lord in triumph all the earth;
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his face with songs of joy.
- 2 Know that the Lord he is God;
it is he who has made us and we are his
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
- 3 Come into his gates with thanksgiving
and into his courts with praise;
give thanks to him and bless his holy name.
- 4 For the Lord is good
his loving mercy is for ever,
his faithfulness throughout all generations.

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.

Reading — Philippians 4:4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the

peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Intercessions — Creation in Christ: Creation and Providence

Almighty God,
maker of all good things:
Father, Lord of all creation,
in Christ you have shown us the purpose of your providence,
and call us to be responsible in the world.

INTERCESSION

We pray for THE WORLD
all the nations ...
our own country ...
those in authority ...
the peace of the world ...

racial harmony ...
those who maintain order ...

THANKSGIVING

Almighty God, we give you thanks
for the order of created things,
the resources of the earth,
and the gift of human life ...
for the continuing work of creation,
our share in it,
and for creative vision and inventive skill ...
for your faithfulness to us in patience and in love,
and for every human response of obedience and humble achievement ...

CONCLUDING PRAYER

May we delight in your purpose and work to bring all things to their true end; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Collect

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

Closing Words

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all evermore. Amen. (*2 Corinthians 13:14*)

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