

DEVOTIONS FOR FRIDAY

The Priestly Ministry of Christ: All that meets Human Need

Opening Sentence

Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me, and bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling. (Psalm 43:3)

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.
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Canticle (*Isaiah 55:6-11*)

Seek the Lord while he wills to be found; *
call upon him when he draws near.

Let the wicked forsake their ways *
and the evil ones their thoughts;

And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion, *
and to our God, for he will richly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, *
nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.

For as the heavens are higher than the earth, *
so are my ways higher than your ways,
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

For as rain and snow fall from the heavens *
and return not again, but water the earth,

Bringing forth life and giving growth, *
seed for sowing and bread for eating,

So is my word that goes forth from my mouth; *
it will not return to me empty;

But it will accomplish that which I have purposed, *
and prosper in that for which I sent it.

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 — Psalm 46

- 1 God is our refuge and strength,*
a very present help in trouble;
- 2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,*
and though the mountains tremble in the heart of the sea.
- 3 Though the waters rage and swell,*
and though the mountains quake at the towering seas.
- 4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,*
the holy place of the dwelling of the Most High.
- 5 God is in the midst of her;
therefore shall she not be removed;*
God shall help her at the break of day.
- 6 The nations are in uproar and the kingdoms are shaken, *
but God utters his voice and the earth shall melt away.
- 7 The Lord of hosts is with us; *
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- 8 Come and behold the works of the Lord,*
what destruction he has wrought upon the earth.
- 9 He makes wars to cease in all the world;*
he shatters the bow and snaps the spear
and burns the chariots in the fire.
- 10 'Be still, and know that I am God;*
I will be exalted among the nations;
I will be exalted in the earth.'
- 11 The Lord of hosts is with us;*
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

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 — The Priestly Ministry of Christ: All that meets Human Need

Gracious God and Father,
you have given your Son for us all,
that his death might be our life
and his affliction our peace.

INTERCESSION

We pray for THE SUFFERING
the hungry ...
the refugees ...
the prisoners ...
the persecuted ...
all who bring sin and suffering to others ...
all who seek to bring care and relief ...

THANKSGIVING

Gracious God and Father, we give you thanks
for the cross of Christ at the heart of creation,
the presence of Christ in our weakness and strength,
the grace of Christ to transform our suffering ...
for all ministries of healing,
all agencies of relief,
all that sets us free from pain, fear and distress ...
for the assurance that your mercy knows no limit,
and for the privilege of sharing Christ's ministry in prayer.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

In darkness and in light, in trouble and in joy, help us to trust your
love, to serve your purpose and to praise your name; through Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen.

Collect

Heavenly Father,
in whom we live and move and have our being:
We humbly pray that your Holy Spirit may so guide and govern us
that in all the cares and occupations of our daily life,
we may never forget your presence
but may remember that we are always walking in your sight,
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

May the God of hope
fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that by the Holy Spirit
you may abound in hope. (*Romans 15:13*)