

DEVOTIONS FOR SATURDAY

Consummation in Christ: The Fulfilment of the Divine Purpose

Opening Sentence

Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint. (*Isaiah 40:31*)

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 — Psalm 98

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 His own right hand and his holy arm
have won for him the victory.
- 3 The Lord has made known his salvation;
his deliverance has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He has remembered his mercy and faithfulness towards the house of Israel,
and all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
- 5 Sound praises to the Lord, all the earth;
break into singing and make music.
- 6 Make music to the Lord with the lyre,
with the lyre and the voice of melody.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn
sound praises before the Lord, the King.
- 8 Let the sea thunder and all that fills it,
the world and all that dwell upon it.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands
and let the hills ring out together before the Lord,
for he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world
and the peoples with equity.

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 — Matthew 28:16-20

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

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 — Consummation in Christ: The Fulfilment of the Divine Purpose

Eternal God,
you have declared in Christ
the completion of all your purpose of love.

INTERCESSION

We pray for PEOPLE IN NEED
those who are tempted ...

those in despair ...
those who are sick ...
those with disabilities or who have special needs ...
those who are enslaved by addictions ...
the elderly and the dying ...
those who mourn ...
all ministries of care and healing ...

THANKSGIVING

Eternal God, we give thanks
for the triumphs of the gospel that herald your salvation,
the signs of renewal that declare the coming of your kingdom,
the examples of human lives that reveal your work of grace ...
for all those who have died in the faith of Christ ...
for the unceasing praise of the company of heaven,
the promise to those who mourn that all tears shall be wiped away,
the pledge of death destroyed and victory won ...
for our foretaste of eternal life through baptism and eucharist,
our hope in the Spirit,
the communion of saints ...

CONCLUDING PRAYER

May we live by faith, walk in hope and be renewed in love, until the world reflects your glory and you are all in all. Even so, come Lord Jesus. Amen.

Collect

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; 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

To God, who by the power at work within us,
is able to do far more abundantly
than all we ask or think,
to him be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus
to all generations for ever and ever. Amen. (*Ephesians 3:20-21*)