

Monday, Sept. 18, 2023

Morning Prayer

O Lord, open our lips. **And we shall declare your praise.**

Holy God, the morning time is always a blessing. We pray that you use this morning to usher in an abundance of blessings into our lives and the lives of the students and all gathered here today. This morning, we're seeking you diligently. So, let this morning bring us your word of unfailing love like we have never experienced. As you bless us Lord, may we be a blessing to those in this time and place. In Jesus' name, Amen.

385 - All People On the Earth Who Dwell

Psalm 145

- 1 I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.
- 2 **Every day I will bless you, and praise your name forever and ever.**
- 3 Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable.
- 4 **One generation shall laud your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.**
- 5 On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.
- 6 **The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed, and I will declare your greatness**
- 7 They shall celebrate the fame of your abundant goodness, and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.
- 8 **The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**
- 9 The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.
- 10 **All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your faithful shall bless you.**
- 11 They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power,
- 12 **to make known to all people your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.**
- 13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. The Lord is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds.
- 14 **The Lord upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.**
- 15 The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.
- 16 **You open your hand, satisfying the desire of every living thing.**
- 17 The Lord is just in all his ways, and kind in all his doings.
- 18 **The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.**
- 19 He fulfills the desire of all who fear him; he also hears their cry, and saves them.
- 20 **The Lord watches over all who love him but all the wicked he will destroy.**
- 21 **My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord, and all flesh will bless his holy name forever and ever.**

1 Corinthians 1:3-17

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind — just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you — ⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. (*Moments of Silence*)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE * *After each prayer, Lord, in your mercy, please respond: Hear our prayer.*

Together, let us pray:

Glorious God we come to you today in wonder and awe. Today, we sing our thanksgivings to you for: The beauty of creation and the wonder of living. The love of family and community and friends. All particular blessings of this day and for opportunities to be of service for Your Good world, for the mission and ministry of the church and for the people of this university, Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer**

for those who are sick in body, mind of spirit, for those who suffer and those in trouble, those who are followers and those who have not yet heard your voice...Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer**

for the concerns of this local community and all communities represented here today...Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer**

for the world, its peoples, and its leaders, for the peace and justice that only you can give...Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer**

for the earth you have given to our care...Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer**

for the Church of Christ in every land...Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer**

As you cause the sun to rise, O God, bring the light of Christ to dawn our souls and dispel all darkness. Give us grace to reflect Christ's glory, and let his love show in our deeds, his peace shine in our words, and his healing in our touch, that all may give him praise, now and forever. Amen

And now we are bold to pray that which Jesus taught us. **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

620 - Praise My Soul the King of Heaven

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Final Hymn 620 - Praise My Soul the King of Heaven

Benediction

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