

Responsive Prayer with Confirmation Questioning

Stand

Opening Versicles

- L** O Lord, open my lips,
C and my mouth will declare Your praise.
L Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
C make haste to help me, O Lord.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Psalm

- ⁸Bless our God, O | peoples;*
let the sound of his | praise be heard,
⁹who has kept our soul among the | living*
and has not let our | feet slip.
¹⁰For you, O God, have | tested us;*
you have tried us as sil- | ver is tried.
¹¹You brought us in- | to the net;*
you laid a crushing burden | on our backs;
¹²you let men ride o- | ver our heads;*
we went through fire and through water;
yet you have brought us out to a place of a- | bundance.
¹³I will come into your house with burnt | offerings;*
I will perform my | vows to you,
¹⁴that which my lips | uttered*
and my mouth promised when I was in | trouble.
¹⁵I will offer to you burnt offerings of fattened animals,
with the smoke of the sacri- | fice of rams;*
I will make an offering of | bulls and goats.
¹⁶Come and hear, all you who | fear God,*
and I will tell what he has done | for my soul.
¹⁷I cried to him | with my mouth,*
and high praise was | on my tongue.
¹⁸If I had cherished iniquity | in my heart,*
the Lord would not have | listened.
¹⁹But truly God has | listened;*
he has attended to the voice | of my prayer.
²⁰Blessèd | be God,*
because he has not rejected my prayer
or removed his steadfast | love from me!

Sit

Ephesians 1:3-14

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

¹¹In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹²so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Matthew 28:16-20

¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

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C Thanks be to God.

687 Thine Forever, God of Love



1 Thine for - ev - er, God of love! Hear us from Thy throne a - bove;
2 Thine for - ev - er! Oh, how blest They who find in Thee their rest!
3 Thine for - ev - er, Lord of Life! Shield us through our earth - ly strife.
4 Thine for - ev - er! Shep-herd, keep These Thy frail and trem-bling sheep;
5 Thine for - ev - er! Thou our guide, All our wants by Thee sup - plied,



Thine for - ev - er may we be Here and in e - ter - ni - ty!
Sav - ior, guard - ian, heav'n - ly friend, O de - fend us to the end!
Thou, the life, the truth, the way, Guide us to the realms of day.
Safe a - lone be - neath Thy care, Let us all Thy good-ness share.
All our sins by Thee for-giv'n; Lead us, Lord, from earth to heav'n.

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Confirmation Questioning

Kyrie

L O Lord,
C have mercy.
L O Christ,
C have mercy.
L O Lord,
C have mercy.

Lord's Prayer

C 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
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

Apostles' Creed

C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

Versicles

- L** Hear my prayer, O Lord;
C **let my cry come to You.**
L In the day of my trouble I call upon You,
C **for You answer me.**
L Hide Your face from my sins,
C **and blot out all my iniquities.**
L Create in me a clean heart, O God,
C **and renew a right spirit within me.**
L Cast me not away from Your presence,
C **and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.**
L Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,
C **and uphold me with a willing spirit.**
L Because Your steadfast love is better than life,
C **my lips will praise You.**
L For You have been my help,
C **and in the shadow of Your wings I will sing for joy.**
L Teach me Your way, O Lord, that I may walk in Your truth;
C **unite my heart to fear Your name.**
L I give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with my whole heart,
C **and I will glorify Your name forever.**
L May all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You.
C **May those who love Your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"**
L Save Your people and bless Your heritage!
C **Be their shepherd and carry them forever.**
L Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;
C **listen to my plea for grace.**

Collect of the Day

- L** Let us pray.
O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**
- C** **I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have graciously kept me this day; and I pray that You would forgive me all my sins where I have done wrong, and graciously keep me this night. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me.**

Benedicamus

- L** Let us bless the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Blessing

- L** The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.
C **Amen.**

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