

**Daily Prayer for the Close of Day
Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity**

“P” = Pastor and “C” = Congregation

The sign of the Holy Cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

P. In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C. Amen.

P. The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.

C. Amen.

P. It is good to give thanks to the Lord,

C. to sing praise to Your name, O Most High;

P. To herald Your love in the morning,

C. Your truth at the close of the day.

Praying the Psalm (Prayed in Unison)

Psalm 84; antiphon: v. 8

¹How lovely is your dwelling place,

O Lord of hosts!

²My soul longs, yes, faints

for the courts of the Lord;

my heart and flesh sing for joy

to the living God.

³Even the sparrow finds a home,

and the swallow a nest for herself,

where she may lay her young,

at your altars, O Lord of hosts,

my King and my God.

⁴Blessèd are those who dwell in your house,

ever singing your praise!

⁵Blessèd are those whose strength is in you,

in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

⁶As they go through the Valley of Baca

they make it a place of springs;

the early rain also covers it with pools.

⁷They go from strength to strength;

each one appears before God in Zion.

⁸O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer;

give ear, O God of Jacob!

⁹Behold our shield, O God;

look on the face of your anointed!

¹⁰For a day in your courts is better

than a thousand elsewhere.

I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God

than dwell in the tents of wickedness.
¹¹For the Lord God is a sun and shield;
the Lord bestows favor and honor.
No good thing does he withhold
from those who walk uprightly.
¹²O Lord of hosts,
blessèd is the one who trusts in you!

Reading from Holy Scripture

John 1:1-13

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. ⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. ⁸He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. ¹⁰He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹²But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

Reading from the Small Catechism

First Article of the Creed, Part 1

P. I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. What does this mean?

C. I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him. This is most certainly true.

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.**

**Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace;
Your word has been fulfilled.
My own eyes have seen the salvation
which You have prepared in the sight of every people:
a light to reveal You to the nations
and the glory of Your people Israel.
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.**

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.**

Prayer of the Day

Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

P. Almighty and merciful God, of Your bountiful goodness keep from us all things that may hurt us that we, being ready in both body and soul, may cheerfully accomplish whatever You would have us do; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C. Amen.

Concluding prayers:

P. Visit our dwellings, O Lord, and in Your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of Your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.

C. Amen.

P. Kind Father, we have many concerns to bring before Your Holy Altar. Hear our prayers as each one of us prays quietly in the thoughts of our hearts answer, we pray, according to Your gracious Will and conform our lives to that of Your dear Son Jesus, in Whose name we pray.

C. Amen.

P. Father, bless our congregation and those who are dear to us - particularly Lori, Brian, Amy, Dan, Bob, Darlene, Beverly, Carol, Ruth, Karen, Brad, Paula, Keith, Ed, Jon, Bobbie, Mike, Tom, Doris, Carl, Joaquin, Sandy, Marcie, Laura Jo, Cayden, Janice, Lauren Mae, and all of our members who are homebound, in the name of Jesus we pray.

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. Amen.

Blessing

P. Let us bless the Lord.

C. Thanks be to God.

P. The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the + Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless you and keep you.

C. Amen.

*“Then go to sleep at once and in good cheer.” (Martin Luther, *Small Catechism*).*

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