

Welcome to Trinity

We should pray not as we do now, by turning over many pages and counting many beads, but by fixing our mind on some pressing need, desiring it with all earnestness, and thereby exercising faith and confidence toward God and not doubting that we shall be heard. This is how St. Bernard instructs his brethren and says: Dear brethren, you shall by no means despise your prayer as if it were in vain, for indeed I tell you that before you have uttered the words, the prayer is already written in heaven; and you shall confidently expect from God one of two things: either that your prayer will be granted, or that if it is not granted it is because to fulfil it would not have been a good and useful thing.

Prayer, therefore, is a special exercise of faith, and faith makes the prayer so acceptable that either it will surely be granted, or something better than what we ask will be given in its stead. St. James says, “He who asks of God should not waver in faith; for if he wavers, let not that man think that he shall receive anything from God” [Jas. 1:6–8]. This is a clear statement which straightforwardly says: he who does not trust receives nothing, neither that which he asks nor anything better.

And to call forth such faith Christ himself has said in Mark 11[:24], “I say to you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you receive it, and you will.” And Luke 11[:9–13], “Ask, and it will be given you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For every one who asks, receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. What father among you, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? Now if you know how to give good gifts to your children, and you yourselves are not naturally good, how much more shall your heavenly Father give a good spirit to all them that ask him!” (“Treatise on Good Works,” 1520, Luther’s Works, Volume 44, p.57)

Prayers

Rogation Days Collect.—Lord, all that is good comes from You. Listen to our prayers: inspire rightful ideas in us and direct us to act in accordance with them. This we ask of You through our Lord; who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **AMEN.**

Since at least the fifth century, the days before Ascension were set aside to pray for the blessing of seed and soil. The following prayers are provided for your individual or family devotion.

Monday.--Almighty God, You blessed the earth to make it fruitful, bringing forth in abundance whatever is needed for the support of our lives. Bless the labor of all those who work to grow and harvest food. Sustain farmers who annually place their livelihood in Your hands. Watch over all who harvest our food, especially migrant workers who move from place to place, toiling in the heat of the day. Provide adequate compensation for all who plant and harvest, and uphold them in times of trial, and teach us to be thankful for the good gifts You give through their efforts; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Tuesday.-- Gracious God, through His many miracles, Your Son Jesus demonstrated His Lordship over all creation. Send us, we pray, seasonable weather so that crops may be planted and harvested in due course. In those places where drought exists, send forth rains to water the earth. Protect us from the ravages of flood, fire, and hail, so that we may receive an abundant harvest from Your hand. With whatever You send, teach us to be thankful for the nourishment You provide for our bodies and to yearn for the nourishment that You provide for our souls through Your holy Word and Sacraments; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Wednesday.-- God of all mercy, You have blessed our nation with a stable infrastructure that provides for the preparation and transport of food to feed the people of this vast land. We give thanks for Your mercy and ask that You continue to supply us with safe and nutritious food. Hear us, we pray, on behalf of those around the world who do not enjoy such benefits. Where war and violence prevent the distribution of food, send peace. Where sanitation and disease threaten the food supply, send leaders who will strive to provide for the basic needs of their citizens. Finally, grant us cheerful hearts to give from our abundance to assist the hungry and starving; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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+ Office HYMN “Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ”	#432
<u>Psalmody</u>	
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Psalm 47	(printed)
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Tuesday: 1 Peter 4:1-17	
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MORNING PRAYER

In the morning when you get up, make the sign of the holy cross and say:

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

Then, kneeling or standing, repeat the Creed and the Lord's Prayer.

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.

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.

If you choose, you may also say this little prayer:

Luther's Morning Prayer

I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. 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.

Then go joyfully to your work, singing a hymn, like that of the Ten Commandments, or whatever your devotion may suggest.

P. Let us bless the Lord. **R. Thanks be to God.**

P. The Lord Almighty order our days and our deeds in His peace. **R. Amen.**

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