

Welcome to Trinity

#36 God will Not Consider Our Unworthiness in Answering Our Prayer

All that is necessary for such prayer is for the heart to exclaim: Father in heaven, I know Thou lovest me because I love Thy dear Son, my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, wherefore I come with my requests to Thee in confidence and assurance, not indeed because I am good or righteous, but because I know that for the sake of Thy Son, Jesus Christ, Thou wilt accept of me and give me all that I need. In His name I now appear before Thee and pray, fully convinced that Thou wilt not consider my unworthiness, but wilt graciously hear my prayer. It would be a serious mistake for the Christian to refrain from prayer until he could deem himself worthy and fit for it. The devil frequently troubled me with thoughts such as these: I am not now ready to pray; I ought first to attend to this or that and afterwards perform my prayer undisturbed. If we indulge such thoughts which hinder and prevent prayer, we will always find something new in the way, and in the end will be entirely prayerless. **The devil with his cunning tricks constantly endeavors to keep us away from prayer.** We must therefore be prepared to meet his opposition in this regard; and when troubles come we should know that now is the proper time for prayer. If we are not worthy to pray, God will make us so. He loves us for Christ's sake, and not on account of our own worthiness or righteousness, for we have none. This we fully believe. Christ, in the words of our text, would urge us on to prayer, that we might not be like those prayerless, wicked people who, as they declare, eat and drink with much relish, though they have not prayed for a week. If we are Christians, or desire to be such, we must shun such brutish conduct. Let us, at least, pray in the morning when we arise from sleep, at the table, and again in the evening when we go to bed, saying: "Our Father who art in heaven," etc. (Luther's House Postil, Fifth Sunday after Easter, Volume 2, p. 558-559.)

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- + HYMN "Eternal Spirit of the Living Christ" #432
 "Prayer is the Soul's Sincere Desire" TLH #454
 "Rise! To Arms! With Prayer Employ You" #303
- + "O Lord, open my lips..." p.208f
- + Ascription of Praise p.209
- + Easter Invitatory p.209
 - P. "The Lord is risen, indeed. Alleluia!"
 - C. Oh, come, let us worship him.
- + The Venite p.209f
 - "Oh, come, let us sing..."
 - The Easter invitatory is repeated.*
- ASBH #34 "Our Father, Thou in Heaven Above"**
 Odd stanzas pulpit side, Even stanzas lectern side
 Psalmody **67, 104, 47** (printed)
 Readings: Monday: 1 Peter 2:1-17; Tuesday:
 1 Peter 4:1-17; Wednesday: St. John 17:1-11
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James 5:16-20

16Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

17Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months. 18And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit.

19Brethren, if anyone among you wanders from the truth, and someone turns him back, 20let him know that he who turns a sinner from the error of his way will save a soul from death and cover a multitude of sins.

St. Luke 11:5-13

5And He said to them, "Which of you shall have a friend, and go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves; 6'for a friend of mine has come to me on his journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; 7"and he will answer from within and say, 'Do not trouble me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give to you'? 8"I say to you, though he will not rise and give to him because he is his friend, yet because of his persistence he will rise and give him as many as he needs.

9"So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. 10"For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened. 11"If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? 12"Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? 13"If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"

1 Peter 2:1-17

1Therefore, laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking, 2as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby, 3if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is gracious.

4Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious, 5you also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 6Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture, "Behold, I lay in Zion A chief cornerstone, elect, precious, And he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame."

7Therefore, to you who believe, He is precious; but to those who are disobedient, "The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone,"⁸ and "A stone of stumbling And a rock of offense."

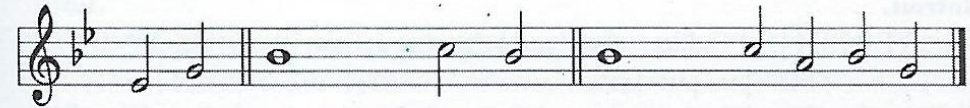
They stumble, being disobedient to the word, to which they also were appointed. 9But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; 10who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.

11Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul, 12having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation.

13Therefore submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake, whether to the king as supreme, 14or to governors, as to those who are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do good.

ROGATION DAYS (MONDAY–WEDNESDAY OF ROGATE). (VIOLET) PSALM 70

☪ The Divine Service begins with the Procession with the Litany (sung or spoken) and the singing of Psalm 70. The Litany Office (or another Prayer Office) may be used on those Rogation Days when the Divine Service is not observed. If only one Divine Service is celebrated on Rogation Wednesday, the Day shall be observed as Vigil of the Ascension, with an evening observance.

**Introit.**

Ant. A- RISE || O | Lord | - :

help us and deliver us | for | Thy | Name's | sake.

Psalm. || We have heard, O God, with | our | ears:

our fath- | ers | have | told | us.

GLO-RY || be to the Father and to the | Son | - :

and to | the | Ho- | ly | Ghost.

AS IT || was in the beginning, is now, and ever | shall | be:

world with- | out | end. | A- | men. (Ant. Repeated.)

Collect.

Grant, we beseech Thee, O almighty God, that we, who in our affliction put our trust in Thy mercy, may ever be defended by Thy protection against all adversity. Through Our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever One God, world-without end. Amen.

Epistle. James 5:16–20**Gospel. St. Luke 11:5–13****Gradual.**

|| O Lord, Thou hast saved us from our | ene- | mies:

and hast put them to shame | that | hat- | ed | us.

|| In God we boast all the day | long | - :

and praise Thy | name | for | ev- | er.

|| Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of | Thy | Name:

and deliver us, and purge away our sins, for Thy name's sake. Wherefore should the heathen say, Where is their God? | Hal- | le- | lu- | jah.

15For this is the will of God, that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men— 16as free, yet not using liberty as a cloak for vice, but as bondservants of God. 17Honor all people. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king.

Rogation Tuesday

1 Peter 4:1-17

1Therefore, since Christ suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same mind, for he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, 2that he no longer should live the rest of his time in the flesh for the lusts of men, but for the will of God. 3For we have spent enough of our past lifetime in doing the will of the Gentiles—when we walked in lewdness, lusts, drunkenness, revelries, drinking parties, and abominable idolatries. 4In regard to these, they think it strange that you do not run with them in the same flood of dissipation, speaking evil of you. 5They will give an account to Him who is ready to judge the living and the dead. 6For this reason the gospel was preached also to those who are dead, that they might be judged according to men in the flesh, but live according to God in the spirit.

7But the end of all things is at hand; therefore be serious and watchful in your prayers. 8And above all things have fervent love for one another, for “love will cover a multitude of sins.” 9Be hospitable to one another without grumbling. 10As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. 11If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God. If anyone ministers, let him do it as with the ability which God supplies, that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belong the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

12Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; 13but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ’s sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy. 14If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified. 15But let none of you suffer as

a murderer, a thief, an evildoer, or as a busybody in other people’s matters. 16Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter. 17For the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God?

Rogation Wednesday

St. Luke 17:1-11

1Then He said to the disciples, “It is impossible that no offenses should come, but woe to him through whom they do come! 2“It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were thrown into the sea, than that he should offend one of these little ones. 3“Take heed to yourselves. If your brother sins against you, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him. 4“And if he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times in a day returns to you, saying, ‘I repent,’ you shall forgive him.”

5And the apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith.” 6So the Lord said, “If you have faith as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be pulled up by the roots and be planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you. 7“And which of you, having a servant plowing or tending sheep, will say to him when he has come in from the field, ‘Come at once and sit down to eat’? 8“But will he not rather say to him, ‘Prepare something for my supper, and gird yourself and serve me till I have eaten and drunk, and afterward you will eat and drink’? 9“Does he thank that servant because he did the things that were commanded him? I think not. 10“So likewise you, when you have done all those things which you are commanded, say, ‘We are unprofitable servants. We have done what was our duty to do.’ ”

11Now it happened as He went to Jerusalem that He passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee.

Rogation Day 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.

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.

Rogate - 5th Sunday after Easter

34. Our Father, Thou in Heav'n Above

Dr. Martin Luther, 1539

Vater unser im Himmelreich

L. M. 61

Koephel, 1538

1. Our Fa - ther, Thou in heav'n a - bove,
 2. Thy name be hal - lowed! Help us, Lord,
 3. Thy king - dom come! Thine let it be

Who bid - dest us to dwell in love, As bro - thers
 To keep in pur - i - ty Thy Word, And lead ac -
 In time, and through e - ter - ni - ty! O let Thy

of one fam - i - ly, And cry for all we
 cord - ing to Thy name A ho - ly life, un -
 Ho - ly Spi - rit dwell With us, to rule and

need to Thee:— Teach us to mean the words we say,
 touched by blame; Let no false teach - ings do us hurt,
 guide us well; From Sa - tan's migh - ty pow'r and rage

And from the in - most heart to pray.
 All poor de - lud - ed souls con - vert,
 Pre - serve Thy Church from age to age. A - men.

4. Thy will be done on earth, O Lord,
 As where in heav'n Thou art adored!
 Patience in time of grief bestow,
 Obedience in weal and woe;
 Our sinful flesh and blood control
 That thwart Thy will within the soul.

7. Into temptation lead us not;
 And when the Foe doth war and plot
 Against our souls on ev'ry hand,
 Then armed with faith, O may we stand
 Against him as a valiant host,
 Through comfort of the Holy Ghost.

5. Give us this day our daily bread
 And all that for this life we need;
 From war and strife be our Defence,
 From famine and from pestilence,
 That we may live in godly peace,
 Unvexed by cares and avarice.

8. From evil, Lord, deliver us!
 The times and days are perilous;
 Redeem us from eternal death;
 And when we yield our dying breath,
 Console us, grant us calm release,
 And take our souls to Thee in peace.

6. Lord, all our trespasses forgive,
 That they our hearts
 no more may grieve,
 As we forgive their trespasses
 Who unto us have done amiss;
 Thus let us dwell in charity,
 And serve each other willingly.

9. Amen! that is, So let it be!
 Confirm our faith continually,
 That we may doubt not, but believe
 That what we ask we shall receive;
 Thus in Thy name and at Thy Word
 We say: Amen; O hear us, Lord!