

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.**

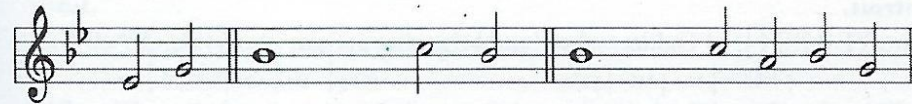
Since at least the fifth century, the days before Ascension were set aside to pray for the blessing of seed and soil. The following prayers are provided for your individual or family devotion.

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.

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.

The Order of Matins, p. 7
from ASBH The Psalter

- + 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.7
- + Invitatory (Easter) p.8-9
- + Venite Exultemus.... p.10-11
Easter Invitatory repeated
Office Hymn
- “**Our Father, Thou in Heaven Above**”
ASBH #34
- + Psalmody
 Psalm 67 p.190
 Psalm 104... p.253-256
 Psalm 47... p.163-164
- Lection James 5:16-20, Luke 11:5-13, 1 Peter 2:1-17, 1 Peter 4:1-17, John 17:1-11
After each lesson “But, thou, O Lord...” p.11
- The General Responsory p.12
 “Forever, O Lord...”
 Sermon
- + The Te Deum Laudamus p.14-16
- + The Prayers..... p.24
 Kyrie (“Lord, have mercy...”)
 Lord's Prayer
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- + Benedicamus & Blessing p.26

Prayer

Prayer Is the Soul's Sincere Desire

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Luke 11: 1

James Montgomery, 1818, alt.

C. M.

Burford

"Psalmody"

John Chetham, 1718



1 Prayer is the soul's sin-cere de - sire, Un - ut - tered or ex - prest,
2 Prayer is the bur - den of a sigh, The fall - ing of a tear,
3 Prayer is the sim - plest form of speech That in - fant lips can try;
4 Prayer is the con - trite sin - ner's voice Re - turn - ing from his ways,



The mo - tion of a hid - den fire That trem - bles in the breast.
The up - ward glanc - ing of an eye, When none but God is near.
Prayer the sub - lim - est strains that reach The Maj - es - ty on high.
While an - gels in their songs re - joice And cry, "Be - hold, he prays!" A - men.



5 Prayer is the Christian's vital breath,
The Christian's native air,
His watchword at the gates of death —
He enters heaven with prayer.

6 The saints in prayer appear as one
In word and deed and mind,
While with the Father and the Son
Sweet fellowship they find.

7 Nor prayer is made by man alone —
The Holy Spirit pleads,
And Jesus on th' eternal throne
For sinners intercedes.

8 O Thou by whom we come to God,
The Life, the Truth, the Way,
The path of prayer Thyself hast trod —
Lord, teach us how to pray.

Rogation Days



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