

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

## Versicles

Listen to my prayer, O God, do not ignore my plea;  
**hear me and answer me.**

Evening, morning, and noon  
**I cry out in distress, and He hears my voice.**

Cast your cares on the Lord and He will sustain you;  
**He will never let the righteous fall.**

**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.

## Reading

*Psalm 119:73–80*

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<sup>73</sup>Your hands have made and fashioned me;  
    give me understanding that I may learn your commandments.  
<sup>74</sup>Those who fear you shall see me and rejoice,  
    because I have hoped in your word.  
<sup>75</sup>I know, O LORD, that your just decrees are righteous,  
    and that in faithfulness you have afflicted me.  
<sup>76</sup>Let your steadfast love comfort me  
    according to your promise to your servant.  
<sup>77</sup>Let your mercy come to me, that I may live;  
    for your law is my delight.  
<sup>78</sup>Let the insolent be put to shame,  
    because they have wronged me with falsehood;  
    as for me, I will meditate on your precepts.  
<sup>79</sup>Let those who fear you turn to me,  
    that they may know your testimonies.  
<sup>80</sup>May my heart be blameless in your statutes,  
    that I may not be put to shame!

## Reading

*Luke 12:1–12*

<sup>1</sup>In the meantime, when so many thousands of the people had gathered together that they were trampling one another, he began to say to his disciples first, “Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy. <sup>2</sup>Nothing is covered up that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. <sup>3</sup>Therefore whatever you have said in the dark shall be heard in the light, and what you have whispered in private rooms shall be proclaimed on the housetops.

<sup>4</sup>“I tell you, my friends, do not fear those who kill the body, and after that have nothing more that they can do. <sup>5</sup>But I will warn you whom to fear: fear him who, after he has killed, has authority to cast into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him! <sup>6</sup>Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? And not one of them is forgotten before God. <sup>7</sup>Why, even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not; you are of more value than many sparrows.

<sup>8</sup>“And I tell you, everyone who acknowledges me before men, the Son of Man also will acknowledge before the angels of God, <sup>9</sup>but the one who denies me before men will be denied before the angels of God. <sup>10</sup>And everyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven, but the one who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven. <sup>11</sup>And when they bring you before the synagogues and the rulers and the authorities, do not be anxious about how you should defend yourself or what you should say, <sup>12</sup>for the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say.”

## Devotion

O Lord,  
**have mercy upon us.**  
O Christ,  
**have mercy upon us.**  
O Lord,  
**have mercy upon us.**

**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**

Heavenly Father, we commend to Your care those who suffer want and anxiety from lack of work. Grant that the wealth and resources of this rich land be profitably used so that all persons may find suitable and fulfilling employment and receive just payment for their labor; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

### **Prayer**

Almighty God, heavenly Father, give us grace to trust You during this time of illness and distress. In mercy put an end to the epidemic that afflicts us. Grant relief to those who suffer, and comfort all that mourn. Sustain all medical personnel in their labors, and cause Your people ever to serve You in righteousness and holiness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Blessed Lord Jesus Christ, at this hour You hung upon the cross, stretching out Your loving arms to embrace the world in Your death. Grant that all people of the earth may look to You and see their salvation; for Your mercy's sake we pray.

**Amen.**

### **Benediction (Aaronic)**

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.  
**C** Amen.

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