

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 119:113–120*

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<sup>113</sup>I hate the double-minded,  
but I love your law.  
<sup>114</sup>You are my hiding place and my shield;  
I hope in your word.  
<sup>115</sup>Depart from me, you evildoers,  
that I may keep the commandments of my God.  
<sup>116</sup>Uphold me according to your promise, that I may live,  
and let me not be put to shame in my hope!  
<sup>117</sup>Hold me up, that I may be safe  
and have regard for your statutes continually!  
<sup>118</sup>You spurn all who go astray from your statutes,  
for their cunning is in vain.  
<sup>119</sup>All the wicked of the earth you discard like dross,  
therefore I love your testimonies.  
<sup>120</sup>My flesh trembles for fear of you,  
and I am afraid of your judgments.

### Reading

*Luke 16:19–31*

<sup>19</sup>[Jesus said:] “There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. <sup>20</sup>And at his gate was laid a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, <sup>21</sup>who desired to be fed with what fell from the rich man’s table. Moreover, even the dogs came and licked his sores. <sup>22</sup>The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried, <sup>23</sup>and in Hades, being in torment, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far off and Lazarus at his side. <sup>24</sup>And he called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the end of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in anguish in this flame.’ <sup>25</sup>But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish. <sup>26</sup>And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, in order that those who would pass from here to you may not be able, and none may cross from there to us.’ <sup>27</sup>And he said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house— <sup>28</sup>for I have five brothers— so that he may warn them, lest they also come into this place of torment.’ <sup>29</sup>But Abraham said, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them hear them.’ <sup>30</sup>And he said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone goes to

them from the dead, they will repent.’<sup>31</sup>He said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead.’”

## Devotion

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

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

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

**☩ 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

Almighty God, heavenly Father, Your mercies are new to us every morning and, though we in no wise deserve Your goodness, You abundantly provide for all our wants of body and soul. Give us, we humbly pray, Your Holy Spirit that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness toward us, give thanks for all Your benefits, and cheerfully serve You; 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)

**☩** 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.

**☐ Amen.**

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