



"To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing."

-Martin Luther







Collect



Nehemiah 8:6

Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground.





Leader: Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, Your words give us boldness and confidence to acknowledge You as our true Father and ourselves as Your true children. May Your Holy Spirit lead us to trust Your fatherly goodness,



call upon Your name in every need, and glorify You as the author and giver of every good gift, through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen.

[Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation, (St. Louis, Concordia Publishing House 2017), 241]





Today Your Mercy Calls Us LSB 915, verses 1-2, 4

1 Today Your mercy calls us To wash away our sin. However great our trespass, Whatever we have been, However long from mercy Our hearts have turned away, Your precious blood can wash us And make us clean today.



Today Your Mercy Calls Us LSB 915, verses 1-2, 4

2 Today Your gate is open, And all who enter in Shall find a Father's welcome And pardon for their sin. The past shall be forgotten, A present joy be giv'n, A future grace be promised, A glorious crown in heav'n.





Today Your Mercy Calls Us LSB 915, verses 1-2, 4

4 O all-embracing Mercy, O ever-open Door, What should we do without You When heart and eye run o'er? When all things seem against us, To drive us to despair, We know one gate is open, One ear will hear our prayer.





Scripture Prayer



1 Samuel 1:9-18





Pray — Scripture Prayer

Leader: Let us join together to pray from Psalm 25.





All: To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul. O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame.... Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation;



for you I wait all the day long. Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!



Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way. All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.



For your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great ... Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. The troubles of my heart are enlarged; bring me out of my distresses. Consider my affliction and my trouble,





and forgive all my sins ...
Consider my affliction and
my trouble, and forgive all
my sins Oh, guard my soul,
and deliver me!
(Psalm 25:1—11, 16—18, 20a).





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.





Lord,

"Create in Me" LSB 956

1 Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.





Versicles



2 Samuel 7:18-29





Versicles LSB 286

Leader: Hear my prayer, O Lord;

All: let my cry come to You.

Leader: In the day of my trouble I call upon You,

All: for You answer me.





Leader: Hide Your face from my sins,

All: and blot out all my iniquities.

Leader: Create in me a clean heart, O God,

All: and renew a right spirit within me.





Leader: Cast me not away from Your presence,

All: and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.

Leader: Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,

All: and uphold me with a willing spirit.





Leader: Because Your steadfast love is better than life, All: my lips will praise You.

Leader: For You have been my help,

All: and in the shadow of Your wings I will sing for joy.





Leader: Teach me Your way,
O Lord, that I may walk
in Your truth;

All: unite my heart to fear Your name.

Leader: I give thanks to You,
O Lord my God, with
my whole heart,



All: and I will glorify Your name forever.

Leader: May all who seek You rejoice and be glad in You.

All: May those who love Your salvation say evermore, "God is great!"



Leader: Save Your people and bless Your heritage!

All: Be their shepherd and carry them forever.

Leader: Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer;

All: listen to my plea for grace.





"Now Thank We All Our God" LSB 895

1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voices, Who wondrous things has done, In whom His world rejoices; Who from our mothers' arms Has blest us on our way With countless gifts of love And still is ours today.



"Now Thank We All Our God" LSB 895

2 Oh, may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us, With ever joyful hearts And blessèd peace to cheer us And keep us in His grace And guide us when perplexed And free us from all ills In this world and the next!



"Now Thank We All Our God" LSB 895

△3 All praise and thanks to God The Father now be given, The Son, and Him who reigns With them in highest heaven, The one eternal God, Whom earth and heav'n adore; For thus it was, is now, And shall be evermore.





Singing a Prayer



Colossians 3:16





"We See Our Lord" Tune: Dunstan *LSB* 560

1 We see our Lord, hands clasped in prayers. God's will is clear, so He prepares To carry sin which He now bears: The mercy which He shares.





"We See Our Lord" Tune: Dunstan *LSB* 560

2 Christ offered prayer while it was still. He spoke in earnest on the hill; Was fervent, with exquisite skill And did the Father's will.





Lord,

"We See Our Lord" Tune: Dunstan *LSB* 560

3 The Savior gave His life for all, Since by our sin we each did fall; His grace becomes our protocol; So on His name we call.

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Meditation



Jonah 2:1-9





"What a Friend We Have in Jesus" *LSB* 770

1 What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry Ev'rything to God in prayer! Oh, what peace we often forfeit; Oh, what needless pain we bear— All because we do not carry Lord. Ev'rything to God in prayer!



"What a Friend We Have in Jesus" *LSB* 770

2 Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged— Take it to the Lord in prayer. Can we find a friend so faithful Who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness— Take it to the Lord in prayer.



"What a Friend We Have in Jesus" *LSB* 770

3 Are we weak and heavy laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge—
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

In His arms He'll take and shield thee;

Thou wilt find a solace there.





Posture



Psalm 35:13b





2 Kings 4:33





2 Chronicles 7:14





Nehemiah 1:4





Psalm 141:2





Psalm 63:6





Matthew 6:5-18







Pray



"Savior, Thy Dying Love" LW 374, verses 1-2

1 Savior Thy dying love Thou gavest me; Nor should I aught withhold, Dear Lord, from Thee. In love my soul would bow, My heart fulfill its vow, Some off'ring bring Thee now, Something for Thee.



"Savior, Thy Dying Love" LW 374, verses 1-2

2 O'er the blest mercy seat, Pleading for me, My feeble faith looks up, Jesus, to Thee. Help me the cross to bear, Thy wondrous love declare, Some song to raise, or prayer, Something for Thee.







Personal Prayer



Phillippians 4:4-8







Personal Prayer



"Blest Be the Tie That Binds" LSB 649, verses 1-2

1 Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.





"Blest Be the Tie That Binds" LSB 649, verses 1-2

2 Before our Father's throne
We pour our ardent prayers;
Our fears, our hopes,
our aims are one,
Our comforts and our cares.







Corporate Prayer



James 5:13-18







Corporate Prayer Kyrie *LSB* **285**

Leader: O Lord,

All: have mercy.

Leader: O Christ,

All: have mercy.

Leader: O Lord,

All: have mercy.





Corporate Prayer Lord's Prayer

All: 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;



Corporate Prayer Lord's Prayer

All: 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.



Blessing

LSB 287

Leader: The Lord bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

All: Amen.





"Christians While on Earth Abiding" LW 434

1 Christians, while on earth abiding, Let us never cease to pray, Firmly in the Lord confiding As our parents in their day. Be the children's voices raised To the God their parents praised.

May his blessing, failing never, Rest upon his people ever.



"Christians While on Earth Abiding" *LW* 434

2 Bless us, Father, and protect us From all harm in all our ways; Patiently, O Lord, direct us Safely through these fleeting days. Let your face upon us shine, Fill us with your peace divine.

Praise the Father, Son, and Spirit! Praise Him, all who life inherit!









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