

# Morning Prayer 09.08.2020

The Lord is good, a strong refuge when trouble comes. God is close to those who trust in him.  
*Nahum 1.7*

## Opening Sentences

O Lord open our lips **and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us; let us pray with one heart and mind.

*Pause for reflection as you offer the day to God.*

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day, so may the light of your presence, O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you; now and for ever. **Amen.**

## Song – Blessed Be Your Name

Blessed Be Your Name  
In the land that is plentiful  
Where Your streams of abundance flow  
Blessed be Your name

Blessed Be Your name  
When I'm found in the desert place  
Though I walk through the wilderness  
Blessed Be Your name

Every blessing You pour out, I'll  
Turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in, Lord  
Still I will say

*Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your glorious name*

Blessed be Your name  
When the sun's shining down on me  
When the world's 'all as it should be'  
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name  
On the road marked with suffering  
Though there's pain in the offering  
Blessed be Your name

Every blessing You pour out I'll  
Turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in, Lord  
Still I will say

*Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your glorious name x2*

You give and take away  
You give and take away  
My heart will choose to say  
Lord, blessed be Your name

*Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your glorious name x2*

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## **Bible Readings**

### ***Psalm 105.1-10***

- 1 O give thanks to the Lord and call upon his name; ♦  
make known his deeds among the peoples.
- 2 Sing to him, sing praises, ♦  
and tell of all his marvelous works.
- 3 Rejoice in the praise of his holy name; ♦  
let the hearts of them rejoice who seek the Lord.
- 4 Seek the Lord and his strength; ♦  
seek his face continually.
- 5 Remember the marvels he has done, ♦  
his wonders and the judgements of his mouth,
- 6 O seed of Abraham his servant, ♦  
O children of Jacob his chosen.
- 7 He is the Lord our God; ♦  
his judgements are in all the earth.
- 8 He has always been mindful of his covenant, ♦  
the promise that he made for a thousand generations:
- 9 The covenant he made with Abraham, ♦  
the oath that he swore to Isaac,
- 10 Which he established as a statute for Jacob, ♦  
an everlasting covenant for Israel.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

### **Gospel – *Matthew 14.22-33***

<sup>22</sup>Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. <sup>23</sup>And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup>but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. <sup>25</sup>And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. <sup>26</sup>But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. <sup>27</sup>But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."  
<sup>28</sup>Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." <sup>29</sup>He said, "Come." So, Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. <sup>30</sup>But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" <sup>31</sup>Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" <sup>32</sup>When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. <sup>33</sup>And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

This is the word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

### **Reflection**

## Prayers

Heavenly Father we give thanks for this beautiful world, that you have created and given to us to take care of. We ask you to bring healing to this world, the earth and the nations. Lord, show us what we can do to help make this world a better place. We pray for those who are suffering from disease and disaster and ask for your healing presence to be among them.

Lord in Your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Lord, we give you thanks for our community. We pray for your blessing upon this place and ask for your protection. For all those who are most in need I pray they are given the support they need. Lord, inspire us with the things we can do to support those in greatest need even when this is difficult.

Lord in Your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Father God, we pray for the plans to combat the pandemic. Please give wisdom and to leaders who are making key decisions about easing restrictions, in our government, in our church and in our workplaces. We ask for your will to be done and your kingdom to come on earth as in heaven.

Lord in Your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Lord, we pray for the church. We pray that we continue to dedicate time to our own personal relationships with God and our service to others. Lord help us to lift our concerns and anxieties to you. Transform us by your spirit that we may follow you even when we are facing challenges.

Lord in Your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, we pray for unity amongst all people. We pray for healing of divisions amongst people and nations. We pray for the poor in our society and ask for your help. Lord, stir our hearts to be compassionate and generous. Lord bring peace into our hearts and transform us, whose eyes are fixed upon you, to become people of faith, hope, and love.

Lord in Your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your people, and kindle in us the fire of your love.

Merciful Father,  
**accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever.  
Amen.

## Notices

### Song – Guardian

King of love and grace  
My guardian  
All my hopes and fears  
Are in Your hands  
I'm in Your hands

Where You go I'll go  
Show me the way  
Every step I take  
Be now my guide  
God on my side

You go before me  
You're there beside me  
And if I wander  
Love will find me  
Goodness and mercy  
Will always follow  
You go before me  
My Guardian

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When I hear You say  
Trust and obey  
I will walk by faith  
And not by sight  
God of my life

So let Your kingdom come  
Your will be done  
All Your promises will stand forever  
You're my defender  
You are God our great defender  
Strong in love forever faithful  
We are Yours and we will trust in You

## Conclusion

The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil, and keep us in eternal life.

**Amen.**

Let us bless the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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