

**SUNDAY, February 9, 2025**  
**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Prayer for the Morning**

*The Father calls us to his love. Come, let us praise him!*

Glory to the Father...Amen. Alleluia!

**Hymn** **Meter: 87 87**

In your mercy, Lord, you called me,  
Taught my sinful heart and mind,  
Else this world had still enthralled me,  
And to glory kept me blind.  
Lord, I did not freely choose you  
Till by grace you set me free;  
For my heart would still refuse you  
Had your love not chosen me.  
Now my heart sets none above you,  
For your grace alone I thirst,  
Knowing well, that if I love you,  
You, O Lord, have loved me first.

**Psalm** **139 1-4, 9-10, 13-15**

*Yet, O Lord, you are our father;/ we are the clay and you the potter;/ we are all the work of your hands. (Is 64:7)*

*As Christians it is our duty to discern our vocation and follow God faithfully in it. If we are still discerning our vocation, are we open to God's will, including the possibility of celibacy, the religious life, or the priesthood? If we have already found our vocation, are we faithful to it even when it is difficult? It is only by following God in our vocation and loving him in obedience that we can be truly happy and fulfilled.*

O Lord, you search me and you know me,  
you know my resting and my rising,  
you discern my purpose from afar.  
You mark when I walk or lie down,  
all my ways lie open to you.  
Before ever a word is on my tongue  
you know it, O Lord, through and through.  
If I take the wings of the dawn  
and dwell at the sea's furthest end,  
even there your hand would lead me,  
your right hand would hold me fast.  
For it was you who created my being,  
knit me together in my mother's womb.  
I thank you for the wonder of my being,  
for the wonders of all your creation.  
Already you knew my soul,  
my body held no secret from you  
when I was being fashioned in secret  
and molded in the depths of the earth.

Glory to the Father...

**Word of God** **Jeremiah 1:4-5**

The word of the Lord came to me thus:/ Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,/ before you were born I dedicated you,/ a prophet to the nations I appointed you.

Then the Lord came down in the column of cloud, and standing at the entrance of the tent, called Aaron and Miriam. (Nm 12:5)

**Canticle of Zechariah**

*Here I am. You called me. (1 Sm 3:5)*

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he has come to his people and set them free. He has raised up for us a mighty savior, born of the house of his servant David. Through his holy prophets he promised of old that he would save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us. He promised to show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham: to set us free from the hands of our enemies, free to worship him without fear, holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way, to give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father...

**Intercessions**

God speaks to us in the depths of our hearts. Recognizing that we sometimes listen to voices other than his, let us pray:

**R/** Lord, protect us in your faithfulness.

When the glamour of the world lures us from our purpose: **R/**

When life seems difficult and our situation seems hopeless: **R/**

When we are misunderstood or persecuted for following you: **R/**

**Personal intentions**

Our Father....

*Father, you have called us to serve you in love. Grant us the grace to be faithful to our vocations, so that we may be reasonably happy with you in this life and dwell with you in eternal joy in the next. Through Christ our Lord... Amen.*

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**Reading 1** **Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8**

In the year King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a high and lofty throne, with the train of his garment filling the temple. Seraphim were stationed above.

They cried one to the other, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts! All the earth is filled with his glory!" At the sound of that cry, the frame of the door shook and the house was filled with smoke.

Then I said, "Woe is me, I am doomed! For I am a man of unclean lips, living among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!" Then one of the seraphim flew to me, holding an ember that he had taken with tongs from the altar.

He touched my mouth with it, and said, "See, now that this has touched your lips, your wickedness is removed, your sin purged."

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?" "Here I am," I said; "send me!"

**Reading 2** **1 Corinthians 15:1-11**

[For the shorter form (15:3-8, 11), omit the text in brackets.]

[I am reminding you,] brothers and sisters, [of the gospel I preached to you, which you indeed received and in which you also stand. Through it you are also being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you, unless you believed in vain. For] I handed on to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures; that he was buried; that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures; that he appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at once, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. After that he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one born abnormally, he appeared to me. [For I am the least of the apostles, not fit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am,

and his grace to me has not been ineffective. Indeed, I have toiled harder than all of them; not I, however, but the grace of God that is with me.] Therefore, whether it be I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

**Gospel** **Luke 5:1-11**

While the crowd was pressing in on Jesus and listening to the word of God, he was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret. He saw two boats there alongside the lake; the fishermen had disembarked and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, he asked him to put out a short distance from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. After he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch." Simon said in reply, "Master, we have worked hard all night and have caught nothing, but at your command I will lower the nets." When they had done this, they caught a great number of fish and their nets were tearing. They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come to help them. They came and filled both boats so that the boats were in danger of sinking. When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at the knees of Jesus and said, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." For astonishment at the catch of fish they had made seized him and all those with him, and likewise James and John, the sons of Zebedee, who were partners of Simon. Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him.

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**Men of St. Joseph Prayer**

St. Joseph, help me to be like you. Help me to be obedient to the teachings of the Church and faithful to God's commands. Help me to patiently endure my cross each day. Let me be a model of holiness and a pillar of virtue. I solemnly promise to embrace God's will and I accept the challenge to work tirelessly for my family's salvation. Be my guide and companion on this journey. St. Joseph, terror of demons, pray for us!

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