

SUNDAY, March 2, 2025
Eighth Sunday In Ordinary Time

Prayer for the Morning

God brings down the pride of the haughty, but the humble he saves; let us offer him our humble praise.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia!

Hymn **Meter: 76 76 D**

The clouds of judgment gather,
The time is growing late;
Be sober and be watchful;
Our Judge is at the gate:
The Judge who comes in mercy,
The Judge who comes in might
To put an end to evil
And diadem the right.
Arise, O true disciples,
Let wrong give way to right,
And penitential shadow
To Jesus' blessed light:
The light that has no evening,
That knows no moon or sun,
The light so new and golden,
The light that is but one.

Psalm **123**

The measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you. (cf. Lk 6:38)

Christ has harsh words for the haughty and hypocritical. God is the one true judge and we will all stand before him. To truly help our brothers and sisters, we begin by humbly acknowledging our sins, asking for the Lord's forgiveness and grace, which will make us into trees that bear good fruit.

To you have I lifted up my eyes,
you who dwell in the heavens:
my eyes, like the eyes of slaves
on the hand of their lords.
Like the eyes of a servant
on the hand of her mistress,
so our eyes are on the Lord our God
till he show us his mercy.
Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.
We are filled with contempt.
Indeed all too full is our soul
with the scorn of the rich,
with the proud man's disdain.

Glory to the Father...

Word of God **Romans 12:3, 10, 16**

By the grace given to me I tell everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than one ought to think, but to think soberly, each according to the measure of faith that God has apportioned.

Love one another with mutual affection; anticipate one another in showing honor. Have the same regard for one another; do not be haughty but associate with the lowly; do not be wise in your own estimation.

Do not complain, brothers, about one another, that you may not be judged. Behold, the Judge is standing before the gates. (Jas 5:9)

Canticle of Zechariah

Remove the wooden beam from your eye first; then you will see clearly to remove the splinter in your brother's eye. (Lk 6:42)

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

Christ can correct our vision when we are blind to our own sin and judgmental toward others. We pray:

R/Open our eyes, O Lord!

To our hypocrisies and injustices, **R/**

To our own great need of you, **R/**

To the needs of our brothers and sisters, **R/**

Personal intentions

Our Father....

O God of creation, we praise you, so wonderfully you made us and wonderful are your works! Lead us in the ways of holiness that we may fulfill your plan of sanctification and live for ever with you in joy. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.. Amen.

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Reading 1 **Sirach 27:4-7**

When a sieve is shaken, the husks appear;/ so do one's faults when one speaks./ As the test of what the potter molds is in the furnace,/ so in tribulation is the test of the just./ The fruit of a tree shows the care it has had;/ so too does one's speech disclose the bent of one's mind./ Praise no one before he speaks,/ for it is then that people are tested.

Reading 2 **1 Corinthians 15:54-58**

Brothers and sisters: When this which is corruptible clothes itself with incorruptibility and this which is mortal clothes itself with immortality, then the word that is written shall come about:

Death is swallowed up in victory./ Where, O death, is your victory?/ Where, O death, is your sting?

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

Gospel

Luke 6:39-45

Jesus told his disciples a parable, "Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit? No disciple is superior to the teacher; but when fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher. Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own? How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me remove that splinter in your eye,' when you do not even notice the wooden beam in your own eye? You hypocrite! Remove the wooden beam from your eye first; then you will see clearly to remove the splinter in your brother's eye.

"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit. For people do not pick figs from thornbushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles. A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks.

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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