

Prayers before Any Office

Grant, O Lord, that what we say with our lips we may believe in our hearts and practice in our lives; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Open, O Lord, my mouth to bless Thy holy Name; cleanse my heart from all vain, foolish, wandering thoughts; enlighten my understanding; enkindle my affections that I may say this office with attention and devotion and so may be meet to be heard before the presence of Thy divine majesty; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Prayers after Any Office

Guide us, O Lord, in all our doings with Thy most gracious favor, and further us with Thy continual help that in all our work begun, continued, and ended in Thee we may glorify Thy holy Name and finally by Thy mercy obtain everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

To Thee, O Lord, I commend the service which I, an unworthy sinner, have offered up unto Thee, God, be merciful to me, a sinner, and according to the fulness of Thy love and wisdom fulfill my petitions; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Collect for Reminiscere

O God, Who seest that of ourselves we have no strength, keep us both outwardly and inwardly that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

Collect for the Season Lent

Almighty and Everlasting God, Who hatest nothing that Thou hast made and dost forgive the sins of all those who are penitent, create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of Thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord, Who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever one God, world without end.

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“Often he has thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.”

St. Mark 9:22

Psalm 25



P: THE SE- || cret of the Lord is with those who | fear | Him, *
C: And He will show them | His | *cov-e- ·* | nant.

P: || To You, O | Lord, | - *

C: I lift | up | my | soul.

P: || O my God, I trust in | You; | - *

C: Let me not be ashamed; Let not my enemies triumph | o-
| ver | me.

P: || Indeed, let no one who waits on You be a- | shamed; | - *

C: Let those be ashamed who deal treacherously | with- | out
| cause.

P: || Show me Your ways, O | Lord; | - *

C: Teach | me | Your | paths.

P: || Lead me in Your truth and | teach | me, *

C: For You are the God of my salvation; On You I wait | all
| the | day.

P: || Remember, O Lord, Your tender mercies and Your loving- |
kind-ness- · | es, *

C: For they are | from | of | old.

P: || Do not remember the sins of my youth, nor my trans- | gres- |
sions; *

C: According to Your mercy remember me, for Your
goodness' | sake, | O | Lord.

P: || Good and upright is the | Lord; | - *

C: Therefore He teaches sinners | in | the | way.

P: || The humble He guides in | just- | ice, *

C: And the humble He teach- | es | His | way.

P: || All the paths of the Lord are mercy and | truth, | - *

C: To such as keep His covenant and His tes- | ti- | mo- | nies.

P: || For Your name's sake, O Lord, pardon my in- | *i-qui- ·* | ty, *

C: For | it | is | great.

P: || Who is the man that fears the | Lord? | - *

C: Him shall He teach in the way | He | choos- | es.

P: || He himself shall dwell in pros- | *per-i- ·* | ty, *

C: And his descendants shall inher- | it | the | earth.

P: || The secret of the Lord is with those who | fear | Him, *

C: And He will show them | His | *cov-e- ·* | nant.

P: || My eyes are ever toward the | Lord, | - *

C: For He shall pluck my feet out | of | the | net.

P: || Turn Yourself to me, and have mercy | on | me, *

C: For I am desolate and | af- | flict- | ed.

P: || The troubles of my heart have en- | larged; | - *

C: Bring me out of my | dis- | tress- | es!

P: || Look on my affliction and my | pain, | - *

C: And forgive | all | my | sins.

P: || Consider my enemies, for they are | ma- | ny; *

C: And they hate me with cru- | el | hat- | red.

P: || Keep my soul, and de- | *liv-er ·* | me; *

C: Let me not be ashamed, for I put my | trust | in | You.

P: || Let integrity and uprightness pre- | serve | me, *

C: For I | wait | for | You.

P: || Redeem Israel, O | God, | - *

C: Out of all | their | trou- | bles!

ALL: GLO- RY || be to the Father, and to the | Son: | - *

And to the | Ho- | ly | Ghost;

AS IT || was in the begin-*ning*, (+) is now, and ever | shall | be: *

World without | end. | A- | men.

P: || The secret of the Lord is with those who | fear | Him, *

C: And He will show them | His | *cov-e- ·* | nant.

Psalm 37

Psalm Tone VIII

Flex



P: COM- MIT || your way to the | Lord, | - *

C: Trust also in Him, and He shall | bring | it | to | pass.

P: || Do not fret because of evil- | do- | ers, *

C: Nor be envious of the workers | of | in- | *i-qui-* · | ty.

P: || For they shall soon be cut down like the | grass, | - *

C: And wither | as | the | green | herb.

P: || Trust in the Lord, and do | good; | - *

C: Dwell in the land, and feed on | His | faith- | ful- | ness.

P: || Delight yourself also in the | Lord, | - *

C: He shall give you the de- | sires | of | your | heart.

P: || Commit your way to the | Lord, | - *

C: Trust also in Him, and He shall | bring | it | to | pass.

P: || He shall bring forth your righteousness as the | light, | - *

C: And your justice | as | the | noon- | day.

P: || Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently | for | Him; *

C: Do not fret because of him who prospers in his way,
because of the man who brings wick- | ed | schemes | to | pass.

P: || Cease from anger, and forsake | wrath; | - *

C: Do not fret—it on- | ly | caus- | es | harm.

P: || For evildoers shall be cut | off; | - *

C: But those who wait on the Lord, they shall in- | her- | it | it |
the | earth.

P: || For yet a little while and the wicked shall be no | more; | - *

C: Indeed, you will look carefully for his place, but it | shall
| be | no | more.

P: || But the meek shall inherit the | earth, | - *

C: And shall delight themselves in the a- | bun- | dance | of |
peace.

P: || The wicked plots against the | just, | - *

C: And gnashes at | him | with | his | teeth.

P: || The Lord laughs | at | him, *

C: For He sees that his | day | is | com- | ing.

P: || The wicked have drawn the | sword | - *

C: And | have | bent | their | bow,

P: || To cast down the poor and | need- | y, *

C: To slay those who are of | up- | right | con- | duct.

P: || Their sword shall enter their own | heart, | - *

C: And their bows | shall | be | brok- | en.

P: || A little that a righteous man | has | - *

C: Is better than the riches of | man- | y | wick- | ed.

P: || For the arms of the wicked shall be | bro- | ken, *

C: But the Lord up- | holds | the | right- | eous.

P: || The Lord knows the days of the | up- | right, *

C: And their inheritance shall | be | for- | ev- | er.

P: || They shall not be ashamed in the evil | time, | - *

C: And in the days of famine they shall | be | sat- | is- | fied.

P: || But the wicked shall per-*ish*; (+) And the enemies of the Lord,
like the splendor of the | mea- | dows, *

C: Shall vanish. Into smoke they shall | van- | ish | a- | way.

P: || The wicked borrows and does not re- | pay, | - *

C: But the righteous shows | mer- | cy | and | gives.

P: || For those blessed by Him shall inherit the | earth, | - *

C: But those cursed by Him | shall | be | cut | off.

P: || The steps of a good man are ordered by the | Lord, | - *

C: And He de- | lights | in | his | way.

P: || Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast | down; | - *

C: For the Lord upholds | him | with | His | hand.

P: || I have been young, and now am | old; | - *

C: Yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken, nor his
descen- | dants | beg- | ging | bread.

P: || He is ever merciful, and | lends; | - *

C: And his de- | scen- | dants | are | blessed.

P: || Depart from evil, and do | good; | - *

C: And dwell | for- | ev- | er- | more.

P: || For the Lord loves justice, and does not forsake His saints; They
are preserved for- | ev- | er, *

C: But the descendants of the wicked | shall | be | cut | off.

P: || The righteous shall inherit the | land, | - *

C: And dwell in | it | for- | ev- | er.

P: || The mouth of the righteous speaks | wis- | dom, *

C: And his tongue | talks | of | just- | ice.

Psalm Tone VIII

Flex



P: || The law of his God is in his | heart; | - *

C: None of | his | steps | shall | slide.

P: || The wicked watches the | right- | eous, *

C: And | seeks | to | slay | him.

P: || The Lord will not leave him in his | hand, | - *

C: Nor condemn him | when | he | is | judged.

P: || Wait on the Lord, and keep His *way*, (+) and He shall exalt you
to inherit the | land; | - *

C: When the wicked are cut off, | you | shall | see | it.

P: || I have seen the wicked in great | pow- | er, *

C: And spreading himself like a | na- | tive | green | tree.

P: || Yet he passed away, and behold, he was no | more; | - *

C: Indeed I sought him, but he | could | not | be | found.

P: || Mark the blameless man, and observe the | up- | right; *

C: For the future of | that | man | is | peace.

P: || But the transgressors shall be destroyed to- | geth- | er; *

C: The future of the wicked | shall | be | cut | off.

P: || But the salvation of the righteous is from the | Lord; | - *

C: He is their strength in the | time | of | trou- | ble.

P: || And the Lord shall help them and de- | liv-er • | them; *

C: He shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them,
because | they | trust | in | Him.

ALL: GLO- RY || be to the Father, and to the | Son: | - *

And to | the | Ho- | ly | Ghost;

AS IT || was in the begin -*ning*, (+) is now, and ever | shall | be: *

World with- | out | end. | A- | men.

P: || Commit your way to the | Lord, | - *

C: Trust also in Him, and He shall | bring | it | to | pass.

The Responsory

P:

For - ev - er, O Lord, Thy Word is set - tled in heav'n.
Thy Word is a lamp un - to my feet, and a light un-to my path.

C:

Lord, I have loved the hab - i - ta - tion of Thy house,
and the place where Thine hon - or dwell - eth.

P:

Bless - ed are they that hear the Word of God and keep it.

C:

Lord, I have loved the hab - i - ta - tion of Thy house,
and the place where Thine hon - or dwell - eth.

P:

Glo-ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost.

C:

Lord, I have loved the hab - i - ta - tion of Thy house,
and the place where Thine hon - or dwell - eth.