

Prayers of Intercession

The prayers are prepared locally for each occasion. The following examples may be adapted or used as appropriate.

Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

A brief silence.

You crown your church with steadfast love and mercy. Guide us continually in our baptismal covenant to strive for justice and peace in all the earth. Use our diverse gifts in service to the whole people of God. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

You satisfy the needs of all creatures. Protect the habitats of fish and birds (*local bodies of water or wildlife refuges may be named*). Repair ecosystems damaged by misuse, neglect, or natural disaster, that all creation may thrive. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

You make your ways known to all people. Inspire the rulers and leaders of nations with your compassion and mercy. Raise up activists and community organizers to restore places affected by violence, poverty, and inequality. Merciful God, receive our prayer.

You provide justice for all who are oppressed and relief to all who are afflicted. Heal those who are bent over by addiction, depression, and anxiety. Set free all who cry out under the weight of mental, emotional, or physical distress (*especially*). Merciful God, receive our prayer.

You call us to delight in the sabbath. Renew our bodies, minds, and spirits in this worshiping assembly. Give rest to all who lead our congregation in worship, study, and service (*congregational leaders may be named*). Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

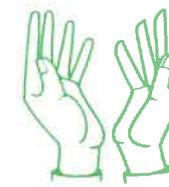
Here other intercessions may be offered.

Generations bless your holy name. We give you thanks for the communion of saints who have gathered in prayer and praise in this place. Support us in your love until we rest forever in you. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.

Amen.



Celebrate

Sunday, August 21, 2022
11th Sunday after Pentecost

Remember the sabbath day. Call the sabbath a delight. This is the Lord's day, and the Lord will do for us what the Lord does: feed us, forgive us, help and heal us. Rejoice at all the wonderful things God is doing.

Prayer of the Day

O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

First Reading

Isaiah 58:9b-14

God promises those who have returned from exile that where justice and mercy prevail, the ruins will be rebuilt and light will rise in the darkness. It is a day for new beginnings.

If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
¹⁰if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.
¹¹The LORD will guide you continually,
and satisfy your needs in parched places,
and make your bones strong;
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water,
whose waters never fail.
¹²Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;

you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.
¹³If you refrain from trampling the sabbath,
from pursuing your own interests on my holy day;
if you call the sabbath a delight and the holy day of the LORD honorable;
if you honor it, not going your own ways,
serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs;
¹⁴then you shall take delight in the LORD,
and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth;
I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Preparing for Next Week

Monday Psalm 109:21-31. Tuesday Ezekiel 20:18-32. Wednesday (Bartholomew, Apostle) John 1:43-51. Thursday Psalm 112. Friday 1 Peter 4:7-11. Saturday Proverbs 21:1-4, 24-26. 12th Sunday after Pentecost (commemoration of Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, c. 430; Moses the Black, monk, martyr, c. 400) Proverbs 25:6-7 or Sirach 10:12-18; Psalm 112; Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16; Luke 14:1, 7-14.

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on those days and be cured; come
swore him and said, "You hypocrites!
Does not each of you on the sabbath
humble his ox or his donkey from the
manger, and lead it away to give it
water?"¹⁶ And ought not this woman,
a daughter of Abraham whom Satan
bound for eighteen long years, be set
free from the bonds of the撒旦
Opponents were put to shame; and the
entire crowd was rejoicing at all the
wonderful things that he was doing.

Jesus heals a woman on the sabbath, offering her a new beginning "sabbath work" to include setting people free from bondage.

LUKE 13:10-17

²⁵See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we refuse the one who warns from heaven! ²⁶At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has indicated that it is the removal of what is shaken that creates the earth—but also the earth that is shaken may remain.

²⁷This phrase, “Yet once more,” means, “²⁸Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; ²⁹for indeed our God is a King of kings and Lord of lords.”

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stars only abide in the new promise in Christ*

You have not come to someeting that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest,¹⁹ and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers speechless that not another word be spoken to them.²⁰ (For they could not endure an animal touches the mountain,²¹ indeed, so terribly was the sight that Moses have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the made perfect, ²² and to the spirits of the righteous ones in heaven, and to God the firstborn who are enrolled probably of the faithful gathering,²³ and to the assembly in festal gathering,²⁴ and to the assembly of Jesus in Jerusalem.) But you tremble with fear," said Moses, "I tremble with fear." ²⁵Indeed, so terribly was the sight that Moses trembled to death.

Using images of Moses, the writer presents a striking vision of the new covenant of God made possible in Christ. There is no longer fear; only awe in the new promise in God into which we are invited.

Gospel

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all God's benefits—
3 who forgives all your sins
and heals all your diseases;
4 who redeems your life from the grave
and crowns you with steadfast love and mercy; R
5 who satisfies your desires with good things
so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
6 O Lord, you provide vindication
and justice for all who are oppressed.
7 You made known your ways to Moses
and your works to the children of Israel.
8 Lord, you are full of compassion, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. R

Musical notation for the hymn "The Lord crowns you with mercy and steadfast love." The melody is in G major, common time, featuring a soprano vocal line with eighth-note patterns and a basso continuo line below. The lyrics are written above the staff.