

Prayers of Intercession

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

Renewed in God's everlasting grace, let us pray for the church, the world, and all creation.

A brief silence.

Gracious God, you lead your people to faith. Remind the church that your word flows into the world. By your Spirit, teach the church to share the word of God for the sake of the world. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Creating God, you provided cleansing and healing waters for Naaman. Water the earth's lands in parched places. Restore clean water to all communities, and guide the work of all who advocate for safe and abundant water supplies. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Righteous One, you bring justice and wholeness throughout the world, and your righteousness endures forever. By your spirit, guide leaders of all nations and lands to right relationship with you and with one another. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Preparing for Next Week

Monday (Day of Thanksgiving [Canada]) Psalm 61. **Tuesday** Ephesians 6:10-20. **Wednesday** (commemoration of Teresa of Avila, teacher, renewer of the church, 1582) Matthew 10:5-15. **Thursday** Psalm 121. **Friday** (commemoration of Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, martyr, c. 115) 2 Timothy 2:14-26. **Saturday** (Luke, Evangelist) Luke 1:1-4; 24:44-53. **19th Sunday after Pentecost** Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 121; 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5; Luke 18:1-8.

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Merciful God, you know the needs of your people. Show mercy to those suffering in the world. Comfort those in need of your healing (*especially*). God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Life-giving God, you free us by your word. Help us, by your Spirit, to be transformed to live your word of freedom honestly and uprightly in our teaching, preaching, and serving. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered.

Holy God, thank you for the witness of those who have died in faith (*especially*). Guide us to trust in the baptismal promise of resurrection in Christ. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We offer our prayers, O God, trusting in your everlasting grace and mercy, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



Celebrate

Sunday, October 12, 2025
18th Sunday after Pentecost

It's a miracle! Multiple miracles! The waters of holy baptism have healed us. The body and blood of Jesus in holy communion have made us clean. We have died with Christ and been raised with him. For all this we have returned to offer thanks. From this place we are sent on our way rejoicing to share the good news.

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

Naaman, a Syrian general, suffers from leprosy. In this passage Elisha miraculously cures his illness, but only after Naaman realizes, with the help of his servants, that he also needs healing for his pride. This foreign general then acknowledges the sovereignty of the God of Israel.

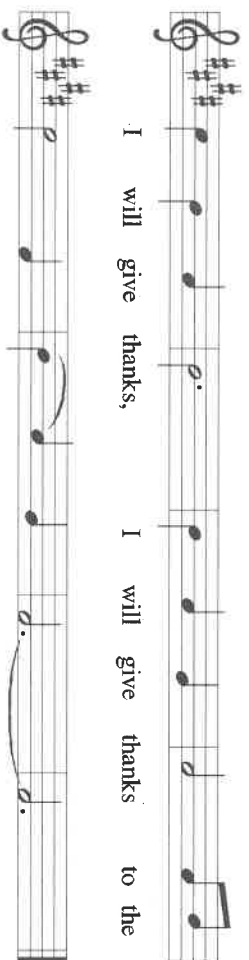
Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy.² Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife.³ She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy."

⁷When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

⁸But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your

clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel."⁹ So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house.¹⁰ Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean."¹¹ But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy!"¹² Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage.¹³ But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have

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Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the LORD with ¹ my whole heart,
in the assembly of the upright, in the ² congregation.

³Great are your ⁴ works, O LORD,
pondered by all who de- ⁵ light in them. **R**

Majesty and splendor ⁶ mark your deeds,
and your righteousness en- ⁷ duces forever.

⁸You cause your wonders to ⁹ be remembered;
you are gracious and full ¹⁰ of compassion.

¹¹You give food to ¹² those who fear you,
remembering forev- ¹³ er your covenant.

¹⁴You have shown your people the power ¹⁵ of your works
in giving them the lands ¹⁶ of the nations. **R**

¹⁷The works of your hands are faithful- ¹⁸ ness and justice;
all of your pre- ¹⁹ cepts are sure.

²⁰They stand fast forev- ²¹ er and ever,
because they are done in ²² truth and equity.

²³You sent redemption to your people
and commanded your cove- ²⁴ nant forever;

holy and awesome ²⁵ is your name.

²⁶The fear of the LORD is the begin- ²⁷ ning of wisdom;
all who practice this have a good understanding.
God's praise en- ²⁸ duces forever. **R**

First Reading, continued

done it? How much more, when all he
said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean?'

¹⁴So he went down and immersed
himself seven times in the Jordan,
according to the word of the man of
God; his flesh was restored like the

flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.
¹⁵Then he returned to the man of
God, he and all his company; he came
and stood before him and said, "Now
I know that there is no God in all the
earth except in Israel."

Second Reading

2 Timothy 2:8-15

Though Paul is chained as a prisoner, the word of God is never shackled or confined. Timothy is encouraged to proclaim that word of freedom in an honest and upright life as well as in his teaching and preaching.

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from
the dead, a descendant of David—
that is my gospel, ⁹for which I suffer
hardship, even to the point of being
chained like a criminal. But the word
of God is not chained. ¹⁰Therefore I
endure everything for the sake of the
elect, so that they may also obtain the
salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with
eternal glory. ¹¹The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will
also live with him;

¹²if we endure, we will also reign
with him;

if we deny him, he will also
deny us;

¹³if we are faithless, he remains
faithful—

for he cannot deny himself.

¹⁴Remind them of this, and warn
them before God that they are to
avoid wrangling over words, which
does no good but only ruins those
who are listening. ¹⁵Do your best to
present yourself to God as one ap-
proved by him, a worker who has no
need to be ashamed, rightly explain-
ing the word of truth.

Gospel

Luke 17:11-19

Jesus' mission includes making people clean again. Unexpectedly, a Samaritan healed of leprosy becomes a model for those who would praise and worship God and give thanks for God's mercy.

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was
going through the region between
Samaria and Galilee. ¹²As he entered
a village, ten lepers approached him.
Keeping their distance, ¹³they called
out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy
on us!" ¹⁴When he saw them, he said
to them, "Go and show yourselves to
the priests." And as they went, they
were made clean. ¹⁵Then one of them,
when he saw that he was healed,

turned back, praising God with a
loud voice. ¹⁶He prostrated himself at
Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he
was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus asked,
"Were not ten made clean? But the
other nine, where are they?" ¹⁸Was
none of them found to return and
give praise to God except this for-
eigner?" ¹⁹Then he said to him, "Get
up and go on your way; your faith has
made you well."