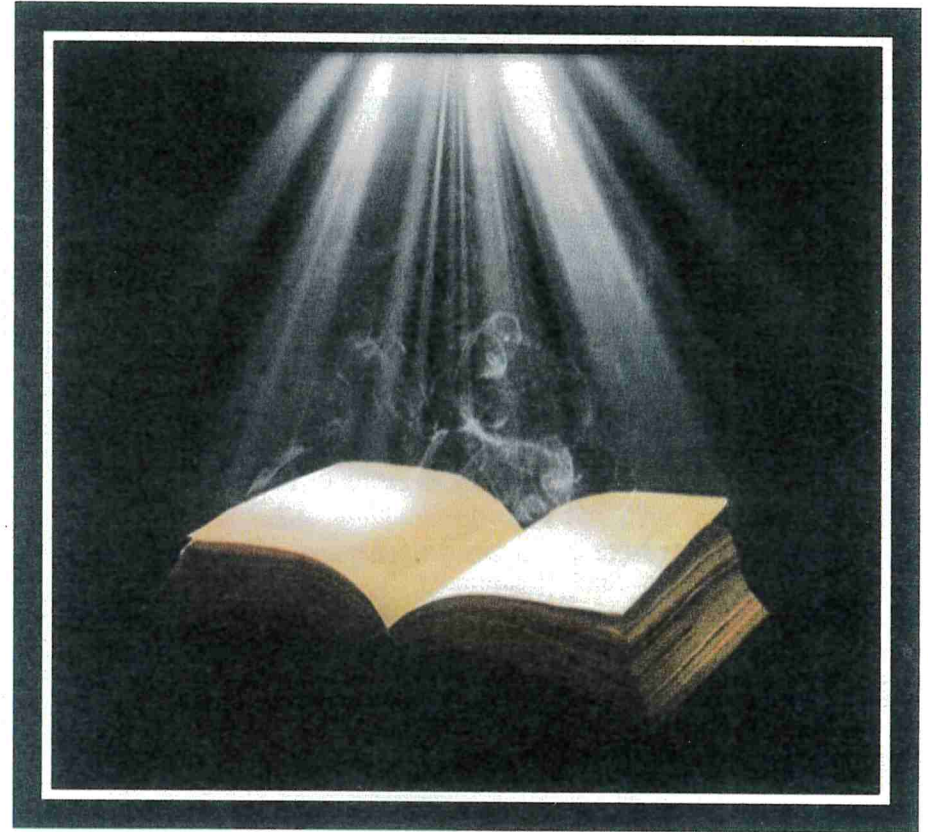


NOTES

Concert of Prayer
Sunday, May 25th 2014



Praying the
Scriptures

Psalm 5

1 Give ear to my words, O LORD,

Consider my groaning.

2 Heed the sound of my cry for help, my King and
my God,

For to You I pray.

3 In the morning, O LORD, You will hear my voice;

In the morning I will order *my prayer* to You and
eagerly watch.

4 For You are not a God who takes pleasure in wickedness;

No evil dwells with You.

5 The boastful shall not stand before Your eyes;

You hate all who do iniquity.

6 You destroy those who speak falsehood;

The LORD abhors the man of bloodshed and deceit.

7 But as for me, by Your abundant lovingkindness I
will enter Your house,

At Your holy temple I will bow in reverence for
You.

8 O LORD, lead me in Your righteousness because
of my foes;

Make Your way straight before me.

9 There is nothing reliable in what they say;

Their inward part is destruction *itself*.

Their throat is an open grave;

They flatter with their tongue.

10 Hold them guilty, O God;

By their own devices let them fall!

In the multitude of their transgressions thrust
them out,

For they are rebellious against You.

11 But let all who take refuge in You be glad,

Let them ever sing for joy;

And may You shelter them,

That those who love Your name may exult in
You.

12 For it is You who blesses the righteous man,
O LORD,

You surround him with favor as with a shield.

Psalm 23

The LORD, the Psalmist's Shepherd.

A PSALM OF DAVID.

1 The LORD is my shepherd,

I shall not want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures;

He leads me beside quiet waters.

3 He restores my soul;

He guides me in the paths of righteousness

For His name's sake.

4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

I fear no evil, for You are with me;

Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;

You have anointed my head with oil;

My cup overflows.

6 Surely goodness and loving kindness will follow me all the days of my life,

And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

The Morning Office

The Call to Pray

Sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done Marvelous things.

Psalm 98:1

The Request for Presence

Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a right spirit within me.

Psalm 51:11

The Greeting

I am small and of little account, yet I do not forget your commandments.

Psalm 119:141

The Refrain for the Morning Lessons

Let my mouth be full of your praise and your glory all the day long.

Psalm 71:8

A Reading

A man came, sent by God. His name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness to the light, so that everyone might believe through him. He was not the light, he was to bear witness to the light. The Word was the real light that gives light to everyone; he was coming into the world.

John 1:6-9

The Refrain

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Psalm 71:8

The Morning Psalm

31 Let the glory of the LORD endure forever;

Let the LORD be glad in His works;

32 He looks at the earth, and it trembles;

He touches the mountains, and they smoke.

33 I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praise to my God while

I have my being.

34 Let my meditation be pleasing to Him;

As for me, I shall be glad in the LORD.

35 Let sinners be consumed from the earth

And let the wicked be no more.

Bless the LORD, O my soul. Praise the LORD!

Psalm 104:31-35

The Refrain

Let my mouth be full of your praise and your glory all the day long.

Psalm 71:8

The Cry of the Church

*O Lord, hear my prayer and let my cry come unto you.
Thanks be to God.*

The Short Breviary

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your Name.
May your kingdom come, and your will be done, on earth
as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin
against us.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil;
For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory
forever and ever. *Amen*

The Prayer Appointed for the Week

Grant, O Lord, that the course of this world may be peace-
ably governed by your Providence; and that your Church
may joyfully serve you in confidence and serenity;
through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with
you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*

The Concluding Prayer of the Church

Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have
brought me in safety to this new day: Preserve me with
your mighty power, that I may not fall into sin, nor be
overcome by adversity; and in all I do direct me to the
fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ my Lord.
Amen.

The Attributes of God

The LORD is good,
A stronghold in the day of trouble,
And He knows those who take refuge in Him.

(Nahum 1:7)

God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all.

(1 John 1:5)

*Pause to reflect on these affirmations about the person,
powers, and perfection of God.*

The Works of God

Jesus, we thank You that You did not ask that the Father take us out of the world, but that He protect us from the evil one when You prayed: "Father, I desire that they also, whom You have given Me, be with Me where I am, so that they may see My glory which You have given Me, for You loved Me before the foundation of the world. (John 17:15, 24)

Lord, grant to us the power of the Spirit that You promised the apostles when You told them, "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth." (Acts 1:8)

*Take a moment to consider the greatness of God's
wonderful works.*

My Relationship to God

Since we, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. 10 For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. 11 And not only this, but we also exult in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation. (Romans 5:9-11)

God, You made Him who knew no sin to be sin for me, so that In Him, I might become Your righteousness. (2 Corinthians 5:21)

Pause to thank God for the relationship that you enjoy with Him in Jesus Christ.

The Character I Want to Cultivate

I will not seek to justify myself in others people's eyes; You, O God, knows our hearts; for that which is highly esteemed among men is detestable in the sight of God. (Luke 16:15)

I will not love the praise from people more than praise from You, O God.
(John 12:43)

*Take a moment to ask the Lord for the grace to grow in
godly character.*

My Relationship to Others

I shall seek to keep Your commandments, O God: "YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND." This is the great and foremost commandment. The second is like it, 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.' On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets." (Matthew 22:37-40)
This is Your commandment: that we believe in the name of Your Son Jesus Christ and love one another. (1 John 3:23)

Pause to review your relationships with others and to commit them to the Lord.

Psalm 139

1 O LORD, You have searched me and known *me*.
2 You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
 You understand my thought from afar.
3 You scrutinize my path and my lying down,
And are intimately acquainted with all my ways.
4 Even before there is a word on my tongue,
 Behold, O LORD, You know it all.
5 You have enclosed me behind and before,
 And laid Your hand upon me.
6 *Such* knowledge is too wonderful for me;
 It is *too* high, I cannot attain to it.
7 Where can I go from Your Spirit?
 Or where can I flee from Your presence?
8 If I ascend to heaven, You are there;
If I make my bed in Sheol, behold, You are there.
9 If I take the wings of the dawn,
If I dwell in the remotest part of the sea,
10 Even there Your hand will lead me,
And Your right hand will lay hold of me.
11 If I say, "Surely the darkness
 will overwhelm me,
And the light around me will be night,"
12 Even the darkness is not dark to You,
And the night is as bright as the day.
Darkness and light are alike *to You*.
13 For You formed my inward parts;
You wove me in my mother's womb.

14 I will give thanks to You, for I am fearfully and
 wonderfully made;
 Wonderful are Your works,
 And my soul knows it very well.
15 My frame was not hidden from You,
 When I was made in secret,
And skillfully wrought in the depths of the earth;
16 Your eyes have seen my unformed substance;
 And in Your book were all written
 The days that were ordained *for me*,
 When as yet there was not one of them.
17 How precious also are Your thoughts to me, O
 God!
 How vast is the sum of them!
18 If I should count them, they would outnumber
 the sand.
 When I awake, I am still with You.
19 O that You would slay the wicked, O God;
Depart from me, therefore, men of bloodshed.
20 For they speak against You wickedly,
And Your enemies take *Your name* in vain.
21 Do I not hate those who hate You, O LORD?
And do I not loathe those who rise up against
 You?
22 I hate them with the utmost hatred;
 They have become my enemies.
23 Search me, O God, and know my heart;
 Try me and know my anxious thoughts;
24 And see if there be any hurtful way in me,
 And lead me in the everlasting way.