

THE ORDER FOR A WEEK OF SPECIAL PRAYER

— PRAYING THROUGH THE 2020 MIDWAY POINT —

Wednesday, July 1, 2020

The Call

One Voice O God, make speed to save us.

Many Voices O Lord, make haste to help us.

All Voices **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.**

The Psalm

Psalm 119

n Heth

- ⁵⁷ You are my portion, LORD;
I have promised to obey your words.
- ⁵⁸ I have sought your face with all my heart;
be gracious to me according to your promise.
- ⁵⁹ I have considered my ways
and have turned my steps to your statutes.
- ⁶⁰ I will hasten and not delay
to obey your commands.
- ⁶¹ Though the wicked bind me with ropes,
I will not forget your law.
- ⁶² At midnight I rise to give you thanks
for your righteous laws.
- ⁶³ I am a friend to all who fear you,
to all who follow your precepts.
- ⁶⁴ The earth is filled with your love, LORD;
teach me your decrees.

v Teth

- ⁶⁵ Do good to your servant
according to your word, LORD.
- ⁶⁶ Teach me knowledge and good judgment,
for I trust your commands.
- ⁶⁷ Before I was afflicted I went astray,
but now I obey your word.
- ⁶⁸ You are good, and what you do is good;
teach me your decrees.
- ⁶⁹ Though the arrogant have smeared me with lies,
I keep your precepts with all my heart.
- ⁷⁰ Their hearts are callous and unfeeling,
but I delight in your law.
- ⁷¹ It was good for me to be afflicted
so that I might learn your decrees.
- ⁷² The law from your mouth is more precious to me
than thousands of pieces of silver and gold.

י Yodh

- ⁷³Your hands made me and formed me;
give me understanding to learn your commands.
- ⁷⁴May those who fear you rejoice when they see me,
for I have put my hope in your word.
- ⁷⁵I know, LORD, that your laws are righteous,
and that in faithfulness you have afflicted me.
- ⁷⁶May your unfailing love be my comfort,
according to your promise to your servant.
- ⁷⁷Let your compassion come to me that I may live,
for your law is my delight.
- ⁷⁸May the arrogant be put to shame for wronging me without cause;
but I will meditate on your precepts.
- ⁷⁹May those who fear you turn to me,
those who understand your statutes.
- ⁸⁰May I wholeheartedly follow your decrees,
that I may not be put to shame.

כ Kaph

- ⁸¹My soul faints with longing for your salvation,
but I have put my hope in your word.
- ⁸²My eyes fail, looking for your promise;
I say, "When will you comfort me?"
- ⁸³Though I am like a wineskin in the smoke,
I do not forget your decrees.
- ⁸⁴How long must your servant wait?
When will you punish my persecutors?
- ⁸⁵The arrogant dig pits to trap me,
contrary to your law.
- ⁸⁶All your commands are trustworthy;
help me, for I am being persecuted without cause.
- ⁸⁷They almost wiped me from the earth,
but I have not forsaken your precepts.
- ⁸⁸In your unfailing love preserve my life,
that I may obey the statutes of your mouth.

All Voices

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.

The Lesson

Matthew 21:40-41 (New International Version)

"Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?"

"He will bring those wretches to a wretched end," they replied, "and he will rent the vineyard to other tenants, who will give him his share of the crop at harvest time."

All Voices

Thanks be to God.

The Meditation

The Prayers

One Voice

Lord, have mercy.

Many Voices

Christ, have mercy.

One Voice

Lord, have mercy.

All Voices

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.**

One Voice

Lord, hear our prayer;

Many Voices

And let our cry come to you.

One Voice

Let us pray.

Almighty God, kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with your wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth, that in tranquility your dominion may increase until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*From the Collect for
Peace – Book of
Common Prayer*

One Voice

Lord, we lift before you all those who are sick, suffering and struggling.
Lord in Your mercy...

Many Voices

Hear our prayer.

One Voice

Lord, we lift before you all those who are grieving, those dealing with loss or heartache, those who are stressed and/or depressed.
Lord in Your mercy...

Many Voices

Hear our prayer.

One Voice

Lord, we lift before you all those impacted, directly or indirectly, by COVID-19.
Bless our patience, wisdom, and spiritual behavior during this season.
Lord in Your mercy...

Many Voices

Hear our prayer.

One Voice

Lord, we lift before you all those in Protest and crying out for justice. Lord, please, dismantle systemic and systematic racism in all forms, and help us to do our part.
Lord in Your mercy...

Many Voices

Hear our prayer.

One Voice

Lord, we lift before you those on battlefields, real or metaphorical, but especially those innocents impacted by the violent hate, abuse, and misuse, of others.
Lord in Your mercy...

Many Voices

Hear our prayer.

One Voice

Lord, we lift before you every leader in our world, Government, Church, Community, and Family.

Lord in Your mercy...

Many Voices

Hear our prayer.

One Voice

Lord, we lift before you our private and personal petitions and intercessions...

[Silent Prayer by All]

Lord in Your mercy...

Many Voices

Hear our prayer.

One Voice

In the Name of Christ, we pray.

All Voices

AMEN.

One Voice

Let us bless the Lord.

Many Voices

Thanks be to God! THANKS BE TO GOD! THANKS BE TO GOD!

Final Remarks and Blessing

This service was adapted from the Book of Common Prayer's Service for Noonday