

THE ORDER FOR A WEEK OF SPECIAL PRAYER

— PRAYING THROUGH THE 2020 MIDWAY POINT —

Friday, July 3, 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

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¹²¹ I have done what is righteous and just;
do not leave me to my oppressors.

¹²² Ensure your servant's well-being;
do not let the arrogant oppress me.

¹²³ My eyes fail, looking for your salvation,
looking for your righteous promise.

¹²⁴ Deal with your servant according to your love
and teach me your decrees.

¹²⁵ I am your servant; give me discernment
that I may understand your statutes.

¹²⁶ It is time for you to act, LORD;
your law is being broken.

¹²⁷ Because I love your commands
more than gold, more than pure gold,

¹²⁸ and because I consider all your precepts right,
I hate every wrong path.

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¹²⁹ Your statutes are wonderful;
therefore I obey them.

¹³⁰ The unfolding of your words gives light;
it gives understanding to the simple.

¹³¹ I open my mouth and pant,
longing for your commands.

¹³² Turn to me and have mercy on me,
as you always do to those who love your name.

¹³³ Direct my footsteps according to your word;
let no sin rule over me.

¹³⁴ Redeem me from human oppression,
that I may obey your precepts.

¹³⁵ Make your face shine on your servant
and teach me your decrees.

¹³⁶ Streams of tears flow from my eyes,
for your law is not obeyed.

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- ¹³⁷ You are righteous, LORD,
and your laws are right.
- ¹³⁸ The statutes you have laid down are righteous;
they are fully trustworthy.
- ¹³⁹ My zeal wears me out,
for my enemies ignore your words.
- ¹⁴⁰ Your promises have been thoroughly tested,
and your servant loves them.
- ¹⁴¹ Though I am lowly and despised,
I do not forget your precepts.
- ¹⁴² Your righteousness is everlasting
and your law is true.
- ¹⁴³ Trouble and distress have come upon me,
but your commands give me delight.
- ¹⁴⁴ Your statutes are always righteous;
give me understanding that I may live.

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- ¹⁴⁵ I call with all my heart; answer me, LORD,
and I will obey your decrees.
- ¹⁴⁶ I call out to you; save me
and I will keep your statutes.
- ¹⁴⁷ I rise before dawn and cry for help;
I have put my hope in your word.
- ¹⁴⁸ My eyes stay open through the watches of the night,
that I may meditate on your promises.
- ¹⁴⁹ Hear my voice in accordance with your love;
preserve my life, LORD, according to your laws.
- ¹⁵⁰ Those who devise wicked schemes are near,
but they are far from your law.
- ¹⁵¹ Yet you are near, LORD,
and all your commands are true.
- ¹⁵² Long ago I learned from your statutes
that you established them to last forever.

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

Psalm 143:7-8 (New International Version)

Answer me quickly, Lord; my spirit fails. Do not hide your face from me or I will be like those who go down to the pit.

Let the morning bring me word of your unfailing love, for I have put my trust in you. Show me the way I should go, for to you I entrust my life.

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, whose beloved Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption: Give us courage to take up our cross and follow him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

*From the Collect of the
Holy Cross – 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