

The Intercessory Prayer Group invites you to join us praying wherever you may be every Monday evening at 5:30. We pray for the St. James' church family, our community and for the world, using the Book of Common Prayer, the New Zealand Prayer Book, Forward Movement Daily Readings, or other resources. We pray through the St. James' prayer list, found through a link in the weekly email newsletter and at www.stjamesaustin.org under the Serve tab, Pastoral Care Ministries.

An order for Compline

The Lord Almighty grant us a peaceful night and a perfect end. *Amen*

Let us confess our sins to God.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father:
We have sinned against you,
through our own fault,
in thought, and word, and deed,
and in what we have left undone.
For the sake of your Son our Lord Jesus Christ,
forgive us all our offenses;
and grant that we may serve you
in newness of life,
to the glory of your Name. *Amen*

May the Almighty God grant us forgiveness of all our sins, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

Officiant: O God, make speed to save us.

People: O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.
Amen.

Psalm 84

Quam dilecta!

1How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts!*
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

2The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young;*
by the side of your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

3Happy are they who dwell in your house!*
they will always be praising you.

4Happy are the people whose strength is in you!*
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

5Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place of springs,*
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

6They will climb from height to height,*
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

7Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer;*
hearken, O God of Jacob.

8Behold our defender, O God;*
and look upon the face of your Anointed.

9For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my own room,*
and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.

10For the Lord God is both sun and shield;*
he will give grace and glory;

11No good thing will the Lord withhold;*
from those who walk with integrity.

12O Lord of hosts,*
happy are they who put their trust in you!

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

Lessons

Gal. 4:1-11

My point is this: heirs, as long as they are minors, are no better than slaves, though they are the owners of all the property; but they remain under guardians and trustees until the date set by the father. So with us; while we were minors, we were enslaved to the elemental spirits of the world. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God. Formerly, when you did not know God, you were enslaved to beings that by nature are not gods. Now, however, that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how can you turn back again to the weak and beggarly elemental spirits? How can you want to be enslaved to them again? You are observing special days, and months, and seasons, and years. I am afraid that my work for you may have been wasted.

Mark 7:24-37

From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go-- the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Then follows

V. Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit;
R. For you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.

V. Keep us, O Lord, as the apple of your eye;
R. Hide us under the shadow of your wings.

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy,
Lord, have mercy.

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.

Officiant: Lord, hear our prayer;
People: And let our cry come to you.
Officiant: Let us pray.

Look down, O Lord, from your heavenly throne, and illumine this night with your celestial brightness; that by night as by day your people may glorify your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

For Local Government

Almighty God our heavenly Father, send down upon those who hold the office in this state of Texas, and in the city of Austin, the spirit of wisdom, charity, and justice; that with steadfast purpose they may faithfully serve in their offices to promote the well-being of all people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

For Social Justice

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart [and especially the hearts of the people of this land], that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

For the Oppressed

Look with pity, O heavenly Father, upon the people in this land who live with injustice, terror, disease, and death as their constant companions. Have mercy upon us. Help us to eliminate our cruelty to these our neighbors. Strengthen those who spend their lives establishing equal protection of the law and equal opportunities for all. And grant that every one of us may enjoy a fair portion of the riches of this land; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*

Prayers of the People

Presider: We come into your presence seeking your blessing, O Holy One: Let our eyes see the salvation which you have prepared in the presence of all the nations, as we pray: Happy are the people whose strength is in you; whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

Litanist: Gracious God, let your Church be presented to you purified and holy through the mercy of our faithful High Priest, Jesus your Son, a light for revelation to the world and for the glory of your people.
Happy are the people whose strength is in you;

whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

Compassionate One, purify our leaders like gold and silver that they may cooperate with your work of justice and peace, and free those who have been held in slavery by the fear of death.

Happy are the people whose strength is in you;

whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

O Holy One, endue our elders and sages with wisdom and righteousness. that we may listen to their truth and be blessed.

Happy are the people whose strength is in you;

whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

Eternal God, honor the intercessions of those who worship with fasting and prayer, night and day, that all humanity may look for the redemption of your creation and have our dreams fulfilled.

Happy are the people whose strength is in you;

whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

Gracious and Loving One, kindle your light in the temple of our hearts and let your comforting grace be among us as we pray in intercession especially for ____.

- Those on our prayer list and others we name ____.
- Our Presiding Bishop Sean Rowe; our Diocesan bishops Andy, Jeff, Hector, and Kai; our clergy (Eileen, Robby, Jim, George and Addison) and all those who work at and for St. James', including lay people, volunteers and vestry members (Harrison Eppright, Jill LaCour, Jeff Cox, Stephanie Doodoo, Jennifer Graf, Rudy Green, Anaflor Bernal, Matt Harringer, Hector Krebber, Mikal Lewis, Rodger Brown, Sue Reed Tate).
- We pray for our City Council members - Natasha Harper-Madison, Vanessa Fuentes, Jose Velasquez, Jose "Chito" Vela, Ryan Alter, Krista Laine, Mike Seigel, Paige Ellis, Zohaib "Zo" Qadri, Marc Duchon and our Mayor Kirk Watson, for our City Manager T.C. Broadnax, the Police Chief, Lisa Davis, the Fire Chief, Joel Baker, the Travis County Judge, Andy Brown and for other city and county officials.
- We pray for the Governor and other members of the Executive branch of state government. We pray for senators and representatives in the state legislature and in congress.
- We pray for our Supreme Court Justices (Clarence Thomas, Samuel Alito, Sonia Sotomayor, Elena Kagan, Neil Gorsuch, Brett Kavanaugh, Amy Coney Barrett, Ketanji Brown Jackson and Chief Justice John Roberts) and for all federal, state, and local judges throughout the country.
- We pray for our president and our vice president, give them strength, wisdom, and courage as they lead our country.
- We pray that you would touch the hearts of those who can make decisions and pass laws to protect the people of our state and country against gun violence.
- We pray protection for the children of this country and around the world, especially those in harm's way.
- We pray for the "hot spots" around the world, esp. in Ukraine and Russia, Israel and the Gaza Strip, the Pacific area around China and Taiwan, Nicaragua, Sudan, and South Sudan, Haiti, Slovakia, and every place where oppression and violence have disrupted or threatened peace.
- We pray for people in communities in our cities, state, and nation where the violent loss of lives has caused grief, pain, frustration, anger and fear.
- We pray for all those suffering from natural disasters in this country and around the world.
- We pray for Scott Madison in his journey to priesthood.
- We pray for the peaceful transfer of power in January.

Our hearts and our flesh rejoice in the living God; we bring to your presence our prayers of thanksgiving, especially for ____.

- Our family and friends, for healing and restoration to health and wholeness
- Welcome Table and all the many ministries of St. James' Episcopal Church
- Those advocating and working for reasonable gun control laws
- Health care workers in medical practices, clinics, and hospitals
- Our schools: those who teach and those who learn, those who keep everything running and the people safe
- We give thanks for the faculty and staff of Norman Sims Elementary School and especially for Karla in the office, Principal Patrick Salinas and his staff, and for the students and their families.
- The faculty, staff, and students at Huston Tillotson University and for the work of Rev Addison McMillan as Chaplain.

➤ We give thanks for our seminarians from SSW: Peter, Angel and Ari.

How dear to us is your dwelling, O God of hosts, our souls have a desire and longing for your courts. Bring into the fullness of your divine life all who have died, especially those who died from the crash of American Eagle #5342 & the Army Black Hawk helicopter ____.

Happy are the people whose strength is in you;

whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

Litanist: Loving God, let your blessing and favor be upon us to grow and become strong in Spirit, filled with wisdom and goodness, that when we come before you, we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

Lord, you now have set your servant free
to go in peace as you have promised;

For these eyes of mine have seen the Savior,
whom you have prepared for all the world to see:

A Light to enlighten the nations,
and the glory of your people Israel.

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

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ, and asleep we may rest in peace.

Blessing
The Feast of the Presentation

We are God's own children, beloved and holy.

May our Savior Christ present us with a pure and clean heart.

Grow in strength and wisdom and in favor with God, like precious gold and silver purified by the Holy Spirit.

And the blessing of our royal God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with us and nourish us, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us. *Amen*