

Lent

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Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal,
have mercy on us.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed by thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory.
forever and ever. Amen.**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Show us your mercy, O God,
and grant us your salvation.
Give us the joy of your saving help again,
and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.
Give peace in all the world;
for only in you can we live in safety.

Keep the nations under your care,
and guide us in the way of justice and truth.
 Let your way be known upon earth;
your saving health among all nations.
 Let not the needy be forgotten,
nor the hope of the poor be taken away.
 Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and sustain me with your Holy Spirit.
 Lord, hear my prayer,
and let my cry come before you.

HYMN #765 Lord of All Hopefulness



1 Lord of all hope - ful - ness, Lord of all joy,
 2 Lord of all ea - ger - ness, Lord of all faith,
 3 Lord of all kind - li - ness, Lord of all grace,
 4 Lord of all gen - tle - ness, Lord of all calm,



whose trust, ev - er child - like, no cares could de - stroy:
 whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
 your hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace:
 whose voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm:



be there at our wak - ing, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our la - bors, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our hom - ing, and give us, we pray,
 be there at our sleep - ing, and give us, we pray,



your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.
 your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.
 your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.
 your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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READING Psalm 63

O God, you are my God; eager- | ly I seek you;
 my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there |
 is no water.
 Therefore I have gazed upon you in your | holy place,
 that I might behold your power | and your glory.

For your steadfast love is better than | life itself;
my lips shall | give you praise.
So will I bless you as long | as I live
and lift up my hands | in your name.
My spirit is content, as with the rich- | est of foods,
and my mouth praises you with | joyful lips,
when I remember you up- | on my bed,
and meditate on you in | the night watches.
For you have | been my helper,
and under the shadow of your wings I | will rejoice.
My whole being | clings to you;
your right hand | holds me fast.

The reading is followed by silence for reflection.

PRAYERS

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Additional prayers may be read, concluding with the following prayer.

We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you have graciously protected us today. We ask you to forgive us all our sins, where we have done wrong, and graciously to protect us tonight. Into your hands we commend ourselves: our bodies, our souls, and all that is ours. Let your holy angels be with us, so that the wicked foe may have no power over us.

Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Almighty God bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life.

Amen.

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The Lenten Prayer of St. Ephraim the Syrian

*Of all Lenten hymns and prayers, one short prayer can be termed the Lenten prayer.
Tradition ascribes it to one of the great teachers of spritual life, St. Ephraim the Syrian.*

O Lord and Master of my life! Take from me the spirit of sloth, faintheartedness,
lust of power and idle talk. But give rather the spirit of chastity, humility, patience
and love to your servant. Yea O Lord and King! Grant me to see my own errors and
not to judge my brothers and sisters; for you are blessed unto ages of ages.
Amen.

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