



## OPENING SENTENCES

Leader: O Lord, open my lips.

**People: And my mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Leader: Show me your way, O Lord,

**People: that I may follow in your truth.**

Leader: Teach me to revere your name,

**People: and my whole heart will praise you.**

## PSALM 84 (read in unison)

How lovely is your dwelling place,  
O LORD of hosts!

<sup>2</sup> My soul longs, indeed it faints  
for the courts of the LORD;  
my heart and my flesh sing for joy  
to the living God.

<sup>3</sup> Even the sparrow finds a home,  
and the swallow a nest for herself,  
where she may lay her young,  
at your altars, O LORD of hosts,  
my King and my God.

<sup>4</sup> Happy are those who live in your house,  
ever singing your praise.

<sup>5</sup> Happy are those whose strength is in you,  
in whose heart are the highways to Zion.<sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>6</sup> As they go through the valley of Baca  
they make it a place of springs;  
the early rain also covers it with pools.

<sup>7</sup> They go from strength to strength;  
the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

<sup>8</sup> O LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer;  
give ear, O God of Jacob!  
<sup>9</sup> Behold our shield, O God;  
look on the face of your anointed.

<sup>10</sup> For a day in your courts is better  
than a thousand elsewhere.  
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God  
than live in the tents of wickedness.

<sup>11</sup> For the LORD God is a sun and shield;  
he bestows favour and honour.  
No good thing does the LORD withhold  
from those who walk uprightly.

<sup>12</sup> O LORD of hosts,  
happy is everyone who trusts in you.

(NRSV)

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Corinthians 12:1-13

Leader: ...The Word of the Lord. **People: Thanks be to God.**  
(A period of silence follows for personal reflection.)

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PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION  
(from THE GREAT LITANY)

Leader: O God the Father, creator of heaven and earth,

**People: Have mercy on us.**

Leader: O God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

**People: Have mercy on us.**

Leader: O God the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide,

**People: Have mercy on us.**

Leader: Holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity,  
three persons and one God,

**People: Have mercy on us.**

Leader: Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our  
forebears. Spare us, good Lord, spare your people whom you have  
redeemed with your precious blood.

**People: Good Lord, deliver us.**

Leader: From all false doctrine, heresy, schism; from hardness of heart, and contempt for your Word and commandments,

**People: Good Lord, deliver us.**

Leader: From earthquake and tempest; from drought, fire, and flood; from civil strife and violence; from war and murder; and from dying suddenly and unprepared,

**People: Good Lord, deliver us.**

Leader: By the mystery of your holy incarnation, by your baptism, fasting, and temptation; and by your proclamation of the kingdom,

**People: Good Lord, deliver us.**

Leader: By your bloody sweat and bitter grief; by your cross and suffering; and by your precious death and burial,

**People: Good Lord, deliver us.**

Leader: By your mighty resurrection; by your glorious ascension; and by the coming of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Good Lord, deliver us.**

Leader: Receive our prayers, O Lord our God.

**People: Hear us, good Lord.**

Leader: Govern and direct your holy church; fill it with love and truth; and grant it that unity which is your will.

**People: Hear us, good Lord.**

Leader: Encourage and prosper your servants who spread the gospel in all the world, and send out laborers into the harvest.

**People: Hear us, good Lord.**

Leader: Bless and keep your people, that all may find and follow their true vocation and ministry.

**People: Hear us, good Lord.**

Leader: Rule the hearts of your servants, the President of the United States and all others in authority, that they may do justice, and love mercy, and walk in the ways of truth.

**People: Hear us, good Lord.**

Leader: To all nations grant unity, peace, and concord, and to all people give dignity, food, and shelter.

**People: Hear us, good Lord.**

Leader: Defend and provide for the widowed and the orphaned, the refugees and the homeless, the unemployed, and all who are desolate and oppressed.

**People: Hear us, good Lord.**

Leader: Heal those who are sick in body or mind, and give skill and compassion to all who care for them.

**People: Hear us, good Lord.**

Leader: Grant us true repentance, forgive our sins, and strengthen us by your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your Holy Word.

**People: Hear us, good Lord.**

Leader: Son of God, we ask you to hear us.

**People: Son of God, we ask you to hear us.**

Leader: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,

**People: have mercy on us.**

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**People: have mercy on us.**

Leader: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,

**People: Grant us your peace.**

Leader: ...through Christ our Lord.

**People: Amen.**

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Ecumenical Version)*

***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.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.***

#### DISMISSAL

Leader: May we continue to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

**People: Amen.**

Leader: Bless the Lord.

**People: The Lord's name be praised.**

Leader: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

(Signs and words of Christ's peace may be exchanged by all.)

