

## WEDNESDAY MORNING PRAYER

Season after Pentecost

September 24, 2025



### CALL TO PRAISE

One: O God, open our lips

**All: and our mouths will proclaim your praise.**

One: You are good to those who wait for you,

**All: to all who seek you.**

One: It is good to give you thanks, O Most High,

**All: to sing praises to your name.**

One: We declare your steadfast love in the morning

**All: and your faithfulness by night. Amen.**

### MORNING PRAYER

(... now and forever. **Amen.**)

### PSALM 146 (read in unison)

***Hallelujah!***

***Praise the LORD, O my soul!***

***I will praise the LORD as long as I live;***

***I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.***

***Put not your trust in rulers,***

***in mortals in whom there is no help.***

***When they breathe their last,***

***they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish.***

***Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help,***

***whose hope is in the LORD their God;***

***who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;***

***who keeps promises forever;***

***who gives justice to those who are oppressed,***

***and food to those who hunger.***

***The LORD sets the captive free.***

***The LORD opens the eyes of the blind;***

***the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;***

***the LORD loves the righteous.***

***The LORD cares for the stranger;***

***the LORD sustains the orphan and widow,***

***but frustrates the way of the wicked.***

***The LORD shall reign forever,***

***your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!***

**SCRIPTURE READING:**

**1 Corinthians 5:9-6:11**

One: ... The Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*(A period of silence follows for personal reflection.)*

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**Matthew 5:38-48**

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**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

One: The Spirit helps us in our weakness;

**All: for we do not know how to pray as we ought,**

One: but that very Spirit intercedes

**All: with sighs too deep for word.**

One: Gracious God, we bring our prayers to you as acts of love for you and our neighbors.

God of mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

One: We pray for ourselves and those dear to us...

*(time for silent or audible prayers)*

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**All: hear our prayer.**

One: We pray for the church...

*(time for silent or audible prayers)*

One: God of mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

One: We pray for the world...

*(time for silent or audible prayers)*

One: God of mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

One: We pray for other concerns we carry in our hearts...

*(time for silent or audible prayers)*

One: God of mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

One: God of grace and glory,

**All: you fling the stars into heavens; you see every sparrow fall.**

One: Deepen our trust in the mystery of your power shining through Christ Jesus,

**All: that we may live your love for the world.**

One: In the name of the one who taught us, we pray:

**All: 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;*

*and 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 forever. Amen.*

## CLOSING RESPONSES

One: From where we are to where you need us:

**All: Jesus, now lead on.**

One: From the familiarity of what we know to the wonder of what you will reveal:

**All: Jesus, now lead on.**

One: To transform the fabric of this world until it resembles the shape of your kingdom:

**All: Jesus, now lead on.**

One: Because good things have been prepared for those who love God:

**All: Jesus, now lead on.** *(Wild Goose Worship Group, Scotland 2000)*

One: In our concerns and in our choices,

**All: God is with us.**

One: In our disappointments and in our joys,

**All: God is with us.**

One: In our protesting and in our serving,

**All: God is with us.**

One: Now and always,

**All: God is with us.** *(Norman Shanks, Scotland, 2017)*

One: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**All: And also with you.**

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



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