

Midday Prayer – Friday (can be used daily in Lent)

An order adapted from Celebrating Common Prayer: Society of St Francis

You are welcome to respond with the parts in bold type

Preparation

God is with you

And also with you

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory to God, Creator, Word, Spirit

As it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be forever. Amen .

A HYMN may be sung or said, the following or some other.

We bless you, Father, Lord of life,
To whom all living beings tend,
The source of holiness and grace,
Our first beginning and our end.

We give you thanks, redeeming Christ,
Who bore the weight of sin and shame;
In dark defeat you conquered sin,
And death, by dying, overcame.

Come, Holy Spirit, searching fire,
Whose flame all evil burns away.
With light and love come down to us
In silence and in peace to stay.

We praise you, God, the Three in One,
Sublime in majesty and might:
You reign for ever, Lord of all,
In splendour and unending light. Amen.

The Word of God

Psalmody

Psalm 23

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; *
therefore can I lack nothing.

- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *
and leads me beside still waters.

- 3 He shall refresh my soul *
and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil; *
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

- 5 You spread a table before me
in the presence of those who trouble me; *
you have anointed my head with oil
and my cup shall be full.

- 6 Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life, *
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

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Short Reading

Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

1 Peter 2.24,25

Responsory

Come, you that are blessed of my Father,
Inherit the kingdom prepared for you.

I was hungry and you gave me food,
I was thirsty and you gave me drink,

I was a stranger and you welcomed me,
I was naked and you clothed me,

I was sick and you took care of me,
I was in prison and you visited me.

As you did it to one of the least,
You did it to me.

Prayers

At the end

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

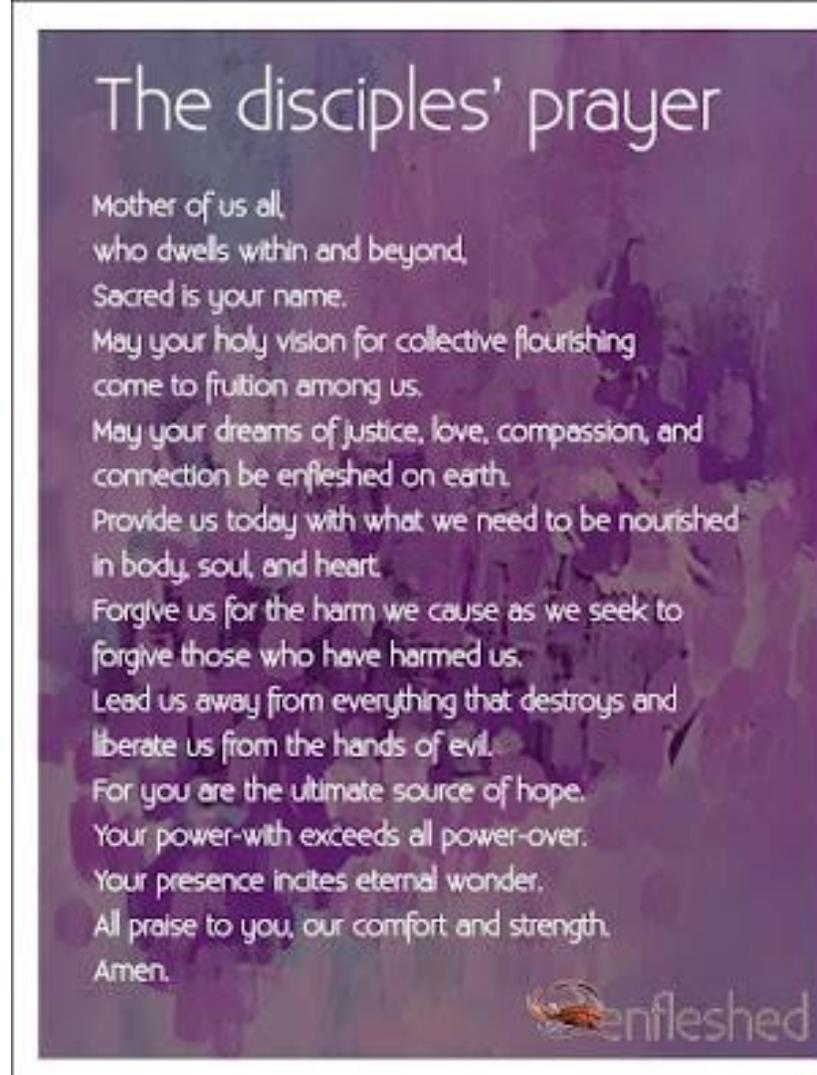
The Collect

Most merciful God,
by the death and resurrection
of your Son Jesus Christ,
you created humanity anew.
May the power of his victorious cross
transform those who turn in faith
to him who lives and reigns with you

and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

The Disciples Prayer (from enfleshed.com)

Lord Jesus, remember us and teach us to pray:



May Christ our brother give us peace.
Amen.

Let us bless our Loving God.
Thanks be to God.