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FOR
ORDINARY TIME

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SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER

Fill us with your love, O God,
and we will sing for joy!
Glory...

HYMN

PSALM 63:1-8

*As morning breaks, we look to you, Holy One, to brighten
this day with your love.*

God, my God, you I crave;
my soul thirsts for you,
my body aches for you
like a dry and weary land.
Let me gaze on you in your temple:
a vision of strength and glory.

Your love is better than life,
my speech is full of praise.
I give you a lifetime of worship,
my hands raised in your name.
I feast at a rich table,
my lips sing of your glory.

On my bed I lie awake,
your memory fills the night.
You have been my help,
I rejoice beneath your wings.

A few moments of silence

PSALM 149:1-6a, 9b

Let all God's holy people rejoice before the One who loves us.

HALLELUJAH!
Sing a new song, you faithful,
praise God in the assembly.
Israel, rejoice in your maker,

Zion, in your king.
Dance in the Lord's name,
sounding harp and tambourine.

The Lord delights
in saving a helpless people.
Revel in God's glory,
join in clan by clan.
Shout praise from your throat.
You faithful, this is your glory!
HALLELUJAH!

A few moments of silence

READING Isaiah 43:1- 4

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name,
you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with
you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you
walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not
consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,
your Savior. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored,
and I love you...

A few moments of silence

Sharing "the state of the heart" may follow.

CANTICLE OF ZACHARY

As my Father loves me, so I love you; live on in my love.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

We pray that God's great love, revealed through all the ages, may
echo in our words and deeds this day.

For grateful hearts to sing the beauties of your creation and for the
wisdom and the will to protect and conserve the riches of Earth,
we pray:

Creator God, hear our prayer.
For willing and generous hands to share in setting the table where
all can feast on earth's bounty, we pray:
Creator God, hear our prayer.

For eyes to see the goodness in all persons—in our sisters and associates, our co-workers, family and friends, those whom we serve, we pray:

Creator God, hear our prayer.

For strong and courageous wills to overcome whatever diminishes the fullness of life in woman or man or child, we pray:

Creator God, hear our prayer.

For joyful spirits to spread hope and to bring merriment that all may know you are a God of love and of joy, we pray:

Creator God, hear our prayer.

And we remember also...

As God's beloved daughters, we pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father...

CONCLUDING PRAYER

God of great love,

your touch makes this world holy.

Open our eyes to see your hand at work

in the splendor of creation

and in the beauty of human life.

Help us to cherish the gifts that surround us,

to share your blessings with our sisters and brothers,

and to experience the joy of life in your presence.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

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

Amen.

Bless the Lord!

May God's name be praised.

From the writings of Fr. Medaille: Love God according to the precept of the Law with your whole heart, your whole soul, and your whole strength. (MP I, p. 12)



WEDNESDAY EVENING PRAYER

Our God is near to all who call out in faith;
we bless you God, we praise your name forever.
Glory...

HYMN

PSALM 27

With God as my light and my strength, I have no fear.

The Lord is my saving light;
whom should I fear?
God is my fortress;
what should I dread?

One thing I ask the Lord,
one thing I seek:
to live in the house of God
every day of my life,
caught up in God's beauty,
at prayer in his temple.

The Lord will hide me there,
hide my life from attack:
a sheltering tent above me,
a firm rock below.

I am now beyond reach
of those who besiege me.
In his temple I will offer
a joyful sacrifice,
I will play and sing to God.

O God, listen to me;
be gracious, answer me.
Deep within me a voice says,
"Look for the face of God!"

So I look for your face,
I beg you not to hide.
Do not shut me out in anger,
help me instead.

Do not abandon or desert me,
my savior, my God.
If my parents rejected me,
still God would take me in.

I know I will see
how good God is
while I am still alive.
Trust in the Lord. Be strong.
Be brave. Trust in the Lord.

A few moments of silence

CANTICLE Colossians 1:12-20

Christ Jesus, reconciler, made peace by his life-giving cross.

Give thanks to the Father,
who made us fit
for the holy community of light
and rescued us from darkness,
bringing us into the realm
of his beloved Son
who redeemed us,
forgiving our sins.

Christ is an image
of the God we cannot see.
Christ is firstborn in all creation.

Through Christ the universe was made,
things seen and unseen,

thrones, authorities, forces, powers.
Everything was created
through Christ and for Christ.

Before anything came to be, Christ was,
and the universe is held together by Christ.

Christ is also head of the body, the church,
its beginning as firstborn from the dead
to become in all things first.

For by God's good pleasure
Christ encompasses
the full measure of power,
reconciling creation with its source
and making peace by the blood of the cross.

A few moments of silence

READING Romans 8:38-39

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers,
nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor
depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us
from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

A few moments of silence

Sharing "the state of the heart" may follow.

CANTICLE OF MARY

If God is for us, who can be against us?

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Give us peace, peacemaker God, that we may rest secure in your
care for us and for all your people.

We pray for friends and relatives, for our associates, and benefactors:
God of great love, hear our prayer.

We pray for the elderly, for neighbors in special need, especially in
our city:

God of great love, hear our prayer.

We pray for those who are hungry, homeless, lacking medical care:

God of great love, hear our prayer.

We pray for those who work difficult jobs for low wages; we pray
for the unemployed:

God of great love, hear our prayer.

We pray for all Christian Churches—that they may give faithful
witness to the Gospel and that the Spirit may draw us together as
one Body in Christ:

God of great love, hear our prayer.

For what else do we pray...

With all the saints, with Sisters of St. Joseph in all lands, we pray
Our Father...

CONCLUDING PRAYER

As you have made this day, O God,
you also make the night.

Give light for our comfort.

Come upon us with quietness and still our souls,
that we may listen for the whisper of your Spirit
and be attentive to your nearness in our dreams.

Empower us to rise again in new life
to proclaim your praise,
and show Christ to the world,
who reigns forever and ever. Amen.

BLESSING

May God protect us through the night,
guarding us as the mother hen guards her young.
Amen.

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ing, that is, let it unite you completely and totally to God through
the thoughts you think, the affections you feel, and the holiness of
your words and works. (MP I, p. 13)