

Oct 16, 2022

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost



Four Prayers That Don't Work

A series on prayer from the Gospel of Luke

Preparation for Worship

O God, you pour out the Spirit of grace and love. Deliver us from cold hearts and wandering thoughts, that with steady minds and burning zeal we may worship you in spirit and truth. Amen.

The Lord Calls Us

✠ **Call to Worship** - Jer. 31; 2 Tim 3; Lk 18

No matter how far from God we see to be, we do not lose heart:

For the days are surely coming, says the Lord.

No matter how many obstacles we face in life, in the church, we do not lose heart:

For the days are surely coming, says the Lord.

No matter how hard it is to continually pray, and be instruments of justice, we do not lose heart:

For the days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will forgive and restore my people; when I will equip them for every good work; and when I will grant them justice, for I hear their cries day and night.

✠ **God's Greeting & Opening Prayer** - adapted from Eph. 2

Peace to those who are near, and peace to those who are far away: through Christ we can all approach the Father by one Holy Spirit. Amen. [*minister prays*]

✠ **"Our Father"**

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

✠ **Hymn # 457 Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

The Lord Forgives Us

The Law of God - 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Call to Confession & Confession - 2 Tim 3:3-4, Lk 18, Jer. 31:34; 2 Tim 4:1

Gracious God, we confess that we do not meditate on your commands and teachings all day long. We do not keep your word before us and always in all things. Instead, we turn away from your demanding truth and wander toward easier options. Forgive us, we pray, for pursuing our own desires rather than yours. Forgive us for growing weary in following you; for failing to pray and work tirelessly for justice; for looking hope in your power to transform the power of this world. Tune our ears to the sound of your justice. Turn our hearts to your commandments and word of grace. Do not remember our sin, but remember your mercy forever. We pray in Christ's name. Amen. [*silent confession*]

Declaration of Forgiveness

Passing the Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you this morning.

And also with you.

✠ Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be;
world without end. Amen, amen.

The Lord Speaks To Us

✠ Prayer of Illumination

First Lesson: Jeremiah 31:27-34

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Second Lesson: Luke 18:1-8

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise be to Christ.**

Children's Sermon

[Children are invited forward to hear their sermon]

✠ Hymn # 380 Crown Him With Many Crowns

Sermon: Luke 18:1-8

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✠ Confession of Faith

Westminster Creed Part 3

We believe we are partakers of the redemption purchased by Christ, by the effectual application of it to us by His Holy Spirit. We believe God requires of us faith in Jesus Christ, and repentance unto life to escape the wrath and curse of God due to us for sin. We believe by His free grace we are effectually called, justified, and sanctified, and gathered into the visible church, out of which there is no ordinary possibility of salvation. We believe that we also are given in this life such accompanying benefits as assurance of God's love, peace of conscience, joy in the Holy Ghost, increase of grace, and perseverance therein to the end, that at death, we are made perfect in holiness, and immediately pass into glory; and our bodies, being still united in Christ, rest in their graces, till the resurrection, and at

the resurrection, we shall be raised up in glory, we shall openly be acknowledged and acquitted in the day of judgement, and made perfectly blessed in the full enjoying of God to all eternity.

Prayers for the People

[each petition will en with "Lord in your mercy, people may respond hear our prayer]

Invitation to the Offering & Offertory

✠ **Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all praises flow; Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost**

✠ **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Lord Sends Us

✠ **Hymn # 642 Be Thou My Vision**

✠ **Call To Service & Discipleship, Closing Prayer, & Benediction**

✠ **Postlude - Psalm 121:7-8**

[To the tune of *Amazing Grace*]

**7 The Lord will keep you from all harm;
Your life He watches o'er.**

**8 The Lord guards as you come and go
both now and evermore.**



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