



Prayer During the Day

Lent — Wednesday, 25 March 2020

Principal Feast – The Annunciation of our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary

PREPARATION

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear to my cry;
hold not your peace at my tears.

Psalm 39.13

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PRAISE

Jesus, like a mother you gather your people to you;
you are gentle with us as a mother with her children.

**Despair turns to hope through your sweet goodness;
through your gentleness we find comfort in fear.**

Your warmth gives life to the dead,
your touch makes sinners righteous.

**Lord Jesus, in your mercy heal us;
in your love and tenderness remake us.**

In your compassion bring grace and forgiveness,
for the beauty of heaven may your love prepare us.

Anselm (1109)

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THE WORD OF GOD

- 1 I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.
- 2 **Great are the works of the Lord,
studied by all who delight in them.**
- 3 Full of honour and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.

- 4 **He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds;
the Lord is gracious and merciful.**
- 5 He provides food for those who fear him;
he is ever mindful of his covenant.
- 6 **He has shown his people the power of his works,
in giving them the heritage of the nations.**
- 7 The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy.
- 8 **They are established forever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**
- 9 He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant forever.
Holy and awesome is his name.
- 10 **The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it[a] have a good understanding.
His praise endures forever.**

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WE PRAY TOGETHER

Take away, good Lord, the sin that corrupts us;
give us the sorrow that heals
and the joy that praises
and restore by grace your own image within us,
that we may take our place among your people;
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.

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BIBLE READING

Luke 1:26-38
The Birth of Jesus Foretold

²⁶ In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." ²⁹ But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰ The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹ And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³² He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his

ancestor David. ³³ He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." ³⁴ Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" [b] ³⁵ The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born[c] will be holy; he will be called Son of God. ³⁶ And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. ³⁷ For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸ Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

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RESPONSE

Blessed are the merciful,
for they will receive mercy.

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PRAYERS

We beseech you, O Lord,
pour your grace into our hearts,
that as we have known the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel,
so by his cross and passion
we may be brought to the glory of his resurrection;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

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.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.

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THE CONCLUSION

May God bless us and show us compassion and mercy.

Amen.

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