

## DAILY PRAYER - NOON - June 23, 2021

*Lutheran Service Book - p. 296*

In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Listen to my prayer, O God, do not ignore my plea;

**hear me and answer me.**

Evening, morning and noon

**I cry out in distress, and He hears my voice.**

Cast your cares on the Lord and He will sustain you;

**He will never let the righteous fall.**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;**

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

### READING

**2 Corinthians 8:1-9, 13-15**

8 (1) We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, (2) for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. (3) For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord, (4) begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints— (5) and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us. (6) Accordingly, we urged Titus that as he had started, so he should complete among you this act of grace. (7) But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also.

(8) I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine. (9) For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

(13) For I do not mean that others should be eased and you burdened, but that as a matter of fairness (14) your abundance at the present time should supply their need, so that their abundance may supply your need, that there may be fairness. (15) As it is written, “Whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack.”

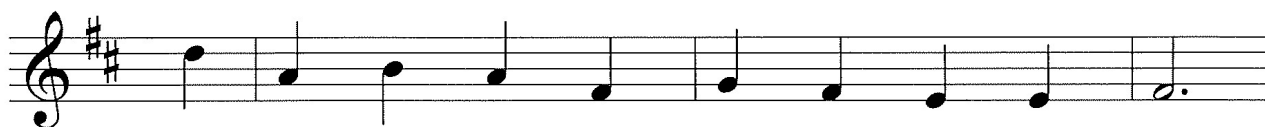
"Forgive Us, Lord, for Shallow Thankfulness" - *Lutheran Service Book*, #788



1. For - give us, Lord, for shal - low - thank - ful - ness,  
3. For - give us, Lord, for self - ish thanks and praise,  
4. Teach us, O Lord, true thank - ful - ness di - vine,



For dull con - tent with warmth and shel - tered care,  
For words that speak at var - i - ance with deeds;  
That gives as Christ gave, nev - er count - ing cost,



For songs of praise for food and har - vest press,  
For - give our thanks for walk - ing pleas - ant ways  
That knows no bar - ri - er of "yours" and "mine,"



While of Your rich - er gifts we're un - a - ware.  
Un - mind - ful of a bro - ken broth - er's needs:  
As - sured that on - ly what's with - held is lost.

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*(Daily prayer for noon continues...)*

O Lord,  
    **have mercy upon us.**

O Christ  
    **have mercy upon us.**

O Lord,  
    **have mercy upon us.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**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 this day our daily bread;  
    and forgive us our trespasses,  
    as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
    and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

*(Additional prayer petitions.)*

## **Concluding Prayer**

Blessed Lord Jesus Christ, at this hour You hung upon the cross, stretching out Your loving arms to embrace the world in Your death. Grant that all people of the earth may look to You and see their salvation; for Your mercy's sake we pray.

**Amen.**