

DAILY PRAYER - NOON - April 21, 2021

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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 Timothy 4:5-18

Preach the Word

4 (1) I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: (2) preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. (3) For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, (4) and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. (5) As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

(6) For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. (7) I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. (8) Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

Personal Instructions

(9) Do your best to come to me soon. (10) For Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. (11) Luke alone is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is very useful to me for ministry. (12) Tychicus I have sent to Ephesus. (13) When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments. (14) Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will repay him according to his deeds. (15) Beware of him yourself, for he strongly opposed our message. (16) At my first defense no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me.

May it not be charged against them! (17) But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. (18) The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

"God of the Prophets, Bless the Prophets" - LSB #682



1 God of the proph - ets, bless the proph - ets' sons;
 2 A - noint them proph - ets. Make their ears at - tent
 3 A - noint them priests. Strong in - ter - ces - sors, they,
 4 A - noint them kings; aye, king - ly kings, O Lord.
 5 Make them a - pos - tles, her - alds of Thy Cross;



E - li - jah's man - tle o'er E - li - sha cast.
 To Thy di - vin - est speech, their hearts a - wake
 For par - don and for char - i - ty and peace.
 A - noint them with the Spir - it of Thy Son.
 Forth may they go to tell all realms Thy grace.



Each age its sol - emn task may claim but once;
 To hu - man need, their lips make el - o - quent
 Ah, if with them the world might, now a - stray,
 Theirs not a jew - eled crown, a blood - stained sword;
 In - spired of Thee, may they count all but loss



Make each one no - bler, strong - er than the last.
 To gird the right and ev - 'ry e - vil break.
 Find in our Lord from all its woes re - lease!
 Theirs, by sweet love, for Christ a king - dom won.
 And stand at last with joy be - fore Thy face.

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Music: OLD 124TH, *Trente quatre Pseaumes de David*, Geneva, 1551

(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.