

## DAILY PRAYER - NOON - September 16, 2020

*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

**Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30**

*The Advance of the Gospel*

(12) I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, (13) so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. (14) And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

*(15) Some indeed preach Christ from envy and rivalry, but others from good will. (16) The latter do it out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. (17) The former proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely but thinking to afflict me in my imprisonment. (18) What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed, and in that I rejoice.*

### ***To Live Is Christ***

Yes, and I will rejoice, (19) for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, (20) as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. (21) For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. (22) If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. (23) I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. (24) But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. (25) Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, (26) so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

(27) Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, (28) and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. (29) For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, (30) engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

**"If God Himself Be For Me" - Lutheran Service Book #724**



If God Him - self be for me, I may a host de - fy;  
 No dan - ger, thirst, or hun - ger, No pain or pov - er - ty,  
 My heart with joy is spring - ing; I am no long - er sad.



For when I pray, be - fore me My foes, con - found - ed, fly.  
 No earth - ly ty - rant's an - ger Shall ev - er van - quish me.  
 My soul is filled with sing - ing; Your sun - shine makes me glad.



If Christ my Head and mas - ter, Be - friend me from a - bove,  
 Though earth should break a - sun - der, My for - tress You shall be;  
 The sun that cheers my spir - it Is Je - sus Christ my King;



What foe or what dis - as - ter Can drive me from His love?  
 No fire or sword or thun - der Shall sev - er You from me.  
 The heav'n I shall in - her - it Makes me re - joice and sing.

Text: Paul Gerhardt (1607-76)

Tune: IST GOTT FÜR MICH, *Vierundzwanzig geistliche Lieder*, Augsburg 1609

*(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.**