Sunday, July 12 2026
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prayer for the Morning

God is our saving God, and we are his people:
come, let us worship him in purity of heart.

Glory to the Father... Alleluia

Hymn Meter: 88 88 88

efore thy throne, O God, we kneel:
Give us a conscience quick to feel,
A ready mind to understand
The meaning of thy chastening hand;
Whate'er the pain and shame may be,
Bring us, O Father, nearer thee.
Search out our hearts and make us true;
Help us to give to all their due.
From love of pleasure, lust of gold,
From sins which make the heart grow cold,
Wean us and train us with thy rod;
Teach us to know our faults, O God.
For sins of heedless word and deed,
For pride ambitious to succeed,
For crafty trade and subtle snare
To catch the simple unaware,
For lives bereft of purpose high,
Forgive, forgive, O Lord, we cry.
Let the fierce fires which burn and try,
Our inmost spirits purify:
Consume the ill; purge out the shame;
O God, be with us in the flame;
A newborn people may we rise,
More pure, more true, more nobly wise.

Canticle of Ezekiel 36:24-28

A pure heart create for me, O God. *(Ps 51:12a)*
Stony land is like a stony heart. It is incapable of bringing forth the fruit of the Gospel, which is love. Yet God promises to give us a new heart, the Heart of Christ, with which to love as Christ loved. Let us pray for the grace to accept the gift wherever our own hearts have been hardened against God or neighbor.

I will take you away from among the nations,
gather you from all the foreign lands,
and bring you back to your own land.
I will sprinkle clean water upon you
to cleanse you from all your impurities,
and from all your idols I will cleanse you.
I will give you a new heart
and place a new spirit within you,
taking from your bodies your stony hearts
and giving you natural hearts.
I will put my spirit within you
and make you live by my statutes,
careful to observe my decrees.
You shall live in the land I gave your fathers;
you shall be my people,
and I will be your God.

Glory to the Father...

Word of God Jeremiah 31:33

This is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord. I will place my law within them, and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

You are our letter, written not in ink but by the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets that are hearts of flesh. (cf. 2 Cor 3:2-3)

Canticle of Zechariah

Cast away from you all the crimes you have committed, and make for yourselves a new heart and a new spirit. Why should you die, O house of Israel?
(Ez 18:31)

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he has come to his people and set them free. He has raised up for us a mighty savior, born of the house of his servant David.
Through his holy prophets he promised of old that he would save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us. He promised to show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant.
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham: to set us free from the hands of our enemies, free to worship him without fear, holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life. You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way, to give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins. In the tender compassion of our God the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father...

Intercessions

Let us pray for the gift to love with the Heart of Christ:

R/Give us a new heart, O Lord.

Where our love has worn thin: R/
Where our love has grown lukewarm: R/
Where our love has been overgrown by anger, resentment, or disdain: R/

Personal intentions

Our Father....

God our Father, you commanded us to love you with all our mind, heart, and soul, and to love our neighbor as Christ has loved us. Sin hardens our heart inside a shell of self-centeredness; renew our hearts, that we may live the Gospel with eager zeal, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday, July 12, 2026
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading 1 Isaiah 55:10-11

Thus says the Lord:/ Just as from the heavens/ the rain and snow come down/ and do not return there/ till they have watered the earth,/ making it fertile and -fruitful,/ giving seed to the one who sows/ and bread to the one who eats,/ so shall my word be/ that goes forth from my mouth;/ my word shall not return to me void,/ but shall do my will,/ achieving the end for which I sent it.

Reading 2 Romans 8:18-23

Brothers and sisters: I consider that the -sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us. For creation awaits with -eager expectation the revelation of the children of God; for creation was made subject to futility, not of its own accord but because of the one who subjected it, in hope that creation itself would be set free from slavery to corruption and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God. We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now; and not only that, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, we also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies.

Gospel Matthew 13:1-23

On that day, Jesus went out of the house and sat down by the sea. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat down, and the whole crowd stood along the shore. And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil. It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep, and when the sun rose it was scorched, and it withered for lack of roots. Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold. Whoever has ears ought to hear."

[The disciples approached him and said, "Why do you speak to them in parables?" He said to them in reply, "Because knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven has been granted to you, but to them it has not been granted. To anyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. This is why I speak to them in parables, because they look but do not see and hear but do not listen or understand. Isaiah's prophecy is fulfilled in them, which says:

You shall indeed hear but not understand,/ you shall indeed look but never see./ Gross is the heart of this people,/ they will hardly hear with their ears,/ they have closed their eyes,/ lest they see with their eyes/ and hear with their ears/ and understand with their hearts and be converted,/ and I heal them.

"But blessed are your eyes, because they see, and your ears, because they hear. Amen, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it.

"Hear then the parable of the sower. The seed sown on the path is the one who hears the word of the kingdom without understanding it, and the evil one comes and steals away what was sown in his heart. The seed sown on rocky ground is the one who hears the word and receives it at once with joy. But he has no root and lasts only for a time. When some tribulation or persecution comes because of the word, he immediately falls away. The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word, but then worldly anxiety and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit. But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold."]

Men of St. Joseph Prayer

St. Joseph, help me to be like you. Help me to be obedient to the teachings of the Church and faithful to God's commands. Help me to patiently endure my cross each day. Let me be a model of holiness and a pillar of virtue. I solemnly promise to embrace God's will and I accept the challenge to work tirelessly for my family's salvation. Be my guide and companion on this journey. St. Joseph, terror of demons, pray for us!

Prayer for the Morning text used with permission of Magnifica