

Sunday, July 31, 2022
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Prayer for the Morning

Our God leads us to heaven. Let us adore him!
Glory to the Father.... Alleluia!

Hymn **Meter: LM**

You faithful souls, who Jesus know,
If risen indeed with him you are,
Superior to the joys below,
His Resurrection's power declare.
To him continually aspire,
Contending for your native place,
And emulate the angel choir,
And only live to love and praise.
Your real life, with Christ concealed,
Deep in the Father's bosom lies;
And, glorious as your Head revealed,
You soon shall meet him in the skies

Psalm **62:2-3, 6-9**

*Our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also
await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. (Phil 3:20)*

*As Christians our true home is not this passing earth,
but the new heavens and the new earth. We are called
to live this life as a gateway to eternity. The Father
has created us in his image and has raised us up into
the heavenly reality in virtue of his Son Jesus. Let us
remain in awe of this reality and strive after its
fulfillment.*

In God alone is my soul at rest;
my help comes from him.
He alone is my rock, my stronghold,
my fortress: I stand firm.
In God alone be at rest, my soul;
for my hope comes from him.
He alone is my rock, my stronghold,
my fortress: I stand firm.
In God is my safety and glory,
the rock of my strength.
Take refuge in God, all you people.
Trust him at all times.
Pour out your hearts before him
for God is our refuge.

Glory to the Father...

Word of God **1:26-27**

God said: "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. Let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, the birds of the air, and the cattle, and over all the wild animals and all the creatures that crawl on the ground." God created man in his image; in the divine image he created him; male and female he created them.

God raised us up with him, and seated us with him in the heavens in Christ Jesus. (cf. Eph 2:6)

Canticle of Zechariah

Be renewed in the spirit of your minds. (Eph 4:23)

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

Lord, we yearn to be united with you in your heavenly kingdom, and so we pray:

R/ Lord, lead us to heaven.

When we feel trapped in the cycle of sin, **R/**

When we stray from the right path, **R/**

When we become entangled in the desire for material possessions, **R/**

Personal intentions

Our Father....

God of majesty, look with compassion upon us, your servants. Raise us up to participation in your heavenly kingdom, that we may pass all our days giving praise to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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Reading 1 Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

Vanity of vanities, says Qoheleth,/ vanity of vanities! All things are vanity!

Here is one who has labored with wisdom and knowledge and skill, and yet to another who has not labored over it, he must leave property. This also is vanity and a great misfortune. For what profit comes to man from all the toil and anxiety of heart with which he has labored under the sun? All his days sorrow and grief are his occupation; even at night his mind is not at rest. This also is vanity.

Reading 2 Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

Brothers and sisters: If you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory.

Put to death, then, the parts of you that are earthly: immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and the greed that is idolatry. Stop lying to one another, since you have taken off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed, for knowledge, in the image of its creator. Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all and in all.

Gospel

Luke 12:13-21

J Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to share the inheritance with me." He replied to him, "Friend, who appointed me as your judge and arbitrator?" Then he said to the crowd, "Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions."

Then he told them a parable. "There was a rich man whose land produced a bountiful harvest. He asked himself, 'What shall I do, for I do not have space to store my harvest?' And he said, 'This is what I shall do: I shall tear down my barns and build larger ones. There I shall store all my grain and other goods and I shall say to myself, "Now as for you, you have so many good things stored up for many years, rest, eat, drink, be merry!"' But God said to him, 'You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?' Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God."

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!

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