

Sunday, September 27, 2026
Twenty-Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Prayer for the Morning

O praise the Lord, all you peoples!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia

Hymn

Meter: SM

And wilt thou pardon, Lord,
A sinner such as I,
Although thy book his crimes record,
Of such a crimson dye?
So deep are they engraved,
So terrible their fear,
The righteous scarcely shall be saved,
And where shall I appear?
O thou Physician blest,
Make clean my guilty soul
And me, by many a sin oppressed,
Restore and keep me whole.
I know not how to praise
Thy mercy and thy love;
But deign my soul from earth to raise
And learn from thee above.

Psalm

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God is faithful, and by him you were called to fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

(1 Cor 1:9)

God never wearies of calling us back to himself. His patient love for us exceeds all our willfulness and wandering, all our stubbornness and stupidity! This shortest of all psalms captures vividly the promise of today's readings.

**O praise the Lord, all you nations,
acclaim him, all you peoples!
Strong is his love for us;
he is faithful for ever.**

Glory to the Father...

Word of God

1 Corinthians 10:12-13

Whoever thinks he is standing secure should take care not to fall. No trial has come to you but what

is human. God is faithful and will not let you be tried beyond your strength; but with the trial he will also provide a way out, so that you may be able to bear it.

If a wicked man, turning from the wickedness he has committed, does what is right and just, he shall preserve his life. (Ez 18:27)

Canticle of Zechariah

In your distress, you shall finally return to the Lord, your God, and heed his voice. (cf. Dt 4:30)

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

In the faithful and obedient Christ, we rise to a new life of fidelity to God's will. Let us pray:

R/You are faithful for ever! Come to our aid.

You obeyed to heal our disobedience:

– make us obedient like you. **R/**

You returned to your Father in glory:

– may we return in repentance. **R/**

You died that we might live:

– help us to die to our evil desires. **R/**

Personal intentions

Our Father....

God our Father, you sent your only Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to bring us back from the ways of blind disobedience to the reign of light where your love rules all hearts. Keep us faithful to the gift you have given through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Reading 1

Ezekiel 18:25-28

Thus says the Lord: You say, "The Lord's way is not fair!" Hear now, house of Israel: Is it my way that is unfair, or rather, are not your ways unfair? When someone virtuous turns away from virtue to commit iniquity, and dies, it is because of the iniquity he committed that he must die. But if he turns from the wickedness he has committed, and does what is right and just, he shall preserve his life; since he has turned away from all the sins that he has committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die.

Reading 2

Philippians 2:1-11

Brothers and sisters: If there is any encouragement in Christ, any solace in love, any participation in the Spirit, any compassion and mercy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, with the same love, united in heart, thinking one thing. Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others.

Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus, Who, though he was in the form of God,/ did not regard equality with God something to be

grasped./ Rather, he emptied himself,/ taking the form of a slave,/ coming in human likeness;/ and found human in appearance,/ he humbled himself,/ becoming obedient to the point of death,/ even death on a cross./ Because of this, God greatly exalted him/ and bestowed on him the name/ which is above every name,/ that at the name of Jesus/ every knee should bend,/ of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth,/ and every tongue confess that/ Jesus Christ is Lord,/ to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel

Matthew 21:28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: "What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He came to the first and said, 'Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.' He said in reply, 'I will not,' but afterwards changed his mind and went. The man came to the other son and gave the same order. He said in reply, 'Yes, sir,' but did not go. Which of the two did his father's will?" They answered, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you. When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him."

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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