

THE LORD'S PRAYER 895

BRINGING OUR GIFTS

In Christ we are invited and inspired to lives of grateful generosity.
Let us praise the giver of all good gifts through our offering today.

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PRAYER

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**You have called us God,
to mirror your pattern of self-giving.
Receive our gifts as tokens, first steps to give back,
live justly, tread gently, and nurture what sustains us.
Bless our offerings that we may foster healing
for the land and all who depend on it;
in Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

HYMN:

Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I Go

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To give is to love. To love is to live.
To live is to grow. To grow is to flourish.
May we who follow Jesus
enter into Communion with God's self-giving love.
May we sing the life and love of Christ in the world
this day and beyond.

Amen

POSTLUDE

Steal Away to Jesus

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Reflecting on and Praying with Scriptures

As suggested by the Revised Common Lectionary

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Scriptures

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Jeremiah 4:11–12, 22–28

Exodus 32:7–14

1 Timothy 1:12–17

Psalm 14

Psalm 51:1–10

Luke 15:1–10

Questions for Reflection:

In Luke 15:1–10, Jesus tells the parable of a shepherd who seeks out one lost sheep and a woman who searches her home for a missing coin.

How are you a lost sheep, in need of someone to come and search for you? How are you a religious leader, grumbling at the community's disintegrating standards? How are you called to engage in the search for others who live in isolation from God and community?

Is there someone from whom you are estranged, a distant friend or family member, or a person from your church you haven't seen in a while? If appropriate, find a way to contact that person and let them know you have missed them.

Morning Prayers:

Persistent God, as the day begins and the light increases,
let me drink deeply of your grace.

As the day unfolds, when my heart strays from you,
call me back to this moment.

Come after me as surely as a woman searches for treasure lost.

If I am deaf and satisfied, if I resent the needs of others,
blow strong against me.

Do not leave me in my foolishness—

for I would have your mercy flow from me:

I would be a refuge for those who wander;

I would lend my heart to celebrations;

I would speak your name. Amen.

O Lord, have mercy on us this day
according to your steadfast love.

Create clean hearts and new spirits within us
and open our lips to declare your praise;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Evening Prayers:

Tonight, O God, we give you thanks
for your grace overflowing in our lives
and for the gifts of faith and love in Christ.
Strengthen us for your service, be patient with us in our failings,
and continue to pour out your mercy upon us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

[or]

We give you thanks and praise, O God,
for seeking us when we were lost,
for sweeping us up from the darkness,
for gathering us into your fold,
and for holding us in the palm of your hand.
Bring all your wandering children home,
so that there may be rejoicing in your church
and joy in the presence of your angels;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Patient, persistent God, I offer the day-that-has-been to you,
knowing that I was not alone,
even when I wandered and filled my heart with noise.
[silent prayer]

As darkness falls, as I yield to sleep,
seek me again in my dreams.

Call to me in ways beyond my knowing
that I might find the strength to feed your people,
that I might live, again, to call your name,
that I might know the joy of every stranger headed home.

For the mercy of the Christ will sustain me
and the power of the Spirit send me forth. Amen.