

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;

like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,
and rejoice with joy and singing.

The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.

They shall see the glory of the Lord,
the majesty of our God.

Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.

Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
"Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God.
He will come with vengeance,

with terrible recompense.
He will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;

the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water;

the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there,
and it shall be called the Holy Way;

the unclean shall not travel on it,
but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.

No lion shall be there,
nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;

they shall not be found there,
but the redeemed shall walk there.

And the ransomed of the Lord shall return,
and come to Zion with singing;

everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain joy and gladness,
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

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PSALM 146:4-9

Lauda, anima mea

4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their **help!** *
 whose hope is in the LORD their God;

5 **Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; ***
 who keeps his promise for ever;

6 **Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, ***
 and food to those who hunger.

7 **The LORD sets the prisoners free;**
 the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; *
 the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

8 **The LORD loves the righteous; the LORD cares for the stranger; ***
 he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the
 wicked.

**9 The LORD shall reign for ever, * your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah!**

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF JAMES

JAMES 5:7-10

Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

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Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers especially Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael our Presiding Bishop; Daniel, our bishop; and Suz, our priest; that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land especially Joseph, our President, Henry, our Governor and all who serve in the Congress and the Courts; that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, especially for

We pray for all those in any kind of need or trouble, especially for Dot and Bill, Violet, Frieda Wald, Carolyn Foster, Ann and Fred Hoffman, Kris, Betty Carter, Moira, Maria Stamey, Robbie Hughes, Felix Salinas and family, Gilbert and Harriette, Jimmy Robertson, Maddie, Jenn, Doug and Linda, Laura, Joel Linder, Deepak, Lanita, Paul, Lucy, Barb Witmer, Kathy Naeseth and family, the Nicholas family, the Kunkel family, Kaye Hickman, Jerome Cribb, Ray Sawyer, the families of the victims of the mass shooting in Colorado Springs, the people of Ukraine and Russia, and the people of Haiti, especially our siblings in Cange and Bois Joli. *[those named below]*

Add prayers for the sick, those who suffer and those in any trouble.

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And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, especially Beth Kunkel, Daniel Davis Ashton, Raymond Green, Kelly Loving, Ashley Paugh, Derrick Rump, Joyce Fuente, and Mike Cribb.

Add prayers
for those who
have died.

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Grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**