

Personal Prayer

*Oh, what peace we often forfeit;
Oh, what needless pain we bear
All because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer.*

Concluding with . . .

'Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed by thy name.....'

FINAL PRAYER

God our Father, the God of Jacob, continue, we pray, to assure us of your love and purposes for us and, as Your Word is sown in our hearts, may it bring forth a harvest to your glory, this week and always; in Jesus's name we pray. Amen

BLESSING

May the peace of God enfold us, the love of God uphold us,
The wisdom of God control us, this week and always. Amen

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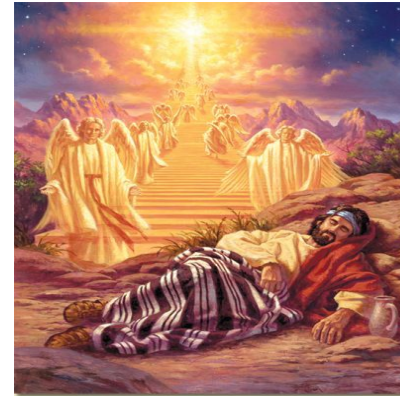
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Enabling people to find a Living Faith in a Loving God by "Serving
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*'I am the LORD, the God
of Abraham your father
and the God of Isaac;*

*Know that I am with you
and will keep you
wherever you go, and will
bring you back to this
land; for I will not leave
you until I have done
what I have promised
you.'*

PENITENCE

We seeks God's cleansing afresh in these words from Hymn 552

*I hear Thy welcome voice, that calls me, Lord, to Thee,
For cleansing in Thy precious blood that flowed on Calvary.*

*I am coming, Lord, coming now to Thee:
Wash me, cleanse me in the blood that flowed on Calvary.*

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS (Hymn 669)

*God sent His Son, they called Him Jesus;
He came to love, heal and forgive.
He lived and died, to buy my pardon;
an empty grave, is there to prove, my Saviour lives*

*Because He lives, I can face tomorrow
Because He lives, all fear is gone
Because I know, He holds the future
And life is worth, the living
JUST BECAUSE HE LIVES!*

TODAY'S READINGS FROM GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 28: 10-19a

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder² set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the LORD stood beside him* and said, 'I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed² in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.' Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!' And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.' So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel;² but the name of the city was Luz at the first.

Some words for reflection on Jacob's experience from the Hymn 'Nearer my God, to thee'

*Though like the wanderer, the sun gone down,
Darkness be over me, my rest a stone;
Yet in my dreams I'd be nearer, my God, to Thee.
Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer, to Thee.*

*There let the way appear, steps unto Heav'n;
All that Thou sendest me, in mercy giv'n;
Angels to beckon me nearer, my God, to Thee.
Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer, to Thee.*

*Then, with my waking thoughts bright with Thy praise,
Out of my stony griefs Bethel I'll raise;
So by my woes to be nearer, my God, to Thee.
Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer, to Thee.*

New Testament Reading: Matthew 13: 24-30

24 He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn." '

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH : THE APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*"What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear
And what a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer"*

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding:
Pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.