

Morning Prayer -- 5

Opening Reflection Song:

For the expanding grandeur of Creation, worlds known and unknown,
galaxies beyond galaxies, filling us with awe and challenging our imaginations:

We give thanks this day.

For this fragile planet earth, its times and tides, its sunsets and seasons:

We give thanks this day.

For the joy of human life, its wonders and surprises, its hopes and achievements:

We give thanks this day.

For our human community, our common past and future hope,
our oneness transcending all separation, our capacity to work for peace
and justice in the midst of hostility and oppression:

We give thanks this day.

For high hopes and noble causes, for faith without fanaticism, for understanding of views not shared:

We give thanks this day.

For all who have labored and suffered for a fairer world,
who have lived so that others might live in dignity and freedom:

We give thanks this day.

For human liberty and sacred rites;
for opportunities to change and grow, to affirm and choose:

We give thanks this day.

We pray that we may live not by our fears but by our hopes,
not by our words but by our deeds.

We give thanks this day

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Psalm 40

Words: Brady and Tate, A New Version of the Psalms of David

1. I waited meekly for the Lord,
till he vouchsafed a kind reply;
Who did his gracious ear afford,
and heard from heav'n my humble cry.
2. He took me from the dismal pit,
when foundered deep in miry clay;
On solid ground he placed my feet,
and suffered not my steps to stray.
3. The wonders he for me has wrought
shall fill my mouth with songs of praise;
And others, to his worship brought,
to hopes of like deliverance raise,
4. For blessings shall that man reward,
who on th' Almighty Lord relies;
Who treats the proud with disregard,
and hates the hypocrite's disguise.
5. Who can the wondrous works recount,
which thou, O God, for us hast wrought!
The treasures of thy love surmount
the pow'r of numbers, speech, and thought.
6. I've learnt, that thou hast not desired
offerings and sacrifice alone;
Nor blood of guiltless beasts required
for man's transgression to atone.
7. I therefore come—come to fulfil
the oracles thy books impart:
'Tis my delight to do thy will;
thy law 'tis written in my heart.
8. In full assemblies I have told
thy truth and righteousness at large;
Nor did, thou know'st, my lips withhold
from utt'ring what thou gav'st in charge.
9. Nor kept within my breast confined
thy faithfulness and saving grace;
But preached thy love, for all designed,
that all might that and truth embrace.
10. Then let those mercies I declared
to others, Lord, extend to me;
Thy loving-kindness my reward,
thy truth my save protection be.

Reflection

Petitions

Our Father

Closing Prayer

Be with us Father as we start a new day; give us an open heart as we listen to those around us; help us live your message. We ask this through our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Live, Jesus, in Our Hearts ... Forever

