

P R A Y E R

July 1, 2021

Daily Prayer

Father of Love, bless those who suffer from illness. May they find healing and hope in Your unending love. Give them strength for their journey to recovery. Amen.

Matthew 9:1-8

After entering a boat, Jesus made the crossing, and came into his own town.

And there people brought to him a paralytic lying on a stretcher.

When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Courage, child, your sins are forgiven."

At that, some of the scribes said to themselves, "This man is blaspheming."

Jesus knew what they were thinking, and said, "Why do you harbor evil thoughts? Which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise and walk'? But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"— he then said to the paralytic, "Rise, pick up your stretcher, and go home."

He rose and went home.

When the crowds saw this they were struck with awe and glorified God who had given such authority to men.

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July 2, 2021

Daily Prayer

Heavenly Father, You have blessed me in so many ways! With every breath, every laugh, every smile – I feel Your love. I don't thank You often enough, but I truly am grateful for my many blessings. Amen.

Matthew 9:9-13

As Jesus passed by, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the customs post. He said to him, "Follow me."

And he got up and followed him.

While he was at table in his house, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat with Jesus and his disciples.

The Pharisees saw this and said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

He heard this and said, "Those who are well do not need a physician, but the sick do. Go and learn the meaning of the words, I desire mercy, not sacrifice. I did not come to call the righteous but sinners."

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July 3, 2021

Daily Prayer

Lord, today I pray for those who live alone. May their hearts be full of love for You, their family and their friends. I pray they feel Your loving presence each day. For those who wish to find companionship, give them the courage and strength to meet new people and open themselves up to new opportunities. Amen.

John 20:24-29

Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord."

But Thomas said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them.

Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you."

Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe."

Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me?"

Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

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July 4, 2021

Daily Prayer - Independence Day

Lord, I pray that I never take my freedom for granted. May I always remember that it cost others their very lives. Bless those who have served in the armed forces and those who continue to risk their lives so that we can be free. Be with them and watch over their families. Amen.

Mark 6:1-6

Jesus departed from there and came to his native place, accompanied by his disciples.

When the sabbath came he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished.

They said, "Where did this man get all this? What kind of wisdom has been given him? What mighty deeds are wrought by his hands! Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary, and the brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us?"

And they took offense at him.

Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house."

So he was not able to perform any mighty deed there, apart from curing a few sick people by laying his hands on them.

He was amazed at their lack of faith.

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July 5, 2021

Daily Prayer

You have blessed me in so many ways, Father. Help me to remember that You will never abandon me, so that I can trust You without reservation. Amen.

Matthew 9:18-26

While Jesus was speaking, an official came forward, knelt down before him, and said, "My daughter has just died. But come, lay your hand on her, and she will live."

Jesus rose and followed him, and so did his disciples.

A woman suffering hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the tassel on his cloak. She said to herself, "If only I can touch his cloak, I shall be cured."

Jesus turned around and saw her, and said, "Courage, daughter! Your faith has saved you."

And from that hour the woman was cured.

When Jesus arrived at the official's house and saw the flute players and the crowd who were making a commotion, he said, "Go away! The girl is not dead but sleeping."

And they ridiculed him.

When the crowd was put out, he came and took her by the hand, and the little girl arose.

And news of this spread throughout all that land.

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July 6, 2021

Daily Prayer

Watch over those who travel, Lord. Whether we travel for work, pleasure or simply to drive to the store – no matter if we're in a car, boat or airplane – keep us safe in Your gentle embrace. Help us all to be mindful of those around us as we go about our busy lives. Amen.

Matthew 9:32-38

A demoniac who could not speak was brought to Jesus, and when the demon was driven out the mute man spoke.

The crowds were amazed and said, "Nothing like this has ever been seen in Israel."

But the Pharisees said, "He drives out demons by the prince of demons."

Jesus went around to all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the Gospel of the Kingdom, and curing every disease and illness.

At the sight of the crowds, his heart was moved with pity for them because they were troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd.

Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest."

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July 7, 2021

Daily Prayer

Watch over our world, Heavenly Father. I pray for peace and understanding between nations. Amen.

Matthew 10:1-7

Jesus summoned his Twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits to drive them out and to cure every disease and every illness.

The names of the Twelve Apostles are these: first, Simon called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew, Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James, the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddeus; Simon the Cananean, and Judas Iscariot who betrayed Jesus.

Jesus sent out these Twelve after instructing them thus, "Do not go into pagan territory or enter a Samaritan town.

Go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

As you go, make this proclamation: 'The Kingdom of heaven is at hand.'"

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July 8, 2021

Daily Prayer

Lord, today I pray for those who struggle with mental health. For so long, mental health has been misunderstood and feared. I pray that those who struggle will seek professional help. Ease their worries and fears and help them to find peace. Amen.

Matthew 10:7-15

Jesus said to his Apostles: “As you go, make this proclamation: ‘The Kingdom of heaven is at hand.’

Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, drive out demons. Without cost you have received; without cost you are to give.

Do not take gold or silver or copper for your belts; no sack for the journey, or a second tunic, or sandals, or walking stick. The laborer deserves his keep.

Whatever town or village you enter, look for a worthy person in it, and stay there until you leave. As you enter a house, wish it peace.

If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; if not, let your peace return to you.

Whoever will not receive you or listen to your words—go outside that house or town and shake the dust from your feet.

Amen, I say to you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the Day of Judgment than for that town.”

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July 9, 2021

Daily Prayer

Thank You, Lord, for giving me a family to love. Even though we may have our disagreements, it is such a blessing to know that I will always have people who love me unconditionally. Watch over my loved ones, Lord. Thank You for such a wonderful blessing. Amen.

Matthew 10:16-23

Jesus said to his Apostles: "Behold, I am sending you like sheep in the midst of wolves; so be shrewd as serpents and simple as doves.

But beware of men, for they will hand you over to courts and scourge you in their synagogues, and you will be led before governors and kings for my sake as a witness before them and the pagans.

When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say. You will be given at that moment what you are to say. For it will not be you who speak but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.

Brother will hand over brother to death, and the father his child; children will rise up against parents and have them put to death.

You will be hated by all because of my name, but whoever endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to another.

Amen, I say to you, you will not finish the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes."

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July 10, 2021

Daily Prayer

May I take nothing for granted, Lord, for we never know how long it will last. I want to cherish every moment, every gift, every person in my life. Your blessings are plentiful and I value each and every one. Amen.

Matthew 10:24-33

Jesus said to his Apostles: “No disciple is above his teacher, no slave above his master. It is enough for the disciple that he become like his teacher, for the slave that he become like his master.

If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more those of his household!

“Therefore do not be afraid of them. Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be known.

What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light; what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops.

And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna.

Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father’s knowledge. Even all the hairs of your head are counted. So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father. But whoever denies me before others, I will deny before my heavenly Father.”

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July 11, 2021

Daily Prayer

Lord, help me to remember that I don't have to be perfect. I try to excel in everything I do, but disappointment often follows. May I keep in mind that I don't have to be the best, I just want to do my best. Amen.

Mark 6:7-13

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits.

He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick—no food, no sack, no money in their belts.

They were, however, to wear sandals but not a second tunic.

He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave.

Whatever place does not welcome you or listen to you, leave there and shake the dust off your feet in testimony against them."

So they went off and preached repentance.

The Twelve drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

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July 12, 2021

Daily Prayer

Bless the children in our world, Lord – especially those who are exposed to the harsh realities of life at a young age. Be with them when they are frightened, give them hope for a better future and strengthen them with Your love. Amen.

Matthew 10:34-11:1

Jesus said to his Apostles: “Do not think that I have come to bring peace upon the earth. I have come to bring not peace but the sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father, a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one’s enemies will be those of his household.

“Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me.

Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

“Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me. Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward, and whoever receives a righteous man because he is righteous will receive a righteous man’s reward.

And whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because he is a disciple—amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward.”

When Jesus finished giving these commands to his Twelve disciples, he went away from that place to teach and to preach in their towns.

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July 13, 2021

Daily Prayer

Heavenly Father, help me to remember that we are all created by You – that we are all brothers and sisters in You. Instead of turning my back on my enemies, I will try to offer a helping hand. I will strive to do more for my brothers and sisters in need. Be with me as I struggle daily to put my best foot forward toward those around me. Amen.

Matthew 11:20-24

Jesus began to reproach the towns where most of his mighty deeds had been done, since they had not repented.

“Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida!

For if the mighty deeds done in your midst had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would long ago have repented in sackcloth and ashes.

But I tell you, it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon on the day of judgment than for you.

And as for you, Capernaum:

Will you be exalted to heaven?

You will go down to the netherworld.

For if the mighty deeds done in your midst had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day.

But I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom on the day of judgment than for you.”

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July 14, 2021

Daily Prayer

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

Lord God, You called the virgin St. Kateri Tekakwitha to shine among the Native American people as an example of innocence of life. Through her intercession may all peoples of every tribe, tongue and nation, having been gathered into Your Church, proclaim Your greatness in one song of praise. Amen.

Mathew 11:25-27

At that time Jesus exclaimed: "I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to the childlike.

Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will.

All things have been handed over to me by my Father.

No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him."

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July 15, 2021

Daily Prayer

Today I pray, gracious God, for everyone who struggles financially. Help us to feel secure in Your love, for You will always provide for our needs. Inspire those with wealth to share with those who go without. Open new opportunities for those who struggle. Amen.

Matthew 11:28-30

Jesus said: “Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves.

For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.”

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July 16, 2021

Daily Prayer

God of Love, today we celebrate Your greatest gift to us: the gift of life itself. You alone give, and You alone take away in Your own time. We pray that the world might open its eyes to this precious gift. Help us all to respect one another – no matter how young or old. Amen.

Matthew 12:1-8

Jesus was going through a field of grain on the Sabbath.

His disciples were hungry and began to pick the heads of grain and eat them.

When the Pharisees saw this, they said to him, “See, your disciples are doing what is unlawful to do on the Sabbath.”

He said to them, “Have you not read what David did when he and his companions were hungry, how he went into the house of God and ate the bread of offering, which neither he nor his companions but only the priests could lawfully eat?

Or have you not read in the law that on the Sabbath the priests serving in the temple violate the Sabbath and are innocent?

I say to you, something greater than the temple is here.

If you knew what this meant, I desire mercy, not sacrifice; you would not have condemned these innocent men.

For the Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath.”

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July 17, 2021

Daily Prayer

I pray today, Lord, for those who are preparing for or have begun their retirement years. May they have the resources necessary to live long and comfortable lives. If they feel lonely, remind them that they are never alone; You are always at their side. Give them the courage to try new things and to enjoy all that life has to offer. May they remain healthy and in good spirits. Amen.

Matthew 12:14-21

While Jesus was speaking to the crowds, his mother and his brothers appeared outside, wishing to speak with him.

Someone told him, “Your mother and your brothers are standing outside, asking to speak with you.”

But he said in reply to the one who told him, “Who is my mother? Who are my brothers?” And stretching out his hand toward his disciples, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers. For whoever does the will of my heavenly Father is my brother, and sister, and mother.”

The Pharisees went out and took counsel against Jesus to put him to death.

When Jesus realized this, he withdrew from that place.

Many people followed him, and he cured them all, but he warned them not to make him known. This was to fulfill what had been spoken through Isaiah the prophet:

Behold, my servant whom I have chosen, my beloved in whom I delight; I shall place my Spirit upon him, and he will proclaim justice to the Gentiles.

He will not contend or cry out, nor will anyone hear his voice in the streets.

A bruised reed he will not break, a smoldering wick he will not quench, until he brings justice to victory.

And in his name the Gentiles will hope.

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July 18, 2021

Daily Prayer

Heavenly Father, so many things can distract me from what truly matters. Guide me as I strive to make healthier decisions in my life. May I turn away from addictions and find comfort and strength in You. May I learn to live with less so that I can give more back to people in need. Help me to weigh each decision I make so that everything I do might bring me closer to You. Amen.

Mark 6:30-34

The apostles gathered together with Jesus and reported all they had done and taught.

He said to them, “Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while.”

People were coming and going in great numbers, and they had no opportunity even to eat.

So they went off in the boat by themselves to a deserted place.

People saw them leaving and many came to know about it.

They hastened there on foot from all the towns and arrived at the place before them.

When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

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July 19, 2021

Daily Prayer

Lord our God, we rejoice that we may be called your children. In our weakness we ask you to shelter us in your hands. Strengthen us in the hope and faith that our lives will surely go the right way, not through our strength but through your protection. Grant that through your Spirit we may come to know more and more that you are with us. Help us to be alert in our daily life and to listen whenever you want to say something to us. Reveal the power and glory of your kingdom in many people, to the glory of your name, and hasten the coming on earth of all that is good and true. Amen.

Matthew 12:38-42

Some of the scribes and Pharisees said to Jesus, “Teacher, we wish to see a sign from you.”

He said to them in reply, “An evil and unfaithful generation seeks a sign, but no sign will be given it except the sign of Jonah the prophet.

Just as Jonah was in the belly of the whale three days and three nights, so will the Son of Man be in the heart of the earth three days and three nights.

At the judgment, the men of Nineveh will arise with this generation and condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and there is something greater than Jonah here.

At the judgment the queen of the south will arise with this generation and condemn it, because she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and there is something greater than Solomon here.”

P R A Y E R

July 20, 2021

Daily Prayer

Lord, thank You for the gift of our pets. These creatures give us purpose and direction; love and companionship. Keep these creatures healthy and happy, Lord, so that we might enjoy their presence for many years. Amen.

Matthew 12:46-50

While Jesus was speaking to the crowds, his mother and his brothers appeared outside, wishing to speak with him.

Someone told him, “Your mother and your brothers are standing outside, asking to speak with you.”

But he said in reply to the one who told him, “Who is my mother? Who are my brothers?”

And stretching out his hand toward his disciples, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers.

For whoever does the will of my heavenly Father is my brother, and sister, and mother.”

P R A Y E R

July 21, 2021

Daily Prayer

O Lord, we thank You for our freedoms and privileges. Today we ask You to bless and enlighten our elected officials. Assist them when they struggle to make decisions and guide them to do Your will as they seek to promote the common good. May they be worthy of the confidence that has been placed in them. Amen.

Matthew 13:1-9

On that day, Jesus went out of the house and sat down by the sea.

Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat down, and the whole crowd stood along the shore.

And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow.

And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and birds came and ate it up.

Some fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil.

It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep, and when the sun rose it was scorched, and it withered for lack of roots.

Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it.

But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold.

Whoever has ears ought to hear."

P R A Y E R

July 22, 2021

Daily Prayer

Father, bless those who will be traveling this summer. May they be kept safe along their journey. Open our eyes to the beauty of this world, our beautiful gift from You. Amen.

John 20:1-2, 11-18

On the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb.

So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him."

Mary stayed outside the tomb weeping. And as she wept, she bent over into the tomb and saw two angels in white sitting there, one at the head and one at the feet where the Body of Jesus had been.

And they said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?"

She said to them, "They have taken my Lord, and I don't know where they laid him."

When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus there, but did not know it was Jesus.

Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?"

She thought it was the gardener and said to him, "Sir, if you carried him away, tell me where you laid him, and I will take him."

Jesus said to her, "Mary!"

She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni," which means Teacher.

Jesus said to her, "Stop holding on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and tell them, 'I am going to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord," and then reported what he told her.

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July 23, 2021

Daily Prayer

Lord, help us all realize the great gifts You have given us. Sometimes we can't see the blessings that are all around us. I pray that we slow down enough to recognize these amazing gifts. Thank You for Your kindness. Amen.

Matthew 13:18-23

Jesus said to his disciples: "Hear the parable of the sower.

The seed sown on the path is the one who hears the word of the Kingdom without understanding it, and the Evil One comes and steals away what was sown in his heart.

The seed sown on rocky ground is the one who hears the word and receives it at once with joy.

But he has no root and lasts only for a time.

When some tribulation or persecution comes because of the word, he immediately falls away.

The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word, but then worldly anxiety and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit.

But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold."

P R A Y E R

July 24, 2021

Daily Prayer

Heavenly Father, one of the beautiful things about our world is the vast differences among Your children. Yet wars rage on because of these very differences. We are Your children, but we cannot seem to get along. Bless us and bring us peace. Help us to be more understanding of each other. Amen.

Matthew 13:24-30

Jesus proposed a parable to the crowds.

“The Kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field.

While everyone was asleep his enemy came and sowed weeds all through the wheat, and then went off.

When the crop grew and bore fruit, the weeds appeared as well.

The slaves of the householder came to him and said, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field?’

Where have the weeds come from?’

He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’

His slaves said to him, ‘Do you want us to go and pull them up?’

He replied, ‘No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them.

Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, “First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn.”’”

P R A Y E R

July 25, 2021

Daily Prayer

Father, bless the caretakers. These selfless people have set aside their own needs and desires in order to help those in need. May caregivers realize when they might need a break and ask for help. Amen.

John 6:1-15

Jesus went across the Sea of Galilee. A large crowd followed him, because they saw the signs he was performing on the sick.

Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. The Jewish feast of Passover was near.

When Jesus raised his eyes and saw that a large crowd was coming to him, he said to Philip, "Where can we buy enough food for them to eat?" He said this to test him, because he himself knew what he was going to do.

Philip answered him, "Two hundred days' wages worth of food would not be enough for each of them to have a little."

One of his disciples, Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?"

Jesus said, "Have the people recline." Now there was a great deal of grass in that place. So the men reclined, about five thousand in number.

Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted.

When they had had their fill, he said to his disciples, "Gather the fragments left over, so that nothing will be wasted."

So they collected them, and filled twelve wicker baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves that had been more than they could eat.

When the people saw the sign he had done, they said, "This is truly the Prophet, the one who is to come into the world."

Since Jesus knew that they were going to come and carry him off to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain alone.

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July 26, 2021

Daily Prayer

Thank you, Lord, for this beautiful day! Amen.

Matthew 13:31-35

Jesus proposed a parable to the crowds. “The Kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that a person took and sowed in a field.

It is the smallest of all the seeds, yet when full-grown it is the largest of plants.

It becomes a large bush, and the birds of the sky come and dwell in its branches.”

He spoke to them another parable.

“The Kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed with three measures of wheat flour until the whole batch was leavened.”

All these things Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables.

He spoke to them only in parables, to fulfill what had been said through the prophet:

I will open my mouth in parables,

I will announce what has lain hidden from the foundation of the world.

P R A Y E R

July 27, 2021

Daily Prayer

Almighty God, help me to remember to be kind at every opportunity. May I always remember that others around me may be suffering inside – so a smile, kind word or compliment can go a long way toward brightening someone's day and raising their spirits. Amen.

Matthew 13:36-43

Jesus dismissed the crowds and went into the house.

His disciples approached him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field."

He said in reply, "He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the Kingdom.

The weeds are the children of the Evil One, and the enemy who sows them is the Devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. Just as weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age.

The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his Kingdom all who cause others to sin and all evildoers.

They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth.

Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the Kingdom of their Father.

Whoever has ears ought to hear."

P R A Y E R

July 28, 2021

Daily Prayer

Mary, a dwelling of God

God makes His dwelling with us through Jesus and Mary.

Lord God, you watch over all our ways. Keep us in your favor every day, for all your ways are calm and all your paths are peace. Let us offer thanksgiving for the precious gift of life which we have received from you. Mary, our mother, you found favor with God when you were young. Guide us, your children, always to your Son so we can remain in his love and mercy, now and always. Amen.

Matthew 13:44-46

Jesus said to his disciples: "The Kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

Again, the Kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls.

When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it."

P R A Y E R

July 29, 2021

Daily Prayer

Mary, Mother of our Savior

The Lord hears the cry of the poor and sends His help from heaven.

Lord, I pray for those who struggle with the bare essentials of life. Open doors for them and grant assistance to those who are limited in needed resources. May those who are elderly and retired find security for the rest of their days. Give each of us an awareness of how we can share what we have with those most in need. May our generosity bring Your healing presence and peace to our brothers and sisters in Christ. Amen.

John 11:19-27

Many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them about their brother [Lazarus, who had died].

When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him; but Mary sat at home.

Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you."

Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise."

Martha said to him, "I know he will rise, in the resurrection on the last day."

Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and anyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world."

P R A Y E R

July 30, 2021

Daily Prayer

Mary, intercessor for all our trials and fears

Through selfless intercession, God shines His face on his people.

O Lord, you hear prayers that come from hearts that have faith and trust in you. Help us to always intercede for those who cannot or will not pray to you. Receive the prayers we offer on behalf of others and answer them according to your will. Through the intercessory prayers from Our Blessed Mother for her beloved children, may we be led to an everlasting, joyful life with You. We ask You to grant us the grace to become more like Her in our daily lives. Amen.

Matthew 13:54-58

Jesus came to his native place and taught the people in their synagogue.

They were astonished and said, "Where did this man get such wisdom and mighty deeds? Is he not the carpenter's son? Is not his mother named Mary and his brothers James, Joseph, Simon, and Judas? Are not his sisters all with us? Where did this man get all this?"

And they took offense at him.

But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and in his own house."

And he did not work many mighty deeds there because of their lack of faith.

P R A Y E R

July 31, 2021

Daily Prayer

**Mary, sign of our health, healing and divine hope
The suffering servant will receive God's blessings.**

Heavenly Father, we pray that you make us whole again. We pray for health so that we can walk freely upon Your earth, so that we can breathe deeply the air that sustains us, so that we can see clearly the beauty of all creation. We pray for the soothing of our pain, less for our own comfort and more for Your glory, that we might accomplish with our lives good works in Your name. Amen.

Matthew 14:1-12

Herod the tetrarch heard of the reputation of Jesus and said to his servants, "This man is John the Baptist. He has been raised from the dead; that is why mighty powers are at work in him."

Now Herod had arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, the wife of his brother Philip, for John had said to him, "It is not lawful for you to have her."

Although he wanted to kill him, he feared the people, for they regarded him as a prophet. But at a birthday celebration for Herod, the daughter of Herodias performed a dance before the guests and delighted Herod so much that he swore to give her whatever she might ask for.

Prompted by her mother, she said, "Give me here on a platter the head of John the Baptist."

The king was distressed, but because of his oaths and the guests who were present, he ordered that it be given, and he had John beheaded in the prison.

His head was brought in on a platter and given to the girl, who took it to her mother.

His disciples came and took away the corpse and buried him; and they went and told Jesus.