



OPENING PRAYER

“The Kingdom of God is not a matter of eating or drinking, but of justice, peace and the joy that is given by the Holy Spirit.”

(Rom 14:17)



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PSALM 10

The poor man is devoured by the pride of the wicked
He is caught in the schemes that others have made...

Arise then, Lord, lift up your Hand!
O God, do not forget the poor!

The helpless trusts himself to you;
For you are the helper of the orphan.

Lord, you hear the prayer of the poor;
You strengthen their hearts; you turn your ear
To protect the rights of the orphan and oppressed
So that mortal man may strike terror no more.



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PSALM 85

Let us see, O lord, your mercy
And give us your saving help

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
A voice that speaks of peace,
Peace for his people and his friends
And those who turn to him in their hearts.
His help is near for those who fear him
And his glory will dwell in our land.

Mercy and faithfulness have met;
Justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
And justice look down from heaven.

The Lord will make us prosper
And our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
And peace shall follow his steps.



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From morning prayer, Tuesday Week III Ordinary time.

Look kindly upon our weakness and hasten to our aid,

- *For without you we can do nothing.*

Remember the poor and the afflicted, do not let this day be a burden to them,

- *But a consolation and a joy.*



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From Office of Readings, Thursday, 4th Week of Easter

“And so all her members make each other’s welfare their common care. When one member suffers, all the members suffer with him, and if one member is glorified all the rest rejoice.”

Heavenly Father, You have sent Your gift of the Holy Spirit to animate Your Church and to gather us together as sons and daughters. In that gathering together You have made us Your bride and so we have become one with You. You have made us into the sacred Body of Christ, one with Him and one with each other, inseparably bound together through baptism. Pour out a generous portion of Your Spirit upon us this weekend as we explore our mission to be the hands and feet of Your Son, Jesus. As a people immersed in the incarnation, may we never forget who we are, and may we discern how You are calling us to rebuild Your Church as a sign of justice and peace for the world.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever, Amen.