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You may read this daylight through ;
you may wish to pause or repeat
certain parts ; it may vary from day-to-
day. Please allow it to lead you and
work with you, so make it your own.

Preparation

Lord open our lips, and our
mouth shall proclaim your praise.
Your faithful servants bless you
They make known the glory
of your kingdom.

Praise

Blessed are you, Sovereign God,
ruler and judge of all,
to you be glory and praise for ever.
In the darkness of this age
that is passing away
may the light of your presence
which the saints enjoy
surround our steps
as we journey on.
May we reflect your glory this day
and so be made ready to see your
face
in the heavenly city where night
shall be no more.

O put your trust in God ;
for I will yet give him thanks,
who is
the help of my countenance,
and my God.

Psalm 42: 7

Prayer

As we rejoice in the gift of this
new day,
so may the light of your presence,
O God,
set our hearts on fire with love for
you ;
now and for ever.
Amen.

Psalm

Psalm 119 : 1 - 8

Blessed are those whose way is
pure,
who walk in the law of the Lord.

Blessed are those who keep his
testimonies
and seek him with their whole
heart,

Those who do no wickedness,
but walk in his ways.

You, O Lord, have charged
that we should diligently keep
your commandments.

Oh that my ways were made so
direct
that I might keep your statutes.

Then should I not be put to
shame,
because I have regard for all your
commandments.

I will thank you with an unfeigned
heart,
when I have learned your
righteous judgements.

I will keep your statutes ;
O forsake me not utterly.

Faithful God,
let your word be
the treasure of our hearts,
that we may delight in your truth
and walk in the glorious liberty of
your Son Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Scripture

Luke 17 : 26 - end

Jesus said - 'Just as it was in the
days of Noah, so too it will be in
the days of the Son of Man.
27 They were eating and drinking,
and marrying and being given in
marriage, until the day Noah
entered the ark, and the flood
came and destroyed all of them.
28 Likewise, just as it was in the
days of Lot : they were eating and
drinking, buying and selling,
planting and building, 29 but on
the day that Lot left Sodom, it
rained fire and sulphur from
heaven and destroyed all of them
30 - it will be like that on the day
that the Son of Man is revealed.
31 On that day, anyone on the
housetop who has belongings in
the house must not come down to
take them away ; and likewise
anyone in the field must not turn
back. 32 Remember Lot's wife.
33 Those who try to make their life
secure will lose it, but those who
lose their life will keep it. 34 I tell
you, on that night there will be
two in one bed ; one will be taken
and the other left. 35 There will be
two women grinding meal
together; one will be taken and
the other left.' 37 Then they asked
him, 'Where, Lord ?' He said to
them, 'Where the corpse is, there
the vultures will gather.'

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Response

Take a little time to reflect on the reading, and on whatever it brings to you today.

You, O Lord, have charged
that we should diligently
keep your commandments.

Prayer

Bring yourself, your day to God.
Bring those upon your heart to God :
people, or places, or situations.
You may wish to include some from
these concerns :

- *The tasks of the day ;*
- *Family, friends, those in our heart*
and mind ;
- *Colleagues and neighbours, those*
among whom or for whom we
work ;
- *All under war, oppression, abuse ;*
- *Those without home or warmth in*
our cold weather ;
- *All who mourn ;*
- *All supported by, and raising funds*
for, 'BBC Children In Need' ;
- *Our young people's SleepOver ;*
- *Peace ;*
- *If YOU wish to share particular*
requests for prayer with Matthew
(or through him with others who
receive CHRIST at WORK) please
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Collect Prayers

Eternal God,
who raised up Charles Simeon
to preach the good news
of Jesus Christ
and inspire your people
in service and mission ;
grant that we with all your Church
may worship the Saviour,
turn in sorrow from our sins and
walk in the way of holiness ;
through Jesus Christ
your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

The LORD's Prayer

Either :

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.

Or :

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name ;
thy kingdom come ;
thy will be done ;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who

trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation ;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Conclusion

The Lord bless us
and preserve us from all evil
and keep us in eternal life.
Thanks be to God.
Amen.

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