

CHRIST at WORK

Friday 23rd October

You may read this straight 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.

Praise

O come, let us sing to the Lord ;
let us heartily rejoice in the rock
of our salvation.

Come, let us worship and bow
down
and kneel before the Lord our
Maker.

Psalm 95: 1, 6

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 24 : 1 - 6

The earth is the Lord's and all that
fills it,
the compass of the world and all
who dwell therein.

For he has founded it upon the
seas
and set it firm upon the rivers of
the deep.

'Who shall ascend the hill of the
Lord,
or who can rise up in his holy
place ?'

'Those who have clean hands and
a pure heart,

who have not lifted up their soul
to an idol, nor sworn an oath to
a lie ;

'They shall receive a blessing from
the Lord,
a just reward from the god of their
salvation.'

Such is the company of those who
seek him,
of those who seek your face, O
God of Jacob.

**O Lord of hosts,
purify our hearts
that the King of Glory
may come in,
your Son,
Jesus our Redeemer.**

Amen.

Scripture

Luke 12 : 54 - end

Jesus also said to the crowds,
'When you see a cloud rising in
the west, you immediately say, "It
is going to rain" ; and so it
happens. ⁵⁵ And when you see the
south wind blowing, you say,
"There will be scorching heat";
and it happens. ⁵⁶ You hypocrites !
You know how to interpret the
appearance of earth and sky, but
why do you not know how to
interpret the present time ? ⁵⁷ And
why do you not judge for
yourselves what is right ? ⁵⁸ Thus,
when you go with your accuser
before a magistrate, on the way
make an effort to settle the case,
or you may be dragged before the
judge, and the judge hand you
over to the officer, and the officer
throw you in prison. ⁵⁹ I tell you,
you will never get out until you
have paid the very last penny.'

NEW REVISED STANDARD VERSION

Response

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

The earth is the Lord's
and all that fills it,
the compass of the world
and all who dwell therein.

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 ;*
 - *Those in the midst of war ;
Ukraine, Russia, Israel, Gaza, Iran,
USA, Sudan, __ ; and for wisdom ;*
 - *Victims of flood, earthquake,
wildfire & storm ; all those affected
under Storm Austin ;*
 - *Those with the authority and
power to bring peace out of war ;*
 - *The family and friends of Alan
Manship, praying his funeral ; all
who mourn ;*
 - *All now entering into holiday ;*
 - *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 Prayer

God, our light and our salvation :
illuminate our lives,
that we may see your goodness
in the land of the living,
and looking on your beauty
may be changed into the likeness
of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

