

# *Prayer During the Day on Thursday*

## **Preparation**

O God, make speed to save us.

**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Teach me to do what pleases you, for you are my God;

**let your kindly spirit lead me on a level path.**

*Psalm 143.10*

## **Praise**

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:

Such a Way, as gives us breath:

Such a Truth, as ends all strife:

And such a Life, as killeth death.

Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:

Such a Light, as shows a Feast:

Such a Feast, as mends in length:

Such a Strength, as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:

Such a Joy, as none can move:

Such a Love, as none can part:

Such a Heart, as joys in Love.

*George Herbert (1633)*

# The Word of God

## *Psalmody*

*On any Thursday* Psalm 133  
(or)

*Week 1* Psalm 81

*Week 2* Psalm 90

*Week 3* Psalm 101

*Week 4* Psalm 107.1-16

*Each psalm may end with*

**Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

## *Short readings*

### *Week One*

If there is among you anyone in need, a member of your community in any of your towns within the land that the Lord your God is giving you, do not be hard-hearted or tight-fisted towards your needy neighbour. You should rather open your hand, willingly lending enough to meet the need, whatever it may be. Give liberally and be ungrudging when you do so, for on this account the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake. Since there will never cease to be some in need on the earth, I therefore command you, 'Open your hand to the poor and needy neighbour in your land.'

*Deuteronomy 15.7,8,10,11*

### *Week Two*

Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, 'Give them up', and to the south, 'Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth – everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.'

*Isaiah 43.5-7*

### *Week Three*

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

*1 Peter 2.9,10*

### *Week Four*

As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth. I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

*John 17.18-23*

### *Or, on any Thursday*

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.

*1 Corinthians 12.12,13a*

## Response

*Spend some time re-reading and thinking about the scripture you have read asking God to speak to you through it.*

Jesus said, I am the gate for the sheep.

**I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.**

*John 10.7,10b*

## Prayers

*Spend some time praying for the issues of the day, people in need, national and world leaders, the church, our community, your family and friends.*

O gracious and holy Father,  
give us wisdom to perceive you,  
diligence to seek you,  
patience to wait for you,  
eyes to behold you,  
a heart to meditate upon you,  
and a life to proclaim you,  
through the power of the Spirit  
of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*Benedict of Nursia (c.550)*

The Lord's Prayer

## The Conclusion

May God kindle in us the fire of love. **Amen.**