

Readings: **Job 23:1-9, 16-17 and Psalm 22:1-15** or Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 and Psalm 90:12-17; Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31

King of all the earth,
Creator of the universe,
Holy Triune God,
From everlasting to everlasting, you are Lord.

Lord, you are holy, enthroned on the praises of your people;
Be not far from me, for trouble is near.

I search for you from the dark depths of loneliness and fear;
Be not far from me, for trouble is near.

Our fathers trusted in you, and you delivered them.
Be not far from me, for trouble is near.

I feel surrounded by mockers and evildoers;
Be not far from me, for trouble is near.

I am terrified at the thought of your Almighty presence;
Be not far from me, for trouble is near.

This is our God. Praise him, all you people, for he is our help and our salvation. I invite you to add your own praises to the Lord.

Silence.

You are worthy, Holy God, to receive all our praise. We worship you in the glory of your perfect Trinity and ask for grace to steadfastly believe and proclaim your unity.

We pray for your holy catholic church;
Let us hold fast our confession.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

You have brought us into your kingdom;
Strengthen our wills to follow you above all.

You, Lord Christ, understand our weaknesses and the nature of our temptations.

Grant us mercy and grace in time of trouble.

I invite you to add your own prayers for the worldwide church.

Silence.

Creator of the earth, you spoke the world into existence and sustain all things by your life giving word. Consider the toil and sorrow of the people of the earth and, in your compassion, have mercy on the world.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

We pray for the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer;
For the refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger;
Relieve and protect them, O Lord, and grant them eternal hope in you.

Teach us how to rightly steward the gift of your creation,
That the resources of the world would be used to your honor and glory.

I invite your prayers for the needs of the world.

Silence.

God of all love and peace, we come to you in faith, offering you access into every area of our lives.

Almighty God, you have seen the secret sins of generations;
Look on us kindly, Lord, out of your great love and compassion.

We offend you grievously with our iniquities, and our sins keep us far from your kingdom;
Perform the impossible in us, and save us from ourselves.

We wait for your refining Word to expose what it is we lack;
Enable us to hear and receive your word with joy.

We pray for those who have great possessions;
Free us to follow hard after you.

Thank you for the gift of your living and active word;
Pierce our souls with your truth.

You discern the intentions of our hearts, and no part of our lives remains hidden from your sight;

We draw near to your throne of grace.

We look to you, Lord of all, mindful of our helplessness;

Glorify your name in the midst of our need.

I invite you to cast all your cares and concerns on the Lord, remembering that He cares for you.

Silence.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

We believe in you, Lord Christ.

We cry out to you, Father God.

We receive your witness, Holy Spirit.

Abide with us as we abide in you this week and always, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.