



# Prayer

S E R V I C E

## WISDOM, RISK, INTEGRITY AND TRUTH

### CALL TO PRAYER

**Leader** God, our Creator, we are sharply aware that our human knowledge is limited and that all wisdom comes from You. Our life draws dignity and grace from the love of Jesus present among us. And so we come before you, our God, asking for an increase of divine wisdom in our life so that our every action may announce that integrity and truth come from God alone.

**All** Give us wisdom in our time, Holy One. We ask for this grace through Christ and the Holy Spirit, with you, One God, forever and ever. Amen.

### READING

John 8:31-32

To the Jews who believed in him, Jesus said: If you make my word your home, you will indeed be my disciples, you will come to know the truth, and the truth will set you free.

### REFLECTION

Psalm 145 (*Alternating Sides or Alternating Individuals*)

I sing your praise, O My God, and I will praise your name forever and ever.

Every day will I bless you, and I will praise your name forever and ever.

Great are you, Yahweh, and most worthy of praise, your greatness is beyond our understanding.

Generation after generation praises your work and proclaims your might.

They speak of your splendor and glorious renown.

They discourse on the power of your wonderful deeds and declare your greatness.

Yahweh you are gracious and compassionate, you are good to all.

All your works give you thanks, O God, and your faithful ones bless you.

You open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living thing.

You are just in all your ways and loving in all your works.

You are near to all who call upon you, to all who call upon you sincerely.

May my mouth speak your praise, O God, and may all creatures bless your holy name forever and ever. Amen.

### CLOSING PRAYER

**Leader** O God, who winks quarks and quasars and braids Saturn's rings, intrigue me out of my shame at making mistakes: fear of the worst I could do or be keeps me from risking my best.

Remind me, again, spinner of galaxies, possibilities, and my inquisitive, quivering spirit, that what joins me to you is less the devout repetition of the tried and safely true, than the creative dare, the imaginative lurch, the reworking of the expected toward an unexpected new: at risk of making errors, yes, but faith, and love, and merry, too.

**All** Amen.

Closing prayer adapted from "This Earthly Hitch Toward Glory," Ted Loder, LuraMedia, San Diego.

### SUGGESTED MUSIC

"We Are Many Parts," Marty Haugen, GIA Publications, Inc.

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