

72 HOURS FOR JESUS PRAYER GUIDE

Dear brothers and sisters,

This is a prayer guide for our daily meeting with Jesus in this marathon.

Let-s open our hearts to God, let-s have an intimate dialogue with Him , using our own words and knowing that He is hearing us .

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

God Almighty, Eternal, Just and Merciful God , grant me miserable to do more , for your grace , what you want , and always to desire what pleases you .

Purify my soul because , enlightened by the light of the Holy Spirit and lit by his fire, might follow the example of your Son and our Lord Jesus Christ.

Give me to reach to Your grace alone , to You, high and almighty God , who lives and reigns in glory, in perfect Trinity and simple unit , for ever and ever . Amen .

St. Francis of Assisi

Psalm 100

All Lands Summoned to Praise God

A Psalm of thanksgiving.

¹ Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

² Worship the LORD with gladness;
come into his presence with singing.

³ Know that the LORD is God.

It is he that made us, and we are his;^[a]
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

⁴ Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise.

Give thanks to him, bless his name.

⁵ For the LORD is good;

his steadfast love endures for ever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

Hebrews 4:12-16

¹² For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and spirit, of joints and marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. ¹³ And before him no creature is hidden, but all are open and laid bare to the eyes of him with whom we have to do.

¹⁴ Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. ¹⁵ For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sinning. ¹⁶ Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Psalm 145

The Greatness and the Goodness of God

A Song of Praise. Of David.

145 I will extol thee, my God and King,
and bless thy name for ever and ever.

- ² Every day I will bless thee,
and praise thy name for ever and ever.
- ³ Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised,
and his greatness is unsearchable.
- ⁴ One generation shall laud thy works to another,
and shall declare thy mighty acts.
- ⁵ On the glorious splendor of thy majesty,
and on thy wondrous works, I will meditate.
- ⁶ Men shall proclaim the might of thy terrible acts,
and I will declare thy greatness.
- ⁷ They shall pour forth the fame of thy abundant goodness,
and shall sing aloud of thy righteousness.
- ⁸ The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
- ⁹ The LORD is good to all,
and his compassion is over all that he has made.
- ¹⁰ All thy works shall give thanks to thee, O LORD,
and all thy saints shall bless thee!
- ¹¹ They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom,
and tell of thy power,
- ¹² to make known to the sons of men thy^[a] mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendor of thy^[b] kingdom.
- ¹³ Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and thy dominion endures throughout all generations.
- The LORD is faithful in all his words,
and gracious in all his deeds.^[c]
- ¹⁴ The LORD upholds all who are falling,
and raises up all who are bowed down.
- ¹⁵ The eyes of all look to thee,
and thou givest them their food in due season.
- ¹⁶ Thou openest thy hand,
thou satisfiest the desire of every living thing.
- ¹⁷ The LORD is just in all his ways,

and kind in all his doings.

¹⁸ The LORD is near to all who call upon him,
to all who call upon him in truth.

¹⁹ He fulfils the desire of all who fear him,
he also hears their cry, and saves them.

²⁰ The LORD preserves all who love him;
but all the wicked he will destroy.

²¹ My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,
and let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.

[Luke 10:1-9](#) Revised Standard Version Catholic Edition (RSVCE)

[The Mission of the Seventy](#)

10 After this the Lord appointed seventy^[a] others, and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to come. ² And he said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. ³ Go your way; behold, I send you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. ⁴ Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and salute no one on the road.

⁵ Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace be to this house!’

⁶ And if a son of peace is there, your peace shall rest upon him;

but if not, it shall return to you. ⁷ And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages; do not go from house to house. ⁸ Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you; ⁹ heal the sick in it and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’

[John 1:19-29](#) New Revised Standard Version, Anglicised Catholic Edition (NRSVACE)

[The Testimony of John the Baptist](#)

¹⁹ This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' ²⁰ He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, 'I am not the Messiah.'^[a] ²¹ And they asked him, 'What then? Are you Elijah?' He said, 'I am not.' 'Are you the prophet?' He answered, 'No.'²² Then they said to him, 'Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?' ²³ He said,

'I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness,
"Make straight the way of the Lord"',

as the prophet Isaiah said.

²⁴ Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. ²⁵ They asked him, 'Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah,^[b] nor Elijah, nor the prophet?' ²⁶ John answered them, 'I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, ²⁷ the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.'²⁸ This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

²⁹ The next day he saw Jesus coming towards him and declared, 'Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

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The Baptist then sees Jesus who is approaching amid the crowd and, inspired from on High, he recognizes in him the One sent by God; he therefore points him out with these words: "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" (Jn 1:29).

The verb that is translated as "take away" literally means "to lift up", "to take upon oneself". Jesus came into the world with a precise mission: to liberate it from the slavery of sin by taking on himself the sins of mankind. How? By loving. There is no other way to conquer evil and sin than by the love that leads to giving up one's life for others. In the testimony of John the Baptist, Jesus assumes the features of the the Lord's Suffering Servant, who "has borne our grief and carried our sorrows" (Is 53:4) unto death on the Cross. He is the true Paschal Lamb, who immerses himself in the river of our sin in order to purify us.

What does it mean for the Church, for us today, to be disciples of Jesus, the Lamb of God? It means replacing malice with innocence, replacing power with love, replacing pride with humility, replacing status with service. It is good work! We Christians must do this: replace malice with innocence, replace power with love, replace pride with humility, replace status with service. Being disciples of the Lamb means not living like a "besieged citadel", but like a city placed on a hill, open, welcoming and supportive. It means not assuming closed attitudes but rather proposing the Gospel to everyone, bearing witness by our lives that following Jesus makes us freer and more joyous.

Radiating Christ

Dear Jesus, help me to spread Your fragrance wherever I go.
Flood my soul with Your spirit and life.
Penetrate and possess my whole being so utterly, that my life
may only be a radiance of Yours.
Shine through me, and be so in me that every soul I come in
contact with may feel Your presence in my soul.
Let them look up and see no longer me, but only Jesus!
Stay with me and then I shall begin to shine as You shine, so to
shine as to be a light to others.
The light, O Jesus, will be all from You; none of it will be mine.
It will be you, shining on others through me.
Let me thus praise You the way You love best, by shining on
those around me.
Let me preach You without preaching, not by words but by my
example, by the catching force of the sympathetic influence of
what I do,
the evident fullness of the love my heart bears to You.
Amen.

(J.H. Newman)

*Jesus is God, therefore His Love,
His Thirst is infinite.*

*He the Creator of the universe
Asked for the love of his creatures.
He thirsts for our love..
These words : I Thirst'
- Do they echo in our souls?
Saint Mother Theresa of Calcutta*

**Holy Rosary
Chaplet of the Divine Mercy**

God Bless you!!!

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