

# PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

Presider: Christ makes a promise, "Ask, and it will be given to you." Let us come to our heavenly Father with the trust and confidence of the prayer our Lord taught us.

✠ That a deepening of prayer may spread throughout the Church on earth, we pray;  
▶ **God, may your grace abound in us.**

✠ That planners of economy and industry may turn to the Father who gives us our daily bread, we pray;  
▶ **God, may your grace abound in us.**

✠ That people caught in unlawful and sinful ways may seek forgiveness, we pray;  
▶ **God, may your grace abound in us.**

✠ That we may persist in prayer, no matter how discouraged we may be by life's misfortunes, we pray;  
▶ **God, may your grace abound in us.**

✠ That Bishop Designate William Patrick Callahan is ready to undertake his duties as the new Bishop of La Crosse, we pray;  
▶ **God, may your grace abound in us.**

✠ That the sick will know the healing presence of Christ, we pray;  
▶ **God, may your grace abound in us.**

✠ That the faithful departed may be forgiven and raised up with Christ, especially Tillie Lepak, Ted Pirog and Leonard Olski, we pray;  
▶ **God, may your grace abound in us.**

✠ That God listens to the prayers of our baskets, Mass, and the needs of St. Joseph Parish, we pray;  
▶ **God, may your grace abound in us.**

(Pause for silent intentions to be offered from the heart.)

Presider: Almighty God, you are generous beyond our imagination, and in ways we do not understand. Hear the prayers we make, through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

## SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME

July 24-25, 2010

### Mass Intentions:

Raymond and Agnes Sampson  
For living and deceased parish  
members



### OPENING/PENITENTIAL RITE:

Lord Jesus, You died and rose again to save us from sin,

Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

Christ Jesus, You teach us how to pray,

Christ have mercy. **Christ have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, in You we find the path to holiness,

Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

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### GLORY TO GOD

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

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your cell phone to vibrate. Thank you!



A reading from the book of Genesis.

In those days, the Lord said: “The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great, and their sin so grave, that I must go down and see whether or not their actions fully correspond to the cry against them that comes to me. I mean to find out.” While Abraham’s visitors walked on farther toward Sodom, the Lord remained standing before Abraham. Then Abraham drew nearer and said: “Will you sweep away the innocent with the guilty? Suppose there were fifty innocent people in the city; would you wipe out the place, rather than spare it for the sake of the fifty innocent people within it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to make the innocent die with the guilty, so that the innocent and the guilty would be treated alike! Should not the judge of all the world act with justice?” The Lord replied, “If I find fifty innocent people in the city of Sodom, I will spare the whole place for their sake.” Abraham spoke up again: “See how I am presuming to speak to my Lord, though I am but dust and ashes! What if there are five less than fifty innocent people? Will you destroy the whole city because of those five?” He answered, “I will not destroy it, if I find forty-five there.” But Abraham persisted, saying, “What if only forty are found there?” He replied, “I will forbear doing it for the sake of the forty.” Then Abraham said, “Let not my Lord grow impatient if I go on. What if only thirty are found there?” He replied, “I will forbear doing it if I can find but thirty there.” Still Abraham went on, “Since I have thus dared to speak to my Lord, what if there are no more than twenty?” The Lord answered, “I will not destroy it, for the sake of the twenty.” But he still persisted: “Please, let not my Lord grow angry if I speak up this last time. What if there are at least ten there?” He replied, “For the sake of those ten, I will not destroy it.”

The Word of the Lord.

**THANKS BE TO GOD!**

## **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

#45, Gather - Psalm 100  
We Are His People

A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Colossians.

Brothers and sisters: You were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And even when you were dead in transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, he brought you to life along with him, having forgiven us all our transgressions; obliterating the bond against us, with its legal claims, which was opposed to us, he also removed it from our midst, nailing it to the cross.

The Word of the Lord.

**THANKS BE TO GOD!**

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke.

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples.” He said to them, “When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread and forgive us our sins for we ourselves forgive everyone in debt to us, and do not subject us to the final test.” And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend to whom he goes at midnight and says, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, for a friend of mine has arrived at my house from a journey and I have nothing to offer him,’ and he says in reply from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked and my children and I are already in bed. I cannot get up to give you anything.’ I tell you, if he does not get up to give the visitor the loaves because of their friendship, he will get up to give him whatever he needs because of his persistence. And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. What father among you would hand his son a snake when he asks for a fish? Or hand him a scorpion when he asks for an egg? If you then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**PRAISE TO YOU LORD, JESUS CHRIST!**

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We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, one in Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered, died, and was buried. On the third day he rose again in fulfillment of the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.