

Catholic Bible Institute – December 6, 2014 – Opening Prayer

CALL TO PRAYER

I am no longer my own, but yours. Put me to what you will, rank me with whom you will; put me to doing, put me to suffering; let me be employed for you or laid aside for you, exalted for you or brought low for you; let me be full or empty; let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things to your pleasure and disposal. And, now glorious and blessed God, Father Son and Holy Spirit, you are mine and I am yours. So be it. And the Covenant now made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven.

OPENING SONG: Song of Ruth

*Wherever you go, I will go,
Wherever you dwell, I will dwell;
Your people will be my people,
And your God will be my God.
Wherever you go, I will go,
Wherever you dwell, I will dwell;
Your people will be my people,*

*And your God will be my God.
Wherever you die, I will die;
And there will I be buried.
Jehovah do to me, and more as well,
If anything but death parts me from you.
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If anything but death parts me from you.*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM (Psalm 25:1-10)

ALL/REFRAIN: All the paths of the LORD are mercy and truth

Leader: To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul,
My God, in you I trust;
do not let me be disgraced;
do not let my enemies gloat over me.
No one is disgraced who waits for you,
but only those who are treacherous without cause.
Make known to me your ways, LORD;
teach me your paths.

ALL: All the paths of the LORD are mercy and truth

Leader: Guide me by your fidelity and teach me,
for you are God my savior,
for you I wait all the day long.
Remember your compassion and your mercy, O LORD,
for they are ages old.
Remember no more the sins of my youth;
remember me according to your mercy,
because of your goodness, LORD.

ALL: All the paths of the LORD are mercy and truth

Leader: Good and upright is the LORD,
therefore he shows sinners the way,
He guides the humble in righteousness,
and teaches the humble his way.
All the paths of the LORD are mercy and truth
toward those who honor his covenant and decrees.

ALL: All the paths of the LORD are mercy and truth

SCRIPTURE READING (1 Kings 8:28-30, 54-61)

Regard kindly the prayer and petition of your servant, LORD, my God, and listen to the cry of supplication which I, your servant, utter before you this day. May your eyes be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you said, My name shall be there; listen to the prayer your servant makes toward this place. Listen to the petition of your servant and of your people Israel which they offer toward this place. Listen, from the place of your enthronement, heaven, listen and forgive.

After Solomon finished offering this entire prayer and petition to the LORD, he rose from before the altar of the LORD, where he had been kneeling, hands outstretched toward heaven. He stood and blessed the whole assembly of Israel, saying in a loud voice:

“Blessed be the LORD who has given rest to his people Israel, just as he promised. Not a single word has gone unfulfilled of the entire gracious promise he made through Moses his servant. May the LORD, our God, be with us as he was with our ancestors and may he not forsake us nor cast us off. May he draw our hearts to himself, that we may walk in his ways and keep the commands, statutes, and ordinances that he enjoined on our ancestors. May these words of mine, the petition I have offered before the LORD, our God, be present to the LORD our God day and night, that he may uphold the cause of his servant and the cause of his people Israel as each day requires, so that all the peoples of the earth may know that the LORD is God and there is no other.”

CONCLUDING PRAYER

This day is full of beauty and adventure; help me Lord to be fully alive to it all. During this day may I become a more thoughtful person, a more prayerful person, a more generous and kindly person. Help me not to be turned in on myself but be sensitive to others. Let me do nothing today that will hurt anyone, but let me help at least a little to make life more pleasant for those I meet. Lord God, bless this day for me and all of us. Make it a day in which we might grow a little more like your Son, and gentle as Mary His Mother.

Amen



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READING: 1 Kings 3:6-9

You have shown great kindness to your servant, David my father, because he walked before you with fidelity, justice, and an upright heart; and you have continued this great kindness toward him today, giving him a son to sit upon his throne. Now, LORD, my God, you have made me, your servant, king to succeed David my father; but I am a mere youth, not knowing at all how to act. Give your servant, therefore, a listening heart to judge your people and to distinguish between good and evil.

The Lord was pleased by Solomon's request. So God said to him: Because you asked for this—you did not ask for a long life for yourself, nor for riches, nor for the life of your enemies—but you asked for discernment to know what is right—

The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSE: Psalm 119:1-6

ALL: *Blessed those whose way is blameless,
who walk by the law of the LORD.*

Men: Blessed those who keep his testimonies,
who seek him with all their heart.

Women: They do no wrong;
they walk in his ways.

Men: You have given them the command
to observe your precepts with care.

Women: May my ways be firm
in the observance of your statutes!

Men: Then I will not be ashamed
to ponder all your commandments.

ALL: *Blessed those whose way is blameless,
who walk by the law of the LORD.*

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Leader: Lord of wisdom, hear our prayer!
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful
And kindle in them the fire of Your love

Men: Send forth Your Spirit and they shall be created

Women And You shall renew the face of the earth

Leader: Let us Pray:
O God, Who instructed the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, Grant us in the same Spirit to be truly wise and ever rejoice in His consolation. Through Christ, our Lord. **Amen**

CLOSING SONG: *Psalm 98: All the End of the Earth (3 and 4)*

Psalm 98: ALL THE ENDS OF THE EARTH **764**
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All the ends of the earth ___ have seen _ the pow-er of God;
all the ends of the earth ___ have seen the pow-er of God. ___

1. Sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done wondrous deeds;
his right hand has won the vict'ry for him,
his holy arm.
2. The Lord has made his salvation known,
his justice revealed to all.
Remembered his kindness and
faithfulness to Israel.
3. All of the ends of the earth
have seen salvation by our God.
Joyfully sing out all you lands,
break forth in song.
4. Sing to the Lord with harp and song,
with trumpet and with horn.
Sing in your joy before the king,
the king, our Lord.

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