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DAILY PRAYER GUIDE

1 | WHO GOD IS

Our Creator in Heaven, Holy is Your name.

Creator God, I take time to acknowledge who You are, to name that You are good, true and faithful.

[Psalm 8]

Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!

You have set Your glory in the heavens.

Through the praise of children and infants You have established a stronghold against Your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger.

When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have set in place, what is mankind that You are mindful of them, human beings that You care for them?

God, today I give you thanks and gratitude for . . .

2 | WHAT GOD WANTS

May Your kingdom come, on earth as it is in heaven.

In a world that feels constantly unstable where injustice, hostility and cynicism so often seem to carry the day, I acknowledge that is not how You want Your creation to be experienced. God, show me what You want and align my desires with Your desires...help me to want what You want for myself, my relationships, this city and our world.

Lord, you want this for me, my relationships, the city and the world. . .

3 | WHAT I NEED

Give us this day our daily bread.

God, we all have so many needs and I ask You today for what I need, knowing that You are a good parent and You want to give good gifts to Your children.

[1 John 5: 14-15]

This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to God's will, God hears us. And if we know that God hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked.

Lord, today I ask for these things for myself and for others. . .

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4 | WHAT GOD IS HEALING

And forgive us our wrongs as we forgive those who have done wrong to us.

God, there is much healing work that needs to be done in my heart and in my life. That healing begins when I know the deep conditions of my heart and name them. I confess that I have allowed unhealthy dynamics of fear, anger, guilt, shame, pride, jealousy lust and greed to influence my life and drive my decisions and interactions with people. God, this is not what You want for me and I want to name these conditions and the ways they have affected my life and relationships.

[1 John 1:9]

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

God, today I name the sins I have carried in my heart and in my life. . .

5 | WHERE GOD IS LEADING

Today, lead me not into temptation & protect me from evil

God, today is Yours. I belong to You and there are invitations that You have to offer help, hope and healing for me today. There are challenges I will face and I will need Your help and strength.

[Prayer of St. Francis]

Lord make me an instrument of your peace
Where there is hatred let me sow love
Where there is injury, pardon
Where there is doubt, faith
Where there is despair, hope
Where there is darkness, light
And where there is sadness, joy
O divine master grant that I may
not so much seek to be consoled as to console
to be understood as to understand
To be loved as to love
For it is in giving that we receive
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned
And it's in dying that we are born to eternal life

God, help me to follow your lead today by. . .

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