

March 26th

Daily Prayer

To you O Lord I lift my soul.
O my God in you I trust. (Psalm 25:1a)

A Song of Lamentation - Lamentations 1:12,16; 3:19,22-24,26

Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by? *
Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow,
Which was brought upon me, *
inflicted by God's fierce anger.

For these things I weep; my eyes flow with tears, *
for a comforter is far from me, one to revive my courage.
Remember my affliction and my bitterness, *
wormwood and gall!

The steadfast love of God never ceases, *
God's mercies never end.
They are new every morning; *
great is your faithfulness.

"God is my portion," says my soul, *
"therefore will I hope in God."
It is good that we should wait quietly *
for the coming of God's salvation.

A reading from Mark 12: 13 – 17

¹³ Later they sent some of the Pharisees and Herodians to Jesus to catch him in his words. ¹⁴ They came to him and said, 'Teacher, we know that you are a man of integrity. You aren't swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are; but you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. Is it right to pay the poll-tax^[b] to Caesar or not? ¹⁵ Should we pay or shouldn't we?' But Jesus knew their hypocrisy. 'Why are you trying to trap me?' he asked. 'Bring me a denarius and let me look at it.' ¹⁶ They brought the coin, and he asked them, 'Whose image is this? And whose inscription?' 'Caesar's,' they replied. ¹⁷ Then Jesus said to them, 'Give back to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's.'
And they were amazed at him.

Praise

I am giving you worship with all of my life,
I am giving you obedience with all of my power,
I am giving you praise with all of my strength,
I am giving you honour with all of my speech.

I am giving you love with all of my heart,
I am giving you affection with all of my sense,
I am giving you my being with all of mind,
I am giving you my soul, O most high and holy God.
Praise to the Father,
Praise to the Son,
Praise to the Spirit,
The Three in One.

Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy
in this time of uncertainty and distress.
Sustain and support the anxious and fearful,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may rejoice in your comfort
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in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

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Pray for people and situations known to you who need our prayers.

May God our Father and
the Lord Jesus Christ
give you grace and peace. *(from Romans 1)*