Morning Prayer for Blessed Virgin Mary or Saturday in the 31st week of Ordinary Time
November 7, 2026

L: God, come to my assistance.

All: — Lord, make haste to help me.

L: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

All: — as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

HYMN

The dawn is sprinkling in the east
Its golden shower, as day flows in;
Fast mount the pointed shafts of light:
Farewell to darkness and to sin!

Away, ye midnight phantoms all!
Away, despondence and despair!
Whatever guilt the night has brought
Now let it vanish into air.

So that last morning, dread and great,
Which we with trembling hope await
With blessed light for us shall glow
Who chant the song we sang below.

All laud to God the Father be;
All praise, Eternal Son, to Thee;
All glory, as is ever meet,
To God the Holy Paraclete. Amen.

PSALMODY

L: Ant. 1 Lord, you are near to us, and all your ways are true.

All: Lord, you are near to us, and all your ways are true.

Psalm 119 - XIX (Koph)

I call with all my heart; Lord, hear me,
I will keep your commands;
I call upon you, save me and I will do your will.

I rise before dawn and cry for help,
I hope in your word.
My eyes watch through the night
to ponder your promise.

In your love hear my voice, O Lord;
give me life by your decrees.
Those who harm me unjustly draw near:
they are far from your law.

But you, O Lord, are close:
your commands are truth.
Long have I known that your will
is established for ever.

L. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

All: — as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen

Psalm-prayer

Save us by the power of your hand, Father, for our enemies have ignored your words. May the fire of your word consume our sins and its brightness illumine our hearts.

All: Lord, you are near to us, and all your ways are true.

L: Ant.2 Wisdom of God, be with me, always at work in me.

All: Wisdom of God, be with me, always at work in me.

Canticle – Wisdom 9:1-6, 9-11 - Lord, give me wisdom - I will inspire you with wisdom which your adversaries will be unable to resist (Luke 21:15).

God of my fathers, Lord of mercy,
you who have made all things by your word

and in your wisdom have established man
to rule the creatures produced by you,
to govern the world in holiness and justice,
and to render judgment in integrity of heart:

Give me Wisdom, the attendant at your throne,
and reject me not from among your children:
for I am your servant, the son of your handmaid,
a man weak and short-lived
and lacking in comprehension of judgment and of laws.

Indeed, though one be perfect among the sons of men,
if Wisdom, who comes from you, be not with him,
he shall be held in no esteem.

Now with you is Wisdom who knows your works
and was present when you made the world;
who understands what is pleasing in your eyes
and what is conformable with your commands.

Send her forth from your holy heavens
and from your glorious throne dispatch her
that she may be with me and work with me,
that I may know what is your pleasure.

For she knows and understands all things,
and will guide me discreetly in my affairs
and safeguard me by her glory.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:

All: — as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen

All: Ant. Wisdom of God, be with me, always at work in me.

Ant. 3 The Lord remains faithful to his promise for ever.

All: The Lord remains faithful to his promise for ever.

Psalm 117 - Praise for God's loving compassion - I affirm that... the Gentile peoples are to praise God because of his mercy (Romans 15:8-9).

O praise the Lord, all you nations,
acclaim him, all you peoples!

Strong is his love for us;
he is faithful for ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
All: — as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen

Psalm-prayer

God, our Father, may all nations and peoples praise you. May Jesus, who is called faithful and true and who lives with you eternally, possess our hearts forever.

All: Ant. The Lord remains faithful to his promise for ever.

READING Philippians 2:14-15

In everything you do, act without grumbling or arguing; prove yourselves innocent and straightforward, children of God beyond reproach in the midst of a twisted and depraved generation—among whom you shine like the stars in the sky.

Sacred Silence *(indicated by a bell) – a moment to reflect and receive in our hearts the full resonance of the voice of the Holy Spirit and to unite our personal prayer more closely with the word of God and public voice of the Church.*

L: The Word of the Lord. **All:** Thanks be to God!

RESPONSORY

I cry to you, O Lord, for you are my refuge.

All: — I cry to you, O Lord, for you are my refuge.

You are all I desire in the land of the living,

All: — for you are my refuge.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,

All: — I cry to you, O Lord, for you are my refuge.

CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH

Ant. Lord, shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.

All: Lord, shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.

Luke 1:68 – 79 - The Messiah and his forerunner

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel;
he has come to his people and set them free.
He has raised up for us a mighty savior,
born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old
that he would save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all who hate us.
He promised to show mercy to our fathers
and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High;
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
to give his people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:

as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be for ever. Amen.

All: Ant. Lord, shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.

INTERCESSIONS

With confidence let us pray to the Father who willed that the Virgin Mary should surpass all creatures in heaven and earth:

All: Look upon the Mother of your Son and hear our prayer. *

We are grateful to you, Father of mercy, for you gave us Mary to be our mother and our model,
— through her intercession cleanse our hearts. *****

You inspired Mary to be attentive to your word and faithful in your service,
— through her intercession give us the gifts of the Holy Spirit. *****

You strengthened Mary at the foot of the cross and filled her with joy at the resurrection of your Son, — through her intercession relieve our distress and strengthen our hope. *****

**** You may add your personal intentions*

Let us pray the Lord's Prayer: *Our Father who art in heaven ….*

Concluding Prayer

God our Father,
fountain and source of our salvation,
may we proclaim your glory every day of our lives,
that we may sing your praise for ever in heaven.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever. — Amen.

DISMISSAL

All: May the Lord bless us,
protect us from all evil and bring us to everlasting life. — Amen.