



Responsive Prayer
Grace Lutheran Church
Lincoln, Nebraska

Respond in Bold

Opening

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal, **have mercy on us.**

Prayer of the Day

Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Readings

Jeremiah 20

⁸For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, “Violence and destruction!” For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long.

Where do you see “violence and destruction” in the world today? What do you do with what you see?

Romans 6

1bShould we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? 2By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it?

How does grace combat sin?

Matthew 10

29Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father.

How do you experience God’s protection in your life?

Video Moment

Hymn of the Day: ELW 722

O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate



- 1 O Christ, your heart, com - pas - sion - ate, bore ev - 'ry hu - man pain.
- 2 As once you wel - comed those cast down and healed the sick, the blind,
- 3 O Christ, cre - ate new hearts in us that beat in time with yours,
- 4 O Love that made the dis - tant stars, yet marks the spar - row's fall,



Its beat - ing was the pulse of God; its breadth, God's vast do - main.
so may all bruised and bro - ken lives through us your help still find.
that, joined by faith with your great heart, be - come love's o - pen doors.
whose arms stretched wide up - on a cross em - brace and bear us all:



The heart of God, the heart of Christ com - bined in per - fect rhyme
Lord, join our hearts with those who weep that none may weep a - lone,
We are your bod - y, ris - en Christ; our hearts, our hands we yield
come, make your church a ser - vant church that walks your ser - vant ways,



to write God's love in hu - man deeds, e - ter - ni - ty in time.
and help us bear an - oth - er's pain as though it were our own.
that through our life and min - is - try your love may be re - vealed.
whose deeds of love rise up to you, a sac - ri - fice of praise!

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Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive**

**those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For
the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy
Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and
was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended
into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the
living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the
forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers

Show us your mercy, O God, and grant us your salvation.

Give us the joy of your saving help again, and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.

Give peace in all the world; for only in you can we live in safety.

Keep the nations under your care, and guide us in the way of justice and truth.

Let your way be known upon earth; your saving health among all nations.

Let not the needy be forgotten, nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and sustain me with your Holy Spirit.

Lord, hear my prayer, and let my cry come before you.

Closing Prayer

**O God, in you we live and move and have our being. Guide and govern us every day by
your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you,
but remember that always we are walking in your promise; through Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.**

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Blessing

Almighty God (+) bless us, defend us from all evil, and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.