

Prayers and Verses - Days of the Week

Sunday:

You who reign over the stars,
Grant us dignity from heaven,
To receive in devotion,
What the earth gives us
to strengthen us!
--Helene Ganstel

Sunday [adapted]

--Adam Bittleston

Before world-beginning
Christ shone in His glory,
Light of true Light,
One with the Father,
In all eternity.
Thou camest on earth,
Taking our form,
Bearing our fate,
Making life out of death,
Leading souls from the dark.
May we stand in Thy sight.

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Monday:

You are the source of life,
and in Your light.
we see the light.
--from Psalm 36

Monday

--Adam Bittleston

When we go out into the world as we have made it
Everywhere there speaks to us forgetfulness of the Spirit.

If human work were to be without love
The earth would become a bleak and barren desert.

Through forgetfulness of the Spirit
Love ebbs away.

Bring to mind in us, O Christ,
Inspirer of true human love,
How we have come to the earth
From fields of light,
From the heights of the Spirit.

May we bring to earth
What we have seen in the Spirit.

May remembrance of God
Grow strong in our souls
Overcoming the mists
Which hide the meaning
In the work of each day.

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Tuesday:
Strengthen us, fighting
to stand firm;
give us in grace
our daily bread.
--Sophie Michaelis

Tuesday
--Adam Bittleston

As light unites all beings of the world
So lives among us human speech.
But our speech today is heavy with guilt,
Guilt of indifference and unawareness,
Guilt of anger and pride.
Thy word, O Christ, encountered these;
They condemned Thee.
they live still in our word.
From our inmost hearts, O Christ,
Make new our speech.
When we speak with one another
May we remember
That we come from the Father,
And are led by Thee
to the awakening of the Holy Spirit,
Through the days and the weeks and the years.

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Wednesday:
Lord, You pass over us,
before we even realize it.
You are transforming Yourself,
before we notice it.
-- from the Book of Job

Wednesday
--Adam Bittleston

Upon the temple of our body
Worked through the ages
The servants of God
Mighty spiritual creators.
This is now my dwelling;
But it is darkened
By the power of tempters
To whom my soul has listened.
O Christ, against Thee
The voice of temptation
Could achieve nothing.
Thou art the healer
For all our sickness.
Work in this body
That all of its elements,
Its warmth and its breath
Its quickening blood,
The bones which sustain
The form which God gave
Be hallowed by Thee.

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Thursday:

You who open your clouds
and let your raindrops fall,

Work within us

the miracle of change,

that your earth

receive the waters of life

and its form be renewed.

--Sophie Michaelis

Thursday

--Adam Bittleston

O Christ, Thou readest

The living book of human destiny.

In all who come to Thee

Thou knowest the inmost soul,

The body's need, the spirit's seeking.

In my thought of human beings

May I receive Thy light.

In my experience of human deeds

May I feel Thy will.

May we all, as Thy Community,

Find the right ways

For human souls

Who will to serve Thy Spirit.

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Friday:

You live in secret
and fill all your creatures
you work and reign
everything upon everything
and reveal yourself
In tenderness and beauty.
--Sophie Michaelis

Friday

--Adam Bittleston

Let me remember the servants of Christ
Who kept in their hearts
His will for the world.
Beneath the Cross, the beloved disciple
Winning from pain eternal patience,
Beholding in darkness the new beginning.
Paul, who endured all persecution,
Rejoicing in the freedom of the Christian soul.
Columba, through the dark and the cold
Journeying to build a faithful brotherhood.
Francis, overcoming the fear of leprosy,
And raising our vision to the beauty of earth.
Elizabeth, bringing red roses
Into the depths of need.
The work of the servants of Christ
Holds in it sure promise
For the future of earth.
May we protect
What they have planted.
Their power live
In words and deeds of ours.

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Saturday:

O you fire, O you light,
Help me, that in the dark house
The light of Your light shine,
lightening all darkness;
Your warmth glow through it,
O you fire, O you light!
-Sophie Michaelis

Saturday

-Adam Bittleston

O Christ, I remember with love and thankfulness
Those I have known
Who have passed through the gate of death.
I know that some of these have looked on my soul
From the realm in which their souls dwell.
I thank Thee for all I have received from them;
For Thou hast brought our lives to meet.
May my thoughts and feelings reach unto them through Thee;
May they add warmth and purpose
To my earthly life.
And may my meeting again with them
Be blessed by Thee.