

An



CTAVE
of Prayer

June 9-16, 2019

**In preparation for the Ordination and Consecration of
Thomas James Brown as the 10th Bishop of Maine**

A Prayer for the State of Maine

Thank you, God, for the state of Maine,
reaching ever for the first light of day.

As Thy people wake to eastern rays,
what chowder of nourishment
dost Thou prepare for body and soul:
concocted so delectably
of pine needles and potatoes,
of herring and clams
and lobsters in their rocky lairs,
of blueberries and new-mown hay and
a thousand lakes and little boats brave upon the deep.

Of such blessings did our fathers and mothers
distill their rugged liberty:
Grant us grace to win the same,
along the country roads
and on the fringed and tasseled coast
of our wooded land;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Amen.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

The Baptismal Covenant

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers? **I will, with God's help.**

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord? **I will, with God's help.**

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ? **I will, with God's help.**

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself? **I will, with God's help.**

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being? **I will, with God's help.**

Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect the beauty and integrity of all creation? **I will, with God's help.**

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-13

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

The Lord's Prayer

Collect for The Day of Pentecost

Almighty God, on this day you opened the way of eternal life to every race and nation by the promised gift of your Holy Spirit: Shed abroad this gift throughout the world by the preaching of the Gospel, that it may reach to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.* *BCP, p. 227*

Diocesan Prayer for the Episcopal Transition

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Benediction

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.
Romans 15:13

MONDAY, JUNE 10

Ephrem of Edessa, Syria, Deacon, 373

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers? **I will, with God's help.**

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

The Lord's Prayer

Collect for Ephrem of Edessa

Pour out on us, O Lord, that same Spirit by which your deacon Ephrem rejoiced to proclaim in sacred song the mysteries of faith; and so gladden our hearts that we, like him, may be devoted to you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

A Prayer attributed to St. Francis

Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we 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 is in dying that we are born to eternal life. *Amen. BCP, p. 833*

For the Unity of the Church

O God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Savior, the Prince of Peace: Give us grace seriously to lay to heart the great dangers we are in by our unhappy divisions; take away all hatred and prejudice, and whatever else may hinder us from godly union and concord; that, as there is but one Body and one Spirit, one hope of our calling, one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, one God and Father of us all, so we may be all of one heart and of one soul, united in one holy bond of truth and peace, of faith and charity, and may with one mind and one mouth glorify thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.* *BCP, p. 818*

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Benediction

The Wonderful Counselor guide us,
The Mighty God protect us,
The Everlasting Father be with us,
The Prince of Peace inspire us,
And the blessing of God be upon us,
now and evermore.
Amen.

--*David Adam*

TUESDAY, JUNE 11
Saint Barnabas the Apostle

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord? **I will, with God's help.**

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 42:5-10

Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you; I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols. See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth, I tell you of them. Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise from the end of the earth! Let the sea roar and all that fills it, the coastlands and their inhabitants.

Lord's Prayer

Collect for Saint Barnabas the Apostle

Grant, O God, that we may follow the example of your faithful servant Barnabas, who, seeking not his own renown but the well-being of your Church, gave generously of his life and substance for the relief of the poor and the spread of the Gospel; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.
Amen.

Prayer: St. Teresa's Bookmark

Let nothing disturb you,
Let nothing frighten you,
All things are passing;
God only is changeless.
Patience gains all things.
Who has God wants nothing.
God alone suffices.

Prayer for Social Justice

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart, that barriers which divided us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed we may live in justice and peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *BCP, p. 823*

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Benediction

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.
Amen.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12

Enmegahbowh, Priest and Missionary, 1902

Ember Day

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
I will, with God's help.

Scripture reading: Isaiah 52:7-10

How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of the messenger who announces peace,
who brings good news, who announces salvation,
who says to Zion, 'Your God reigns.'
Listen! Your sentinels lift up their voices,
together they sing for joy;
for in plain sight they see the return of the Lord to Zion.
Break forth together into singing, you ruins of Jerusalem;
for the Lord has comforted his people,
he has redeemed Jerusalem.
The Lord has bared his holy arm
before the eyes of all the nations;
and all the ends of the earth shall see
the salvation of our God.

Lord's Prayer

Collect for Enmegahbowh

Almighty God, you led your pilgrim people of old with fire and cloud: Grant that the ministers of your Church, following the example of blessed Enmegahbowh, may stand before your holy people, leading them with fiery zeal and gentle humility. This we ask through Jesus, the Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. *Amen*

Prayer by St. Ignatius of Loyola

Teach us, good Lord, 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 seek for rest; to labor and not to ask for any reward, save that of knowing that we do your will. Amen.

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A Gaelic Blessing

Deep peace, pure white of the moon to you.
Deep peace, pure green of the grass to you.
Deep peace, pure brown of the earth to you.
Deep peace, pure grey of the dew to you.
Deep peace, pure blue of the sky to you.
Deep peace of the running wave to you.
Deep peace of the flowing air to you.
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you.
Deep peace of the shining stars to you.
Deep peace of the Son of Peace to you. *Amen.*

--Fiona Macleod

THURSDAY, JUNE 13

Gilbert Keith Chesterton, Apologist and Writer, 1936

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself? **I will, with God's help.**

Scripture reading: 1 Chronicles 29: 10-13

Then David blessed the Lord in the presence of all the assembly; David said: 'Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our ancestor Israel, for ever and ever. Yours, O Lord, are the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty; for all that is in the heavens and on the earth is yours; yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all. Riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might; and it is in your hand to make great and to give strength to all. And now, our God, we give thanks to you and praise your glorious name.

Lord's Prayer

Collect for G.K. Chesterton

O God of earth and altar, you gave G.K. Chesterton a ready tongue and pen, and inspired him to use them in your service: Mercifully grant that we may be inspired to witness cheerfully to the hope that is in us; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

For all Christians in their Vocation

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen. BCP, p. 257*

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Prayer for Those We Love

Almighty God,
we entrust all who are dear to us
to your never-failing care and love,
for this life and the life to come,
knowing that you are doing for them
better things than we can desire or pray for;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

BCP, p. 831

Benediction

May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*
Romans 15:13

FRIDAY, JUNE 14

Basil the Great, Bishop of Caesarea, 379

Ember Day

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being? **I will, with God's help.**

Scripture reading 1 Corinthians 2:9-11

As it is written, 'What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him'— these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God.

Lord's Prayer

For the Clergy and People

Almighty and everlasting God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift: Send down upon our bishops, and other clergy, and upon the congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of thy grace; and, that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this O Lord, for the honor of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. *Amen.* *BCP, p. 817*

A Prayer of Oscar Romero

It helps now and then to step back and take the long view. The kingdom is not only beyond our efforts; it is even beyond our vision. We accomplish in our life time only a tiny fraction

of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work. Nothing we do is complete, which is another way of saying that the kingdom always lies beyond us. No statement says all that could be said. No prayer fully expresses our faith. No confession brings perfection, no pastoral visit brings wholeness. No program accomplishes the church's mission. No set of goals and objectives includes everything. This is what we are about: We plant the seeds that one day will grow. We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise. We lay foundations that will need further development. We provide yeast that produces effects far beyond our capabilities. We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. This enables us to do something and to do it very well. It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, an opportunity for God's grace to enter and do the rest. We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker. We are workers, not master builders – ministers, not messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own. *Amen*

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Benediction

Christ who was crucified, and now is risen, may we find in you a sure ground for our faith, a firm support for our hopes, the knowledge of sins forgiven, and the assurance that life is eternal. *Amen.*

--David Adam

SATURDAY, JUNE 15

Evelyn Underhill, 1941

Ember Day

Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect the beauty and integrity of all creation? **I will, with God's help.**

Scripture reading: Psalm 37:3-6

Put your trust in the Lord and do good;*
dwell in the land and feed on its riches.

Take delight in the Lord,*
and he shall give you your heart's desire.

Commit your way to the Lord and put your trust in him,*
and he will bring it to pass.

He will make your righteousness and clear as the light*
and your just dealing as the noonday.

Lord's Prayer

Collect for Evelyn Underhill

O God, Origin, Sustainers, and End of all your creatures:
Grant that your Church, taught by your servant Evelyn Underhill, guarded evermore by your power, and guided by your Spirit into the light of truth, may continually offer to you all glory and thanksgiving and attain with your saints to the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have promised by our Savior Jesus Christ; who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

Collect for Ordinations

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*
BCP, p. 515

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Benediction

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to God from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus forever. Amen. *Ephesians 3:20,21*

TRINITY SUNDAY

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He 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, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

Scripture reading: Romans 5:1-5

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

Lord's Prayer

Collect for Trinity Sunday

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see

you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.* *BCP, p. 228*

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A Four-Fold Franciscan Blessing

May God bless you with a restless discomfort about easy answers, half-truths and superficial relationships, so that you may seek truth boldly and live deep within your heart.

May God bless you with holy anger at injustice, oppression and exploitation of people, so that you may tirelessly work for justice, freedom and peace among all people.

May God bless you with the gift of tears to shed with those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation or the loss of all that they cherish, so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and transform their pain into joy.

May God bless you with enough foolishness to believe that you really CAN make a difference in this world, so that you are able, with God's grace, to do what others claim cannot be done.

And the blessing of +God the Supreme Majesty and our Creator, +Jesus Christ the Incarnate Word who is our brother and Savior, and the +Holy Spirit, our Advocate and Guide... be with you and remain with you, this day and forevermore. *AMEN*

For the Diocese

O God,
by your grace
you have called us in this Diocese
to a goodly fellowship of faith.
Bless our Bishop, Steve,
Our Bishop-Elect, Thomas,
and other clergy,
and all our people.

Grant that your Word
may be truly preached and truly heard,
your Sacraments
faithfully administered and faithfully received.

By your Spirit,
fashion our lives
according to the example of your Son,
and grant that we may show the power of your love
to all among whom we live;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

BCP, p. 818

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Holy Women, Holy Men