

Prayer Gathering for Week of Trinity Sunday

SIGN OF THE CROSS +

OPENING PRAYER

**God of All Wisdom,
your vision shaped all of creation
and your power and love burst forth into the human family.
Help us to know our role as beloved stewards of your cosmic plan
and submit our limited human wisdom to your expansive vision.
We ask this in the power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ, our Lord. AMEN.**

READING

MOMENT FOR SILENCE

GOSPEL PASSAGE

SHARING QUESTIONS

"When the Lord established the heavens I was there... when he made firm the skies above, when he fixed fast the foundations of the earth... then was I beside him as his craftsman..."
Proverbs tells us that, in one sense, God's wisdom was a companion, of sorts, to God. Since God has no peers, how do you respond to this?

"I was his delight day by day, playing before him all the while, playing on the surface of his earth; and I found delight in the human race."
Wisdom often comes to us in the form of an "A-ha Moment." Those moments can be hard in that they shatter the bliss of ignorance, but the truth is what sets us free. What is an "A-ha Moment" you would be willing to share?

POSTED RECENTLY

the aha moment
"the common human
experience of suddenly
understanding a previously
incomprehensible problem
or concept"

A mind that is
stretched by a new
experience can never
go back to its
old dimensions.

DISCUSSION

Jesus said to his disciples: "I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now. But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth."
**What decade of your life did you begin to feel that you understood life fairly well?
When have you had the experience of looking back on earlier times when you thought you were an expert and realizing you were actually still a beginner?**

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

That we will open ourselves to God's will, even when it conflicts with what we think we want;
we pray... **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That our leaders will humbly consult divine wisdom before making decisions;
we pray... **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That we will allow life to surprise us; being willing to replace the desire to control with curiosity
and openness; we pray... **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That we can let go of earlier ways of looking at life and replace them with the expanded wisdom
we have accumulated; we pray... **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That all those graduating from high school and college will generously share their gifts, talents
and fresh perspectives; we pray... **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That racism and other forms of ignorance and intolerance will wither and be replaced with a
delight in diversity; we pray... **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all those who are poor... for all who can't pay their bills... for all whose health suffers or
educational opportunities are limited by finances; we pray... **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For the hospitalized... for the homebound... for those in pain... for those who are isolated and
lonely; we pray... **Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all our beloved dead... ...and for all who are grieving a loss...
we pray... **Lord, hear our prayer.**

OUR FATHER

[OPTIONAL] PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION (St. Alphonsus Ligouri)

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament.

I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already here, and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. AMEN.

CLOSING PRAYER

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. AMEN.

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READING 1

A reading from the book of Proverbs:

Thus says the wisdom of God:

*"The LORD possessed me, the beginning of his ways,
the forerunner of his prodigies of long ago;
from of old I was poured forth,
at the first, before the earth.*

*When there were no depths I was brought forth,
when there were no fountains or springs of water;
before the mountains were settled into place,
before the hills, I was brought forth;
while as yet the earth and fields were not made,
nor the first clods of the world.*

*When the Lord established the heavens I was there,
when he marked out the vault over the face of the deep;
when he made firm the skies above,
when he fixed fast the foundations of the earth;
when he set for the sea its limit,
so that the waters should not transgress his command;
then was I beside him as his craftsman,
and I was his delight day by day,
playing before him all the while,
playing on the surface of his earth;
and I found delight in the human race."*

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

READING 2

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

*"I have much more to tell you,
but you cannot bear it now.*

*But when he comes, the Spirit of truth,
he will guide you to all truth.*

*He will not speak on his own,
but he will speak what he hears,
and will declare to you the things that are coming.*

*He will glorify me,
because he will take from what is mine
and declare it to you.*

*Everything that the Father has is mine;
for this reason I told you that he will
take from what is mine
and declare it to you."*

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You, Lord, Jesus Christ

John, chapter 16