

**O Lord hear our prayer
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 When I call, answer me
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 Come and listen to me**

Let us pray for those who are beginning to know Christ: may the Lord strengthen them on their journey. **O Lord**

For children, for those who take care of them and awaken them to faith **O Lord**

Let us pray for the ill and those who are ending their lives in loneliness: may the Lord give them the strength they need. **O Lord**

Let us pray for those who are condemned to prison or exile: may the Lord sustain their hope. **O Lord**

That the fire of your Spirit may renew our energies and enable us to welcome those who do not know you, **O Lord**

May your Church be constantly renewed at the table of the Word and the Eucharist, **O Lord**

The Lords Prayer followed by the collect for the day

Bless the Lord

♩ = 78

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

PRAYER FOR JUNE 2018

Peaceful communion with God can do without words.

"I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother."

Prayer then needs no words, maybe not even thoughts.

How is it possible to reach inner silence?

Calming our souls requires a kind of simplicity: "I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvelous for me."

Silence means recognizing that my worries can't do much.

Silence means leaving to God what is beyond my reach and capacity.



Song

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
 The Holy One, is here.
 Come, bow before him now,
 With reverence and fear.
 In him no sin is found,
 We stand on holy ground.
 Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
 The Holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord,
 Is shining all around;
 He burns with holy fire,
 With splendour he is crowned.
 How awesome is the sight,
 Our radiant King of light!
 Be still, for the glory of the Lord
 Is shining all around

Be still, for the power of the Lord,
Is moving in this place;
He comes to cleanse and heal,
To minister his grace.
No work too hard for him,
In faith receive from him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord,
Is moving in this place.

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Psalm [63]

O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.

**My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water.**

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.

**For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise.**

So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.

**My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy.**

On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.

**My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast.**

Wait for the Lord

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems. The first system has a tempo marking of quarter note = 48. The key signature has one sharp (F#). The first system of music includes the lyrics: "Wait for the Lord, whose day is near." The second system includes the lyrics: "Wait for the Lord: keep watch, take heart!"

Reading

The first Christians devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Acts 2,42-47

As you read this passage you cannot help but notice how enthusiastic the first Christians were and how in the light of that 'the Lord added to their number...'

They were so excited about their new found faith – 'devoting themselves to the apostles teaching and the fellowship' both in the Temple and in their homes.

As members of the Christian Family in this place how can we/I rekindle the fire and the passion for the Gospel as experienced by these early Christians in the context of the world in which we live in today.