

Prayer of the Day

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord who lives and reign with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Jeremiah 31:1-6

31 "At that time," declares the LORD, "I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they will be my people." ² This is what the LORD says: "The people who survive the sword will find favor in the wilderness; I will come to give rest to Israel." ³ The LORD appeared to us in the past,^[a] saying: "I have loved you with an everlasting love; I have drawn you with unfailing kindness.

⁴ I will build you up again, and you, Virgin Israel, will be rebuilt. Again you will take up your timbrels and go out to dance with the joyful. ⁵ Again you will plant vineyards on the hills of Samaria; the farmers will plant them and enjoy their fruit. ⁶ There will be a day when watchmen cry out on the hills of Ephraim, 'Come, let us go up to Zion, to the LORD our God.'"

Psalm 118:14-24

¹⁴ The LORD is my strength and my defense^[a]; he has become my salvation.

¹⁵ Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous:

The LORD's right hand has done mighty things!

¹⁶ The LORD's right hand is lifted high; the LORD's right hand has done mighty things!"

¹⁷ I will not die but live, and will proclaim what the LORD has done.

¹⁸ The LORD has chastened me severely, but he has not given me over to death.

¹⁹ Open for me the gates of the righteous; I will enter and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰ This is the gate of the LORD through which the righteous may enter.

²¹ I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation.

²² The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;

²³ the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴ The LORD has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad.

Colossians 3: 1-4

1 Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. 3 For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.

4 When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.