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Advent Matins

Making All Things New

Help us, O God of our salvation,
for the glory of your name;
deliver us, and forgive our sins,
for your name's sake.

I will give them one heart,
and put a new spirit within them;
I will remove the heart of stone from their flesh
and give them a heart of flesh,
so that they may follow my statutes and
keep my ordinances and obey them.

Then they shall be my people,
and I will be their God.

Help us, O God of our salvation,
for the glory of your name.

Those who wait for the LORD
shall renew their strength,
**they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.**

He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the LORD require of you
**but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God.**

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.
**Do not cast me away from your presence,
and do not take your holy spirit from me.**

Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing spirit.
**Help us, O God of our salvation,
for the glory of your name.**

Scripture Reading for the day

Meditation and Prayer

In many and various ways God spoke to our ancestors by the prophets,
But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.



A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.
His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.
Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.
The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases,
His mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning.

Prayers

Gracious God, who seems unwilling to let your flow of loving kindness stop or your inclination to be merciful cease, grant us a fresh capacity to see the newness of each day. Help us behold all that is fantastic and unbelievable about this particular day.
Amen

God of new life and the start of each morning, who desires to give new birth within each one of us, awaken us to the expectations and responsibilities that go with being your faithful people. Renew our perspective when we struggle to see your hand moving us in new ways and into new beginnings. **Amen**

God of inventive genius, who inspires us to create and imagine, lead us into new paths and support us when we encounter challenges that we cannot accomplish entirely by ourselves. Walk with us today and every day. Make us new creatures *in Christ*. **Amen**

Holy God, in our fragile lives, with our limited vision, often we find it difficult to imagine that your hope is real in this world. Give us a glimpse of your promises. We especially pray today for (...). Give us eyes to see your ongoing redemptive and healing work in our lives and in our world, your work that makes all things new. **Amen**

May we be so bold to pray as the LORD has taught us:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen

Benediction

Let us bless the LORD,
Thanks be to God.

The LORD Almighty bless us and direct our days and our deeds in His peace.
Amen



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