

Abraham & Sarah

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PSALM 104

MORNING PRAYER

*O Lord, open our lips;
And our mouth
shall shew forth your praise.*

*O God,
make speed to save us.*

*O Lord,
make haste to help us.*

*Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son:
and to the Spirit*

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

Amen.

COLLECT

*O God our King,
by the resurrection of your Son
Jesus Christ
on the first day of the week,
you conquered sin,
put death to flight,
and gave us the hope
of everlasting life:*

*Redeem all our days by this victory;
forgive our sins, banish our fears,
make us bold to praise you
and to do your will;
and steel us to wait for the
consummation of your kingdom
on the last great Day;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Amen.

Praise the Lord, O my soul!
O Lord my God, you are magnificent.
You are robed in splendor and majesty.
2 He covers himself with light as if it were a garment.
He stretches out the skies like a tent curtain,
3 and lays the beams of the upper rooms of his palace on the
rain clouds.

He makes the clouds his chariot,
and travels on the wings of the wind.
4 He makes the winds his messengers,
and the flaming fire his attendant.
5 He established the earth on its foundations;
it will never be moved.

...

14 He provides grass for the cattle,
and crops for people to cultivate,
so they can produce food from the ground,
15 as well as wine that makes people glad,
and olive oil to make their faces shine,
as well as bread that sustains them.

...

19 He made the moon to mark the months,
and the sun sets according to a regular schedule.
20 You make it dark and night comes,
during which all the beasts of the forest prowl around.
21 The lions roar for prey,
seeking their food from God.

...

24 How many living things you have made, O Lord!
You have exhibited great skill in making all of them;
the earth is full of the living things you have made.

...

27 All your creatures wait for you
to provide them with food on a regular basis.
28 You give food to them and they receive it;
you open your hand and they are filled with food.

CONFESSION

Lord, though you should guide us,
we inform ourselves;
though you should rule us, we
control ourselves;
though you should fulfill us, we
console ourselves.

We think your truth too high,
your will too hard,
your power too remote,
your love too free.
But they are not!
And without them,
we are of all people most miserable.

Now heal our confused minds
with your word,
heal our divided wills
with your law,
heal our troubled consciences
with your love,
heal our anxious hearts
with your presence,
all for the sake of your Son,
who loved us
and gave himself for us.

Amen.

—

Almighty Father, who for your great
love of your creation
did give your dearly beloved Son
to die for us;

Grant that through his Cross
our sins may be put away, and
remembered no more against us,
and that, cleansed by his Blood,
and mindful of his sufferings,
we may take up our cross daily,
and follow him in newness of life,
until we come to his
everlasting kingdom;

through the Name of your Son
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

29 When you ignore them, they panic.
When you take away their life's breath,
they die and return to dust.

30 When you send your life-giving breath, they are created,
and you replenish the surface of the ground.

31 May the splendor of the Lord endure.
May the Lord find pleasure in the living things he has made.

GENESIS 11-21

11:27 This is the account of Terah.

Terah became the father of Abram, Nahor, and Haran. And Haran became the father of Lot. 28 Haran died in the land of his birth, in Ur of the Chaldeans, while his father Terah was still alive. 29 And Abram and Nahor took wives for themselves. The name of Abram's wife was Sarai. And the name of Nahor's wife was Milcah; she was the daughter of Haran, who was the father of both Milcah and Iscah. 30 But Sarai was barren; she had no children.

12 Now the Lord said to Abram,

"Go out from your country,
your relatives, and your father's household
to the land that I will show you.

2 Then I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you,
and I will make your name great,
so that you will exemplify divine blessing.

3 I will bless those who bless you,
but the one who treats you lightly I must curse,
so that all the families of the earth
may receive blessing through you."

15 1 After these things the Lord's message came to Abram in a vision: "Fear not, Abram! I am your shield and the one who will reward you in great abundance."

2 But Abram said, "O Sovereign Lord, what will you give me

AFTERNOON PRAYER

*God of all creation,
full of love and abounding in mercy;
May the whole earth
be filled with your glory.*

*Lord, bless and guide
all ministers of your church;
Clothe them in righteousness
and grant them wisdom.*

*Direct the leaders of our nation;
That they may act in accordance
with your kingdom.*

*Enlarge our own hearts, O Lord,
To love the things that you love*

*May we proclaim your light
In every place where there is darkness.*

*May we proclaim
your Holy Name
In every aspect of our lives.*

*Create in us clean hearts,
O God;
And renew a right spirit
within us.*

*Grant us your peace;
For only in you
can we live in safety.*

*We pray for those in sickness,
grief, persecution, bondage,
fear, or loneliness.*

Lord, have mercy.

Let us offer our own prayers:

since I continue to be childless, and my heir is Eliezer of Damascus?" 3 Abram added, "Since you have not given me a descendant, then look, one born in my house will be my heir!" 4 But look, the Lord's message came to him: "This man will not be your heir, but instead a son who comes from your own body will be your heir." 5 The Lord took him outside and said, "Gaze into the sky and count the stars—if you are able to count them!" Then he said to him, "So will your descendants be." 6 Abram believed the Lord, and the Lord credited it as righteousness to him.

16 Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had not given birth to any children, but she had an Egyptian servant named Hagar. 2 So Sarai said to Abram, "Since the Lord has prevented me from having children, please sleep with my servant. Perhaps I can have a family by her." Abram did what Sarai told him.

3 So after Abram had lived in Canaan for ten years, Sarai, Abram's wife, gave Hagar, her Egyptian servant, to her husband to be his wife. 4 He slept with Hagar, and she became pregnant. Once Hagar realized she was pregnant, she despised Sarai. 5 Then Sarai said to Abram, "You have brought this wrong on me! I gave my servant into your embrace, but when she realized that she was pregnant, she despised me. May the Lord judge between you and me!"

6 Abram said to Sarai, "Since your servant is under your authority, do to her whatever you think best." Then Sarai treated Hagar harshly, so she ran away from Sarai.

7 The angel of the Lord found Hagar near a spring of water in the wilderness—the spring that is along the road to Shur. 8 He said, "Hagar, servant of Sarai, where have you come from, and where are you going?" She replied, "I'm running away from my mistress, Sarai."

9 Then the angel of the Lord said to her, "Return to your mistress and submit to her authority. 10 I will greatly multiply your descendants," the angel of the Lord added, "so that they will be too numerous to count." 11 Then the angel of the Lord said to her,

"You are now pregnant

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name,

Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done,
On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those
who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

EVENING PRAYER

O God,
the life of all who live,
the light of the faithful,
the strength of those who labor,
and the repose of the dead:

We thank you for the blessings
of the day that is past,
and humbly ask for your protection
through the coming night.

Bring us in safety
to the morning hours;
through him who died
and rose again for us,
your Son our Savior
Jesus Christ.
Amen.

and are about to give birth to a son.
You are to name him Ishmael,
for the Lord has heard your painful groans.
12 He will be a wild donkey of a man.
He will be hostile to everyone,
and everyone will be hostile to him.
He will live away from his brothers."

13 So Hagar named the Lord who spoke to her, "You are the God who sees me," for she said, "Here I have seen one who sees me!" 14 That is why the well was called Beer Lahai Roi. (It is located between Kadesh and Bered.)

15 So Hagar gave birth to Abram's son, whom Abram named Ishmael. 16 (Now Abram was 86 years old when Hagar gave birth to Ishmael.)

21 The Lord visited Sarah just as he had said he would and did for Sarah what he had promised. 2 So Sarah became pregnant and bore Abraham a son in his old age at the appointed time that God had told him. 3 Abraham named his son—whom Sarah bore to him—Isaac. 4 When his son Isaac was eight days old, Abraham circumcised him just as God had commanded him to do. 5 (Now Abraham was 100 years old when his son Isaac was born to him.)

6 Sarah said, "God has made me laugh. Everyone who hears about this will laugh with me." 7 She went on to say, "Who would have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have given birth to a son for him in his old age!"

LUKE 1

5 During the reign of Herod king of Judea, there lived a priest named Zechariah who belonged to the priestly division of Abijah, and he had a wife named Elizabeth, who was a descendant of Aaron. 6 They were both righteous in the sight of God, following all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blamelessly. 7 But they did not have a child, because Elizabeth was barren, and they were both very old.

8 Now while Zechariah was serving as priest before God when

LISTEN

Promises

Maverick City Music

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Hear Him

-Emma Nissen

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See Me

-Gloria Umanah

PONDER

Abraham & Sarah

-Rene Gross

https://renegross.art/projects/d0vzRQ?album_id=7770919

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You Are Not An Answer

- Meister Eckhart

<https://www.christiancentury.org/review/books/how-christian-was-meister-eckhart>

*There is no Why in You
and so I must learn to trust
that You are not an answer
to my questions but rather
the source that is true before
every question I ever had
and the love beyond every
answer I will ever know.*

his division was on duty, ...11 An angel of the Lord, standing on the right side of the altar of incense, appeared to him. 12 And Zechariah, visibly shaken when he saw the angel, was seized with fear. 13 But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son; you will name him John.

...

24 After some time his wife Elizabeth became pregnant, and for five months she kept herself in seclusion. She said, 25 "This is what the Lord has done for me at the time when he has been gracious to me, to take away my disgrace among people."

26 In the sixth month of Elizabeth's pregnancy, the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town of Galilee called Nazareth, 27 to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, a descendant of David, and the virgin's name was Mary. ... 30 So the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God! 31 Listen: You will become pregnant and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. 32 He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of his father David. 33 He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and his kingdom will never end."

...

46 And Mary said,

"My soul exalts the Lord,

47 and my spirit has begun to rejoice in God my Savior,
48 because he has looked upon the humble state of his servant.

For from now on all generations will call me blessed,
49 because he who is mighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his name;

50 from generation to generation
he is merciful to those who fear him.

51 He has demonstrated power with his arm;
he has scattered those whose pride wells up
from the sheer arrogance of their hearts.

52 He has brought down the mighty from their thrones,
and has lifted up those of lowly position;

53 he has filled the hungry with good things,
and has sent the rich away empty.

54 He has helped his servant Israel, remembering his mercy,

55 as he promised to our ancestors,
to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

Daily Reflection

Begin by **summarizing** what you read in any way you would like: draw, outline, paraphrase, etc. Continue by **reflecting** on the themes we are tracing: God's presence, people, and promises.

Daily Prayer

*try writing a collect