

Ruth & Boaz

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## MORNING PRAYER

O Lord, open our lips;  
And our mouth  
shall show 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, the King eternal,  
whose light divides  
the day from the night  
and turns the shadow of death  
into the morning:

Drive far from us all wrong desires,  
incline our hearts to keep your law,  
and guide our feet  
into the way of peace;

that, having done your will  
with cheerfulness during the day,  
we may, when night comes,  
rejoice to give you thanks;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

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## PSALM 94

O Lord, the God who avenges!  
O God who avenges, reveal your splendor.

2 Rise up, O judge of the earth.

Pay back the proud.

3 O Lord, how long will the wicked,  
how long will the wicked celebrate?

4 They spew out threats and speak defiantly;  
all the evildoers boast.

5 O Lord, they crush your people;  
they oppress the nation that belongs to you.

6 They kill the widow and the resident foreigner,  
and they murder the fatherless.

7 Then they say, "The Lord does not see this;  
the God of Jacob does not take notice of it."

8 Take notice of this, you ignorant people.  
You fools, when will you ever understand?

9 Does the one who makes the human ear not hear?  
Does the one who forms the human eye not see?

10 Does the one who disciplines the nations not punish?  
He is the one who imparts knowledge to human beings!

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17 If the Lord had not helped me,  
I would soon have dwelt in the silence of death.

18 If I say, "My foot is slipping,"  
your loyal love, O Lord, supports me.

19 When worries threaten to overwhelm me,  
your soothing touch makes me happy.

## RUTH 1-4

1 During the time of the judges, there was a famine in the land of Judah. So a man from Bethlehem in Judah went to live as a resident foreigner in the region of Moab, along with his wife and two sons. ... 3 Sometime later Naomi's husband Elimelech died, so she and her two sons were left alone. 4 Both her sons married Moabite women. (One was named Orpah and the other

## CONFESSION

Most merciful God,  
we confess  
that we have sinned against you  
in thought,  
word,  
and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you  
with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors  
as ourselves.

We are truly sorry  
and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son  
Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us  
and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name.

Amen.

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Grant your faithful people,  
merciful Lord,  
pardon and peace;

that we may be cleansed  
from all our sins,  
and serve you with a quiet mind;  
through Jesus Christ  
our Lord.

Amen.

Ruth.) And they continued to live there about ten years. 5 Then Naomi's two sons, Mahlon and Kilion, also died. So the woman was left all alone—bereaved of her two children as well as her husband!

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7 Now as she and her two daughters-in-law began to leave the place where she had been living to return to the land of Judah, 8 Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Listen to me! Each of you should return to your mother's home. May the Lord show you the same kind of devotion that you have shown to your deceased husbands and to me. 9 May the Lord enable each of you to find security in the home of a new husband." Then she kissed them goodbye, and they wept loudly.

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14 Again they wept loudly. Then Orpah kissed her mother-in-law goodbye, but Ruth clung tightly to her. 15 So Naomi said, "Look, your sister-in-law is returning to her people and to her god. Follow your sister-in-law back home!" 16 But Ruth replied,

"Stop urging me to abandon you!

For wherever you go, I will go.

Wherever you live, I will live.

Your people will become my people,

and your God will become my God.

17 Wherever you die, I will die—and there I will be buried. May the Lord punish me severely if I do not keep my promise! Only death will be able to separate me from you!"

**2** Now Naomi had a relative on her husband's side of the family named Boaz. He was a wealthy, prominent man from the clan of Elimelech.

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8 So Boaz said to Ruth, "Listen carefully, my dear! Do not leave to gather grain in another field. You need not go beyond the limits of this field. You may go along beside my female workers. 9 Take note of the field where the men are harvesting and follow behind with the female workers. I will tell the men to leave you alone. When you are thirsty, you may go to the water jars and drink some of the water the servants draw."

10 Ruth knelt before him with her forehead to the ground and said to him, "Why are you so kind and so attentive to me, even though I am a foreigner?" 11 Boaz replied to her, "I have been given a full report of all that you have done for your mother-in-

## 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:*

law following the death of your husband—how you left your father and your mother, as well as your homeland, and came to live among people you did not know previously. 12 May the Lord reward your efforts! May your acts of kindness be repaid fully by the Lord God of Israel, from whom you have sought protection.”

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19 Her mother-in-law asked her, “Where did you gather grain today? Where did you work? May the one who took notice of you be rewarded!” So Ruth told her mother-in-law with whom she had worked. She said, “The name of the man with whom I worked today is Boaz.” 20 Naomi said to her daughter-in-law, “May he be rewarded by the Lord because he has shown loyalty to the living on behalf of the dead!”

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**3** At that time, Naomi, her mother-in-law, said to her, “My daughter, I must find a home for you so you will be secure. 2 Now Boaz, with whose female servants you worked, is our close relative. Look, tonight he is winnowing barley at the threshing floor. 3 So bathe yourself, rub on some perfumed oil, and get dressed up. Then go down to the threshing floor. But don’t let the man know you’re there until he finishes his meal.

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6 So she went down to the threshing floor and did everything her mother-in-law had instructed her to do. 7 When Boaz had finished his meal and was feeling satisfied, he lay down to sleep at the far end of the grain heap. Then Ruth crept up quietly, uncovered his legs, and lay down beside him. 8 In the middle of the night he was startled and turned over. Now he saw a woman lying beside him! 9 He said, “Who are you?” She replied, “I am Ruth, your servant. Marry your servant, for you are a guardian of the family interests.” 10 He said, “May you be rewarded by the Lord, my dear! This act of devotion is greater than what you did before. For you have not sought to marry one of the young men, whether rich or poor. 11 Now, my dear, don’t worry! I intend to do for you everything you propose, for everyone in the village knows that you are a worthy woman.

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When Ruth returned to her mother-in-law, Naomi asked, “How did things turn out for you, my daughter?” Ruth told her about all the man had done for her. 17 She said, “He gave me these sixty pounds of barley, for he said to me, ‘Do not go to your

## 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.

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## EVENING PRAYER

Keep watch, dear Lord,  
with those who work,  
or watch,  
or weep this night,  
and give your angels charge  
over those who sleep.

Tend the sick, Lord Christ;  
give rest to the weary,  
bless the dying,  
soothe the suffering,  
pity the afflicted,  
shield the joyous;  
and all for your love's sake.

Amen.

mother-in-law empty-handed.” 18 Then Naomi said, “Stay put, my daughter, until you know how the matter turns out. For the man will not rest until he has taken care of the matter today.”

**4** Now Boaz went up to the village gate and sat there.

... 9 Then Boaz said to the leaders and all the people, “You are witnesses today that I have acquired from Naomi all that belonged to Elimelech, Kilion, and Mahlon. 10 I have also acquired Ruth the Moabite, the wife of Mahlon, as my wife to raise up a descendant who will inherit his property so the name of the deceased might not disappear from among his relatives and from his village. You are witnesses today.” 11 All the people who were at the gate and the elders replied, “We are witnesses. May the Lord make the woman who is entering your home like Rachel and Leah, both of whom built up the house of Israel! May you prosper in Ephrathah and become famous in Bethlehem. 12 May your family become like the family of Perez—whom Tamar bore to Judah—through the descendants the Lord gives you by this young woman.”

13 So Boaz married Ruth and slept with her. The Lord enabled her to conceive and she gave birth to a son. 14 The village women said to Naomi, “May the Lord be praised because he has not left you without a guardian today! May he become famous in Israel! 15 He will encourage you and provide for you when you are old, for your daughter-in-law, who loves you, has given him birth. She is better to you than seven sons!” 16 Naomi took the child and placed him on her lap; she became his caregiver. 17 The neighbor women gave him a name, saying, “A son has been born to Naomi.” They named him Obed. Now he became the father of Jesse—David’s father.

## EPHESIANS 2-3

**2** 4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of his great love with which he loved us, 5 even though we were dead in offenses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you are saved!— 6 and he raised us up together with him and seated us together with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, 7 to demonstrate in the coming ages the surpassing wealth of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. 8 For by grace you are saved through faith, and this is not from yourselves, it is the

## LISTEN

### Kyrie Elaison

-Juliano Ravanello

### God's Not Done With You

Tauren Wells

### Adoption Song

-Brandon Lake

## PONDER

### Leavetaking

-Anne Porter, 2006

<https://artandtheology.org/2018/11/16/leavetaking-by-anne-porter/>

*Nearing the start  
of that mysterious last season  
Which brings us to the close  
of the other four,  
I'm somewhat afraid  
and don't know how to prepare  
So I will praise you.*

...

*And I praise you that from vacant lots  
From only broken glass and candy  
wrappers  
You raise up the blue chicory flowers.*

*I thank you for that secret praise  
Which burns in every creature,  
And I ask you to bring us to life  
Out of every sort of death*

*And teach us mercy.*

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### Ruth and Naomi

-Chana Helen, 2023

<https://www.chanahelen.com/love-and-devotion-a-righteous-convert/>

gift of God; 9 it is not from works, so that no one can boast. 10 For we are his creative work, having been created in Christ Jesus for good works that God prepared beforehand so we can do them.

11 Therefore remember that formerly you, the Gentiles in the flesh—who are called “uncircumcision” by the so-called “circumcision” that is performed on the body by human hands— 12 that you were at that time without the Messiah, alienated from the citizenship of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. 13 But now in Christ Jesus you who used to be far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ. 14 For he is our peace, the one who made both groups into one and who destroyed the middle wall of partition, the hostility, 15 when he nullified in his flesh the law of commandments in decrees. He did this to create in himself one new man out of two, thus making peace, 16 and to reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross, by which the hostility has been killed.

17 And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near, 18 so that through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. 19 So then you are no longer foreigners and noncitizens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of God's household, 20 because you have been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. 21 In him the whole building, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, 22 in whom you also are being built together into a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

**3** ... 14 For this reason I kneel before the Father, 15 from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named. 16 I pray that according to the wealth of his glory he will grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in the inner person, 17 that Christ will dwell in your hearts through faith, so that, because you have been rooted and grounded in love, 18 you will be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, 19 and thus to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you will be filled up to all the fullness of God.

20 Now to him who by the power that is working within us is able to do far beyond all that we ask or think, 21 to him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

# 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

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