

## Saturday Prayers

Week-end of January 22nd – 23rd 2017

Third Sunday after Epiphany

Jesus preached the gospel of the kingdom and healed every infirmity  
among the people Matthew 4. 23

Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worth of your call; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Lord, you give the great commission: "heal the sick and preach the word".  
Lest we neglect our mission and the gospel go un-heard,  
help us witness to your purpose with renewed integrity;  
with the Spirit's gift empower us for the work of ministry.  
Lord's you bless with words assuring "I am with you to the end".  
Faith and hope and love restoring, may we serve as you intend,  
and amid life's cares that claim us, Lord empower us to the end.  
(Jeffery Rowthorn)

Wednesday January 25 th - The Conversion of St. Paul.

This Jesus God raised up, and of that we all are witnesses  
Acts 2. 23

Almighty God by the preaching of St. Paul you caused the light of the gospel to shine throughout the world. May we who celebrate his wonderful conversion follow him in bearing witness to your truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Let you light so shine before others,  
that it may glorify your Father which is in heaven.  
Matthew 5. 16

Be mindful, O Lord, of people bowed before you, lifting up and joining hands of prayer around the world.

We pray for all people caught up in the cares and needs of the world.

Especially at this time we pray for world leaders and those in positions of authority that they may be aware of your presence, express your truth, accept your guidance and speak the truth in love. Care

for the infants, guide the young, support the aged, encourage the faint hearted, collect the scattered and bring the wandering to your fold.

We pray for those who serve to defend us and keep us safe; and for the first responders in emergency situations, shield them from danger as they offer their ministry of help and protection.

We pray for the sick and the suffering and those who minister to them of your healing grace, give them courage and strength to do your will.

We pray for those who are dying, and those who have died, that they may be received into your Kingdom of love and peace.

Protect and direct those who travel and may they extend holy hands of friendship and love to all they meet and serve.

Strengthen all who are in tribulation, distress, necessity, or any kind of need, give them strength for their journey and courage to do your will.

Lord Jesus, who commend to your care and protection all who love and care for us, and also those who hate us and try to do us harm. And we pray for those whom we have forgotten – do thou O Lord remember, for you are the Helper of the helpless; the Saviour of the lost, the Refuge of the wanderer, the Healer of the sick. You know our needs before we ask, grant to all your merciful loving kindness and your eternal love; Father, Son and Holy Spirit walk with us on our journey of life and guide us through to your Eternal Kingdom. Amen

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