

*First Reader:* **A Reading from Sirach.**

The beginning of human pride is to forsake the Lord;  
the heart has withdrawn from its Maker.  
For the beginning of pride is sin,  
and the one who clings to it pours out abominations.  
Therefore the Lord brings upon them unheard-of calamities,  
and destroys them completely.  
The Lord overthrows the thrones of rulers,  
and enthrones the lowly in their place.  
The Lord plucks up the roots of the nations,  
and plants the humble in their place.  
The Lord lays waste the lands of the nations,  
and destroys them to the foundations of the earth.  
He removes some of them and destroys them,  
and erases the memory of them from the earth.  
Pride was not created for human beings,  
or violent anger for those born of women.

*Reader:* **The Word of the Lord.**

*People:* Thanks be to God.

*Leader:*     **Our response today is Psalm 112. We will recite the Psalm responsively by whole verse.**

- 1    **Hallelujah!**  
     **Happy are they who fear the Lord \***  
     **and have great delight in his commandments!**
- 2    Their descendants will be mighty in the land; \*  
     the generation of the upright will be blessed.
- 3    **Wealth and riches will be in their house, \***  
     **and their righteousness will last for ever.**
- 4    Light shines in the darkness for the upright; \*  
     the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.
- 5    **It is good for them to be generous in lending \***  
     **and to manage their affairs with justice.**
- 6    For they will never be shaken; \*  
     the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.
- 7    **They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; \***  
     **their heart is right;**  
     **they put their trust in the Lord.**
- 8    Their heart is established and will not shrink, \*  
     until they see their desire upon their enemies.
- 9    **They have given freely to the poor, \***  
     **and their righteousness stands fast for ever;**  
     **they will hold up their head with honor.**
- 10   The wicked will see it and be angry;  
     they will gnash their teeth and pine away; \*  
     the desires of the wicked will perish.

*Second Reader:* **A reading from Hebrews.**

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;  
I will not be afraid.  
What can anyone do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

*Lector:*       **The Word of the Lord.**

*People:*       Thanks be to God.

# THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM 6

*Leader* In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *hold Silence for a moment...*

*Leader* For all people in their daily life and work;

*People* For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

**For this community, the nation, and the world;**

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

**For the just and proper use of your creation;**

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

**For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;**

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

**For the peace and unity of the Church of God;**

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

**For all bishops and other ministers;**

For all who serve God in his Church.

**For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.**

*hold brief silence.*

*Leader* Hear us, Lord;

*People* For your mercy is great.

**We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.**

*Hold Silence for a moment; the People may add their own thanksgivings*

**We will exalt you, O God our King;**

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

**We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.**

*Silence; The People may add their own remembrances*

**Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;**

Who put their trust in you.

*the Celebrant will conclude with a Collect.*