

Job said,

“O that my words were written down!

O that they were inscribed in a book!

O that with an iron pen and with lead

they were engraved on a rock forever!

For I know that my Redeemer lives,

and that at the last he will stand upon the earth;  
and after my skin has been thus destroyed,

then in my flesh I shall see God,  
whom I shall see on my side,

and my eyes shall behold, and not another.”

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

*Leader:* **Our Responsorial Psalm for today is Psalm 17, verses 1-9**  
**We will recite the psalm responsively by half-verse.**

- 1 Hear my plea of innocence, O LORD;  
**give heed to my cry; \***  
**listen to my prayer, which does not come from lying lips.**
- 2 Let my vindication come forth from your presence; \*  
**let your eyes be fixed on justice.**
- 3 Weigh my heart, summon me by night, \*  
**melt me down; you will find no impurity in me.**
- 4 I give no offense with my mouth as others do; \*  
**I have heeded the words of your lips.**
- 5 My footsteps hold fast to the ways of your law; \*  
**in your paths my feet shall not stumble.**
- 6 I call upon you, O God, for you will answer me; \*  
**incline your ear to me and hear my words.**
- 7 Show me your marvelous loving-kindness, \*  
**O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand**  
**from those who rise up against them.**
- 8 Keep me as the apple of your eye; \*  
**hide me under the shadow of your wings,**
- 9 From the wicked who assault me, \*  
**from my deadly enemies who surround me.**

## *Second Reader:* **A Reading from 2 Thessalonians**

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

*Reader:*           The Word of the Lord.

*People:*           **Thanks be to God.**

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: Form VI

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. *Silence.*

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

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for: St. Catherine of Sienna, Missouri City; St. John's, Palacios; and St. Mark's, Bay City. For the peace and unity of the Church of God;  
**For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.**

For Andy, our Diocesan Bishop; Kai, Jeff, Hector, and Brian, our bishops; For all bishops and other ministers;  
**For all who serve God in his church.**

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

*Silence; the People may add their own petitions.*

Hear us, Lord;  
**For your mercy is great.**

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

*Silence; the People may add thanksgivings silently or aloud.*

We 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...*

Lord, let your loving kindness be upon them;  
**Who put their trust in you.**

*The Presider says a concluding Collect.*