The Pilgrim’s Prayer

Officiant: O God, who brought your servants Abraham and Sarah out of the land of the Chaldeans, protecting them in their wanderings, guiding the Hebrew people across the desert; we ask that you watch over us, your servants, as we walk in the Way of Love.

All: Be for us our companion on the walk,

Our guide at the crossroads,

Our breath in our weariness,

Our protection in danger,

Our shade in the heat,

Our light in the darkness,

Our consolation in our discouragements,

And our strength in our intentions.

Officiant: With your guidance, Heavenly Father, may we arrive safe and sound at the end of the road and enriched with grace and virtue as we return safely to our homes filled with joy. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Each pilgrim receives a blessing of his/her feet/boots
MONDAY MORNING WORSHIP

Opening Versicle and Response:

Officiant: Blessed are those whose strength is in you
Pilgrims: Who have set their hearts on pilgrimage. (Psalm 84:5)

Psalm 121:

1 I look up to the mountains—
   does my help come from there?
2 My help comes from the Lord,
   who made heaven and earth!
3 He will not let you stumble;
   the one who watches over you will not slumber.
4 Indeed, he who watches over Israel
   never slumbers or sleeps.
5 The Lord himself watches over you!
   The Lord stands beside you as your protective shade.
6 The sun will not harm you by day,
   nor the moon at night.
7 The Lord keeps you from all harm
   and watches over your life.
8 The Lord keeps watch over you as you come and go,
   both now and forever.

Scripture: Proverbs 16:9

Reader: “The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps.”

Pilgrims: Thanks be to God.
Canticle: The First Song of Isaiah  (prayed in unison)

Surely, it is God who saves me; *
   I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *
   and he will be my Savior.
Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *
   from the springs of salvation.
And on that day you shall say, *
   Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;
Make his deeds known among the peoples; *
   see that they remember that his Name is exalted.
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *
   and this is known in all the world.
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *
   for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
   as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Set an intention for the day: In the silence of their hearts, each pilgrim sets an intention for the day.

Lord’s Prayer: Our Father....

Launching Prayer of the Day: The pilgrim prayer – Thomas Merton

My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end...Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this, You will lead me by the right road, though I may know nothing about it. Therefore will I trust you always though I may seem lost in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone. Amen.

Blessing and Sending:

Bless to us, O God,
   the earth beneath our feet.
Bless to us, O God,
   the path whereon we go.
Bless to us, O God,
   the people whom we meet.
Go with God +, this day.
TUESDAY MORNING WORSHIP

Opening Versicle and Response:

Officiant: Blessed are those whose strength is in you
Pilgrims: Who have set their hearts on pilgrimage. (Psalm 84:5)

Psalm A Hikers 23rd Psalm

Wise in the ways of the woods and the trails, The Lord is my guide.

I need no one else. With Him I find a quiet place for my bed, Pine-scented and blanketed with the stars.

He leads me to the shores of a lake. Whose stillness mirrors the moving sky.

When I come to a place where the trails are crossed, He points the way I should go.

In the darkness and the tangled forest, On the knife-edge of a plunging cliff I am not afraid, for He is there.

His strength toughens my arm, And I confront the unknown peril with a courage not my own.

I am filled with His presence. Around me is breathtaking beauty and I see the wonders prepared for me.

I am at home in the craggy mountains Where waterfalls carve their thunderous way into the archives of the rock.

I shall follow the stream where it forms Deep pools against the roots of an aged tree.

Wherever I go I am a guest on the vast estate of the Lord, And I am joyful that it is so.

(Virginia Feeder Westervelt)
Scripture: Psalm 19:105
Reader: “Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.” (Psalm 19:105)

Pilgrims: Thanks be to God.

Canticle 10 The Second Song of Isaiah (prayed in unison)

Seek the Lord while he wills to be found; *
call upon him when he draws near.
Let the wicked forsake their ways *
and the evil ones their thoughts;
And let them turn to the Lord, and he will have compassion, *
and to our God, for he will richly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts, *
nor your ways my ways, says the Lord.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth, *
so are my ways higher than your ways,
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Set an intention for the day: In the silence of their hearts, each pilgrim sets an intention for the day.

The Lord’s Prayer: Our Father...

Launching Prayer of the Day:

God of the guiding star, the bush that blazes: show us your way
God of the stormy seas, the bread that nourishes: teach us your truth

God of the still, small voice, the wind that blows where it chooses: fill us with life
God of the elements, of our inward and outward journeys: set our feet on your road today.

May God bless us with a safe journey. May the angels and saints travel with us. May we live this day in justice and joy. Amen.

Blessing and Sending:

Bless to us, O God,
the earth beneath our feet.
Bless to us, O God,
the path whereon we go.
Bless to us, O God,
the people whom we meet.

Go with God +, this day
Opening Versicle and Response:

Officiant: Blessed are those whose strength is in you
Pilgrims: Who have set their hearts on pilgrimage. (Psalm 84:5)

Psalm 145: 8-16

8 The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love.

9 The Lord is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.

10 All your works praise you, Lord; your faithful people extol you.

11 They tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might,

12 so that all people may know of your mighty acts and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations.

The Lord is trustworthy in all he promises and faithful in all he does.

14 The Lord upholds all who fall and lifts up all who are bowed down.

15 The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the proper time.

16 You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing.

Scripture: Mark 16:15

Reader: “And he said to them, “Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.”

Pilgrims: Thanks be to God.
Canticle: (prayed in unison)

Invocation

Glorify the Lord, all you works of the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

I The Cosmic Order

Glorify the Lord, you angels and all powers of the Lord, *
O heavens and all waters above the heavens.
Sun and moon and stars of the sky, glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, every shower of rain and fall of dew, *
all winds and fire and heat.
Winter and Summer, glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O chill and cold, *
drops of dew and flakes of snow.
Frost and cold, ice and sleet, glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O nights and days, *
O shining light and enfolding dark.
Storm clouds and thunderbolts, glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Doxology

Let us glorify the Lord: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever. In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Set an intention for the day: In the silence of their hearts, each pilgrim sets an intention for the day.

The Lord’s Prayer: Our Father...

Launching Prayer of the Day:
Blessed are you, pilgrim, if you find that the Camino opens your eyes to the unseen.

Blessed are you, pilgrim, if what concerns you most is not arriving, but arriving with the others.

Blessed are you, pilgrim, when you contemplate the sights of the Camino and find them full of names and of new dawns.

Blessed are you, pilgrim, because you have discovered that the true Camino begins at its end.

Blessed are you, pilgrim, if your backpack empties of things as our heart doesn’t know where to fit so many emotions.

Blessed are you, pilgrim, if you discover that a step backwards to help another is more valuable than one hundred forward without awareness of those at your sides.

Blessed are you, pilgrim, when you have no words to give thanks for all the wonders in every nook of the Camino.

Blessed are you, pilgrim, if you search the truth and make of your Camino a life after him who is the Way, the Life and the Truth.

Blessed are you, pilgrim, if in the Camino you meet yourself and make yourself a gift of time without hurry so that you may not neglect the image of your heart.

Blessed are you, pilgrim, if you find that the Camino is rich with silence, and the silence is rich with prayers, and the prayers are encounters with God who awaits you.

All-powerful God, you always show mercy toward those whom you love and you are never far away for those who seek you. Remain with your servants on this pilgrimage day and guide their way in accord with your will. Shelter them with your protection by day, give them the light of your grace by night, and, as their companion on their journey, bring them to their destination in safety. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.
Blessing and Sending:

Bless to us, O God,  
*the earth beneath our feet.*
Bless to us, O God,  
*the path whereon we go.*
Bless to us, O God,  
*the people whom we meet.*

Go with God +, this day.
THURSDAY MORNING WORSHIP

Opening Versicle and Response:

Officiant:    Blessed are those whose strength is in you.
Pilgrims:     Who have set their hearts on pilgrimage.  (Psalm 84:5)

Psalm 51:1-2, 10-12 (prayed in unison)

Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.
Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
and do not take your holy spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing spirit.

Scripture: Exodus 13:21

Reader: “By day the Lord went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud to guide them on
their way and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so they could
tavel by day or night.”

Pilgrims: Thanks be to God.

Canticle: (prayed in unison)

Invocation

Glorify the Lord, all you works of the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, *

II  The Earth and its Creatures

Let the earth glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
Glorify the Lord, O mountains and hills,  
and all that grows upon the earth, *  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O springs of water, seas, and streams, *  
O whales and all that move in the waters.  
All birds of the air, glorify the Lord, *  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O beasts of the wild, *  
and all you flocks and herds.  
O men and women everywhere, glorify the Lord, *  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Doxology

Let us glorify the Lord: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.  
In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, *  
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Set an intention for the day: In the silence of their hearts, each pilgrim sets an intention for the day.

The Lord's Prayer: Our Father...

Launching Prayer of the Day:

May I walk this day  
in the realm of grace,  
walking with You  
my feet firmly on your earth-path,  
my heart loving all as kindred,  
my words and deeds alive with justice.

May I walk as blessing, meeting blessing at every turn in every  
challenge, blessing, in all opposition, blessing,  
in harm’s way, blessing.

May I walk each step in this moment of grace, alert to hear You  
and awake enough to say  
a simple Yes.  

(Bernard Corin Morris)

Blessing and Sending:

Bless to us, O God,  
the earth beneath our feet.  
Bless to us, O God,  
the path whereon we go.  
Bless to us, O God,  
the people whom we meet.  
Go with God +, this day.
FRIDAY MORNING WORSHIP

Opening Versicle and Response:

Officiant: Blessed are those whose strength is in you
Pilgrims: Who have set their hearts on pilgrimage. (Psalm 84:5)

Psalm 61:1-4

Hear my cry, O God; listen to my prayer.

From the end of the earth I call to you; when my heart is faint.

Lead me to the rock; that is higher than I;

for you are my refuge; a strong tower against the enemy.

Let me abide in your tent forever; find refuge under the shelter of your wings.

Scripture: Proverbs 3:23-24

Reader: “Then you will go safely on your way, and you will not hurt your foot. When you lie down, you will not be afraid. As you lie there, your sleep will be sweet.”

Pilgrims: Thanks be to God.

Canticle: (prayed in unison)

Invocation

Glorify the Lord, all you works of the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, *

III The People of God

Let the people of God glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
Glorify the Lord, O priests and servants of the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O spirits and souls of the righteous, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
You that are holy and humble of heart, glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Doxology

Let us glorify the Lord: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.
In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, *
praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Set an intention for the day: In the silence of their hearts, each pilgrim sets an intention for the day.

The Lord’s Prayer: Our Father...

Launching Prayer of the Day: St. Gildas 5th C Pilgrims’ Prayer

In health may I and all of my companions
Safely arrive with no harm or injury –
May my boat be safe in the waves of the ocean,
My horses safe on the highways of the earth,
Our money safe as we carry it with us
To pay due heed to our poor necessities.
May our enemies fail to do harm to us,
However evil the counsels which inspire them,
In the eternal name of Christ our Master,
May my roads all lie plain before me,
Whether I climb the rugged heights of mountains,
Or descend the hollow depths of valleys,
Or trudge the lengthy roads on open country,
Or struggle through the thickets of dense forest:
May I walk always in straight ways and shining
To longed-for places . . .

Blessing and Sending:

Bless to us, O God,
the earth beneath our feet.
Bless to us, O God,
the path whereon we go.
Bless to us, O God,
the people whom we meet.

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