Trinity Church Rocky Hill
Tuesday Evening Prayer (23)
September 8, 2020 - 7:00 PM

O gracious light,
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!

Now as we come to the setting of the sun,
and our eyes behold the vesper light,
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,
O Son of God, O Giver of Life,
and to be glorified through all the worlds.

**MEDITATION ON PSALM 1**

1Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers,

2but whose delight is in the law of the LORD, and who meditates on his law day and night.

3That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither— whatever they do prospers.

4Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away.

5Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

6For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.

Reader: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
**People:** As it was in the beginning is now and will be forever. Amen
Prayers

A Scripture Guided Prayer to Pray for our Country

The kingship belongs to the Lord, and He rules over the nations. Psalm 22:28

Give ear, O God, and hear; open Your eyes and see the desolation of [our country].
We do not make requests because we are righteous, but because of Your great mercy.
O Lord, listen! O Lord, forgive! O Lord, hear and act! For Your sake, O my God, do not
delay. Daniel 9:18-19

Silence

I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made
for all people – for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet
lives in all godliness and holiness. 1 Timothy 2:1-2

Silence

May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity
among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you
may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Romans 15:5-6

Silence

But be sure to fear the Lord and serve Him faithfully with all your heart; consider what
great things He has done for you. Yet if you persist in doing evil, both you and your
king will be swept away. 1 Samuel 12:24-25

Silence

To Him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you before His glorious
presence without fault and with great joy – to the only God our Savior be glory,
majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and
forevermore! Amen. Jude 24-25

Silence

Prayer for An Awakening in America

Dear God, Thank you for your great power. We praise you for your Truth. We’re
grateful that you have set us free from the clutching grasp of sin and death. Would you
be with your people, extending your grace, granting your freedom, providing your
protection, and empowering with your strength. We ask that you'd bring about an
awakening of your presence as never seen before. We ask that your Name be
proclaimed, that all plans to silence the Name of Jesus would be thwarted and crushed.
We pray that many would come to know you as Lord and Savior, we pray that many
would see your Light, that you would open blind eyes and release those still
imprisoned. Amen

A Prayer for America’s Future

Make us a great nation, yes. But more than that, make us good, Lord, with a heartbeat
that wants every person of every creed and color to know Your love, Your goodness,
and Your worth. Make us wise as serpents, but gentle as doves. Turn our fears to faith,
as we look to You and You alone for the future of our country. Give us God-confidence
that no matter what happens, we will believe You are not only in control, but that You know exactly what is needed to accomplish Your purpose. Help us not to second-guess Your moves, but to move at Your command, always without hesitation. Forgive us for wanting our own way and making our own paths—often the ones paved with least resistance. Forgive us for fence-walking, or for ignoring completely the truths that can so easily set us free. Deliver us from mindless quarrels and destinations that lead us nowhere, but away from You. Free us from divisiveness, and melt our hardened hearts to love, not hate, and to heal, not debate. Amen

Prayer for Justice and Healing
We may look different from each other, but we have one big thing in common -- we're all your image-bearers Lord, which means we all have equal value, we all have purpose, and we are all part of your plan. Father, you know the injustice that has occurred for thousands of years, in different countries, with races of color and classes of people. I pray for justice in ongoing racism, which is still found here in America. I pray that these wrongs look very wrong to everyone who views these situations; make it clear to everyone God, that races of color are beautiful, valuable, and worthy. You are the author of justice Lord, we ask that you would rain down justice in the form of convictions, law changes, police training, transformed mindsets and hearts, and continued racial reconciliation. Help us to look to you…and your Word to remind ourselves of what justice should look like. You know what injustice is like God; every sin committed is an injustice against you. Lord help us to fight injustice in the right way, may we always look to you as the solution. Oh Lord, that there would be more and more hearts transformed by your grace. May this time of injustice produce opportunities for conversation to talk about your grace, mercy, and forgiveness. May we seek you in our quest for justice, and may we continue to pray in your name for justice to be served when lives are taken and hateful actions are committed. In your name Jesus, Amen.

Heal Our Land
We pray for your great healing on our land. Shine your face on us dear God. We need you now, more than ever before. Our times are in your hands. Thank you that you are rich in mercy and full of grace. Thank you that you are forgiving and merciful. Thank you that you are strong and mighty. Thank you that you are for us and that you fight for us still today. Bring honor to your Name, Oh Lord, for You alone are worthy. Amen

Prayer to Love Others
Lord, help me to see the issues around me in my community. Help me to be the person who goes out of my way to meet them. Lord, my heart has gotten hardened. I haven’t wanted to love people the way you love them. I’ve only loved those that think and act the way I do. Help me love people the way you love them. Help me to love enough I’d be willing to lay down my life for them. Amen.

A Prayer for Those Who Protect America
Lord, police officers’ days are filled with uncertainties and unknowns as they make quick and often life-changing or life-threatening decisions. Help them to be wise and invoke all their training and experience before moving or speaking. When they have the
opportunity to investigate a situation before taking action and engaging, give them patience not to rush to judgment or anger. Give them compassion when they determine there is no ill intent but also a keen awareness for deception. Remind them that they may not have all the evidence to make a final decision. Help them to see the good in people, and don’t let their hearts become hardened and calloused by the challenging situations they encounter daily. Amen.

**SILENT PRAYER**

**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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love. Amen.

The almighty and merciful Lord, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us. Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.