

Prayer & Scripture Readings – Sunday, October 11, 2026

Prayer for Understanding

Holy God, your Word is living and active.

**Give us ears to hear it,
minds to understand it,
and hearts ready to receive it.**

**As we listen to the Scriptures today,
help us not simply to hear words from an ancient story.**

Help us hear your voice speaking to us.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

First Reading: Deuteronomy 8:7-18

⁷ For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land—a land with brooks, streams, and deep springs gushing out into the valleys and hills; ⁸ a land with wheat and barley, vines and fig trees, pomegranates, olive oil and honey; ⁹ a land where bread will not be scarce and you will lack nothing; a land where the rocks are iron and you can dig copper out of the hills.

¹⁰ When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the Lord your God for the good land he has given you. ¹¹ Be careful that you do not forget the Lord your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws and his decrees that I am giving you this day. ¹² Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine

**houses and settle down, ¹³ and when your herds and
flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and
all you have is multiplied, ¹⁴ then your heart will
become proud and you will forget the Lord your God,
who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of
slavery. ¹⁵ He led you through the vast and dreadful
wilderness, that thirsty and waterless land, with its
venomous snakes and scorpions. He brought you water
out of hard rock. ¹⁶ He gave you manna to eat in the
wilderness, something your ancestors had never known,
to humble and test you so that in the end it might go
well with you. ¹⁷ You may say to yourself, “My power
and the strength of my hands have produced this
wealth for me.” ¹⁸ But remember the Lord your God,**

**for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth,
and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your
ancestors, as it is today.**

Second Reading: Psalm 65

A psalm of David. A song.

**¹ Praise awaits^[b] you, our God, in Zion;
to you our vows will be fulfilled.**

**² You who answer prayer,
to you all people will come.**

**³ When we were overwhelmed by sins,
you forgave^[c] our transgressions.**

**⁴ Blessed are those you choose
and bring near to live in your courts!**

**We are filled with the good things of your house,
of your holy temple.**

**⁵ You answer us with awesome and righteous deeds,
God our Savior,**

**the hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the farthest seas,**

**⁶ who formed the mountains by your power,
having armed yourself with strength,**

**⁷ who stilled the roaring of the seas,
the roaring of their waves,
and the turmoil of the nations.**

**⁸ The whole earth is filled with awe at your wonders;
where morning dawns, where evening fades,
you call forth songs of joy.**

**⁹ You care for the land and water it;
you enrich it abundantly.**

**The streams of God are filled with water
to provide the people with grain,
for so you have ordained it. [\[d\]](#)**

**¹⁰ You drench its furrows and level its ridges;
you soften it with showers and bless its crops.**

**¹¹ You crown the year with your bounty,
and your carts overflow with abundance.**

**¹² The grasslands of the wilderness overflow;
the hills are clothed with gladness.**

**¹³ The meadows are covered with flocks
and the valleys are mantled with grain;
they shout for joy and sing.**

Third Reading: Matthew 6:25-33

Do Not Worry

²⁵ “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? ²⁷ Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?

²⁸ “And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin.

²⁹ Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. ³⁰ If that is how

God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹ So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³² For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God