**Prayer for Remembrance Day APBA p204 #10**

**Sentence of Scripture**

Watch and be ready,
for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.

Matthew 24.42, 44

**Prayer of the day**

Eternal God,
you have taught us that the night is far spent
and the day is at hand:
keep us awake and alert, watching for your kingdom,
so that when Christ, the bridegroom, comes
we may go out joyfully to meet him,
and with him enter into the marriage feast
that you have prepared for all who truly love you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**Readings**

**Joshua 24:1–3a, 14–25**

1 Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and
summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel;
and they presented themselves before God. 2 And Joshua said to all the
people, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Long ago your
ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the
Euphrates and served other gods. 3 Then I took your father Abraham
from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and
made his offspring many.

14 "Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in
faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the
River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. 15 Now if you are unwilling to
serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods
your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the
Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household,
we will serve the LORD."

16 Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should
forsake the LORD to serve other gods; 17 for it is the LORD our God who
brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the
house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He
protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples
through whom we passed; 18 and the LORD drove out before us all the
peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will

serve the LORD, for he is our God."
[19] But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the LORD, for he is
a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions
or your sins. [20] If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he
will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you
good." [21] And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the LORD!"
[22] Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against
yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him." And they
said, "We are witnesses." [23] He said, "Then put away the foreign gods
that are among you, and incline your hearts to the LORD, the God of
Israel." [24] The people said to Joshua, "The LORD our God we will serve,
and him we will obey." [25] So Joshua made a covenant with the people
that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.
**Hear the word of the Lord, thanks be to God.** (NRSV)

## Psalm 78:1–7

[1] Give heed to my teaching, O my people:
**incline your ears to the words of my mouth;**
[2] For I will open my mouth in a parable:
**and expound the mysteries of former times.**
[3] What we have heard and known:
**what our forebears have told us,**
[4] We will not hide from their children, but declare to a generation yet to come:
**the praiseworthy acts of the Lord, his mighty and wonderful works.**
[5] He established a law in Jacob and made a decree in Israel:
**which he commanded our ancestors to teach their children,**
[6] That future generations might know, and those yet unborn:
**that they in turn might teach it to their children;**
[7] So that they might put their confidence in God:
**and not forget his works, but keep his commandments,**

## 1 Thessalonians 4:9–18

[9] Now concerning love of the brothers and sisters, you do not need to
have anyone write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God
to love one another; [10] and indeed you do love all the brothers and
sisters throughout Macedonia. But we urge you, beloved, to do so more
and more, [11] to aspire to live quietly, to mind your own affairs, and to
work with your hands, as we directed you, [12] so that you may behave
properly toward outsiders and be dependent on no one.

13 But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about
those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have
no hope. 14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even
so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. 15 For
this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive,
who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede
those who have died. 16 For the Lord himself, with a cry of command,
with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will
descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we
who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with
them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever.
18 Therefore encourage one another with these words. (NRSV)

Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

**Matthew 25:1–13**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

1 "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took
their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. 2 Five of them were
foolish, and five were wise. 3 When the foolish took their lamps, they
took no oil with them; 4 but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps.
5 As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept.
6 But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom!
Come out to meet him.' 7 Then all those bridesmaids got up and
trimmed their lamps. 8 The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of
your oil, for our lamps are going out.' 9 But the wise replied, 'No! there
will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers
and buy some for yourselves.' 10 And while they went to buy it, the
bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the
wedding banquet; and the door was shut. 11 Later the other bridesmaids
came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' 12 But he replied, 'Truly I tell
you, I do not know you.' 13 Keep awake therefore, for you know neither
the day nor the hour.

(NRSV)

This is the Gospel of our Lord, **praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**