

FROM PSALM 51

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Open my lips, O Lord,
and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.
Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence
and take not your holy Spirit from me.
Give me the joy of your saving help again
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. *Amen.*

MATTHEW 14:13-21

THE MESSAGE (MSG)

¹³⁻¹⁴ When Jesus got the news, he slipped away by boat to an out-of-the-way place by himself. But unsuccessfully—someone saw him and the word got around. Soon a lot of people from the nearby villages walked around the lake to where he was. When he saw them coming, he was overcome with pity and healed their sick. ¹⁵ Toward evening the disciples approached him. “We’re out in the country and it’s getting late. Dismiss the people so they can go to the villages and get some supper.” ¹⁶ But Jesus said, “There is no need to dismiss them. You give them supper.” ¹⁷ “All we have are five loaves of bread and two fish,” they said. ¹⁸⁻²¹ Jesus said, “Bring them here.” Then he had the people sit on the grass. He took the five loaves and two fish, lifted his face to heaven in prayer, blessed, broke, and gave the bread to the disciples. The disciples then gave the food to the congregation. They all ate their fill. They gathered twelve baskets of leftovers. About five thousand were fed.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE HOMILY

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(A period of silence may follow.)

OPEN MY.... PRAYER

Open my ears to hear your word
Open my eyes to see your ways
Open my hands to show your love
Open my mouth to sing your praise
Open my heart to love you more.
Amen

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

THE COLLECT

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Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE BLESSING

Deep peace to you, my child, deep peace.
Peace in your body, peace in your mind, peace in your spirit.
As you breathe in deeply, breathe in peace.
May the worries in your mind seem far away.
May you know God's love for you, and your family's love too.
Deep, deep peace to you, my child, deep peace.
(Excerpt from *Prayers for Faithful Families* by Traci Smith)