



PRAYER: ANCHORED IN CHRIST ALONE

Christ is all and is in all.

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. Alleluia!

Song: [In Christ Alone](#) (Matthew Smith)

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone, who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
'Til on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
'Til He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

*God of hope,
with thanks and praise we open our hearts to you,
who unite us with you through Christ.
Help us to pursue you with the passion only your Spirit can provide,
and to reflect you with the light only your Spirit can supply.
In the name of Jesus we pray.*

Word of God: Colossians 3:1-11

Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with

him in glory. Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. Here there is no Greek or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

Intercessions

For love God came to us in the person of Jesus—God With Us—and poured his Spirit into us that we might be one with him forever. In his name, let us pray to the Lord, saying:
Christ is all, and is in all.

Lord, thank you for the gift of your constant presence.
Give us the desire to commit our hearts to you.
Christ is all, and is in all.

Thank you for the grace of your unfailing love.
Grant us the willingness to love others as you have loved us.
Christ is all, and is in all.

Thank you for uniting us with your Son.
Help us put on our new selves,
setting our hearts and minds on things above.
Christ is all, and is in all.

Personal Intentions
Our Father...

Reflection:

Oh, how happy is the soul that freely lets herself be molded to the liking of our divine Savior!
(St. Jane Frances de Chantal)

Spend a few minutes quietly mulling over these words, ending with this short prayer:
Oh God, make us more like Jesus.

Sending:

With our lives hidden in Christ, let us now depart in peace, united in the faith and joined in His call to serve through the power of His in-dwelling Spirit.