**1st  Reading**

**from Prophet**[**Isaiah (chapter) 55 : (Versus) 10-11**](https://bible.usccb.org/bible/isaiah/55?10)

**Thus says the LORD:**

**Just as from the heavens  
    the rain and snow come down**

**And do not return there  
    till they have watered the earth,  
    making it fertile and fruitful,**

**Giving seed to the one who sows  
    and bread to the one who eats,**

**So shall my word be  
    that goes forth from my mouth;**

**It shall not return to me void,  
    but shall do my will,  
    achieving the end for which I sent it.**

**Responsorial Psalms**[34 : 4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19](https://bible.usccb.org/bible/psalms/34?4)

**Response.**

**(18b)**

**From all their distress God rescues the just.**

**Glorify the LORD with me,  
    let us together extol his name.**

**I sought the LORD, and he answered me  
    and delivered me from all my fears.**

**R.    From all their distress God rescues the just.**

**Look to him that you may be radiant with joy,  
    and your faces may not blush with shame.  
When the poor one called out, the LORD heard,  
and from all his distress he saved him.**

**R.    From all their distress God rescues the just.**

**The LORD has eyes for the just,  
    and ears for their cry.  
The LORD confronts the evildoers,  
    to destroy remembrance of them from the earth.**

**R.    From all their distress God rescues the just.**

**When the just cry out, the LORD hears them,  
and from all their distress he rescues them.  
The LORD is close to the brokenhearted;  
    and those who are crushed in spirit he saves.**

**R.    From all their distress God rescues**

**the just.**

**Gospel    -**

**Matthew (chapter)**[**6 : (versus) 7 - 15**](https://bible.usccb.org/bible/matthew/6?7)

**Jesus said to his disciples  
“In praying, do not babble like the pagans,  
  who think that they will be heard because of their    many words.**

**Do not be like them.  
Your Father knows what you need before you ask him.**

**“This is how you are to pray:**

**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.**

**“If you forgive men their transgressions,  
your heavenly Father will forgive you.**

**But if you do not forgive men,  
neither will your Father forgive your transgressions.”**

**The Gospel.**