

Alongsiders' Prayers for June 2021

June 06, 2021

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

The Ruler of this world shall now be cast out; and when I am lifted up from the earth I will draw all people to myself.

John 12: 21, 32

Scripture Readings:

1 Samuel 8: 4-11, 16-20

Psalm 138

2 Corinthians 4: 13-5:1

Mark 3: 20-35

Follow God's will for He will fulfill your purpose here on earth.

God is always with us and will provide for us. He will take us to His eternal kingdom when our work on earth is done. Jesus says whoever does the will of God is my brother, sister and mother. As members of God's family, let us pray together to our heavenly Father.

Collect: O God, you have assured the human family of eternal life through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in Him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Father, we pray:

That as family members of the Church of God we may show His likeness by doing His will; that those visiting His churches may find there God's beauty and truth, opened-hearted loving and a unity of purpose.

Silence

Father: let your will be done.

That as members of the human race we may work together, share resources, respect and learn from one another. That leaders may inspire collective good, and those with vision be valued and heard.

Silence

Father: let your will be done.

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That we may give both support and space to those we love and nurture. That those of our own families who do not yet know God, may come to understand the depth of His love. *Silence*

Father: let your will be done.

That all who come to Jesus in need, may find in Him forgiveness and healing, wholeness of body, mind and spirit, and a constant inner renewing. *Silence*

Father: let your will be done.

That as those coming to death roll up the tents of their earthly existence, may be welcomed into the eternal home prepared for them by their loving God. *Silence*

Father: let your will be done.

That as we marvel at the generosity of God's love and His acceptance of us, we may grow closer to His likeness each day we live. Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

The Lord's Prayer

The Grace

A Prayer for our Bishop

Grant to our Bishop, **Bishop Samuel Rose**, gracious Lord, wisdom and understanding to know your will for the Church, a heart that knows and cares for our people in their parishes and missions, and such clarity of expression, patience in teaching, and courage in leadership that this diocese may stand secure in its faith and constant in its service to the world for the sake of Christ. Amen.

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June 13, 2021

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Quietly accept the message planted in your hearts; it can bring you salvation.

James 1: 2

Scripture Readings:

1 Samuel 15: 34-16: 13

Psalms 20

2 Corinthians 5: 6-10, 14-17

Mark 4: 26-34

God chose us to be His children, not because of what we do, or what our appearance is, but He knows our hearts. We put our trust in God to be with us, to guide us and pray for wisdom and understanding, so that one day when His purpose for us is done, we will go home to Him in eternal glory.

Collect: Almighty God, without you we are not able to please you. Mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

From small beginnings and by God's power, the Kingdom of Heaven grows. Let us pray to the God of heaven and earth for growth of the Kingdom.

May the Kingdom grow in clusters of Christians all over the world; may it grow as hearts are warmed by encounter with the living God, nourished by the word of sacrament, private prayer and public worship.

Lord of Heaven: let the Kingdom grow.

May the Kingdom grow in states, empires and monarchies, countries, in crowded streets of cities and in scattered rural communities, in all decision making and in all spending.

Lord of Heaven: let the Kingdom grow.

May the Kingdom grow in every human shelter and home, every place of work and education, in each conversation and in our mutual care of one another.

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Lord of Heaven: let the Kingdom grow.

May the Kingdom grow to bring peace and healing wherever there is pain and sadness; to bring reassurance, comfort, courage and hope.

Lord of Heaven: let the Kingdom grow.

In the knowledge that we must all face judgement, we pray for those who have died, thanking God for His loving mercy, and entrusting our loved ones for God's safe keeping.

Lord of Heaven: let the Kingdom grow.

As we thank God for all His blessings to us, we offer Him the rest of our lives.

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

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June 20, 2021

4th Sunday after Pentecost

Father's Day

A great prophet has arisen among us! God has visited His people! Luke 7: 16

Scripture Readings:

1 Samuel 17: (1a, 4-11, 19-23), 32-49

Psalms 9: 9-20

2 Corinthians 6: 1-13

Mark 4: 35-41

David has no fear. He put his whole trust in God, and by faith he overcame Goliath. He didn't look at the size of the giant, but only on God's protection and trust of God in the Situation. Sometimes, we see only the giant and forget that God's grace is continually with us. May we, with renewed faith and trust, see God's unfailing love and overcome our giants.

Collect: O God our defender, storms rage about us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us all from unbelief; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and ever.

"What kind of person is this? Even the winds and waves obey Him." As residents of God's universe, let us pray now to our loving Creator.

Lord of all trust and goodness, we pray for those who are in positions of authority in the Church all over the world and in each gathered community, that in all storms we may be enabled to hear God's calming voice and deepen our trust in Him.

Calm our fears: and teach us your peace.

Lord of great power and majesty, we pray for those with political and military power, and all whose decisions affect many lives. Speak truth into motives, honour into actions and your vision of peace into every conflict.

Calm our fears: and teach us your peace.

Heavenly Father, we pray for all single people, couples, communal groups and families as they weather their storms and learn from them. Lavish on all who take care of others, the capacity to bring peace and calm fears.

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Calm our fears: and teach us your peace.

Lord of all healing, we pray for those whose minds and hearts are in turmoil, whose lives lurch from crisis to crisis, for those who find their lives shattered by illness or injury, for peace in those threatening storms and a settling of all anxiety.

Calm our fears: and teach us your peace.

Lord of eternity, we thank you for your reassurance of life beyond physical death. We pray for those who are dying alone, unnoticed or unprepared. We commend those who have died to God's merciful forgiveness and eternal tranquility.

Calm our fears: and teach us your peace.

Lord of creation, we are full of wonder at the story of your universe, spoken into existence and sustained with such love. Merciful father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

The Grace

Monday, June 21st has been named by the General Synod as National Indigenous Day of Prayer. Let us remember all indigenous peoples as we pray for healing, comfort and peace in their lives.

Collect of the Day: Creator God, from you every family in heaven and earth takes its name. You have rooted and grounded us in your covenant love, and empowered us by your Spirit to speak the truth in love, and to walk in your way towards justice and wholeness. Mercifully grant that your people, journeying together in partnership, may be strengthened and guided to help one another to grow into the full stature of Christ. Who is our light and our life. Amen.

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A Father's Day Prayer of Hope

Dear God, We thank you for the gift of Dads in this life. We thank you that you are the greatest Dad ever, Abba Father, and we know that you cover us in your great love.

We pray for your blessing, favor, and strength over every Dad in this world, for those who are seeking to walk closely with you in a dark world, and for those who just need to be reminded that you are real. We ask for your renewed courage, for your boldness, for your Spirit to fill them. Make them always aware and alert of the schemes of the enemy. We ask that you would keep their footsteps firm, and guard their way. We ask that you would help them to always stand strong, to be men of faith, to say "no" to what is wrong and to say "yes" to what is right. We ask that you would fill their hearts with love, compassion, joy, faithfulness, and cover their lives with great peace.

Lord, we pray that you would raise up mighty men, godly men, in this generation, those who would know and honor you with their entire lives. We pray that they would stand firm in the faith, walk wisely, and follow hard after you. May they grow in their love and passion for you, for their families, and in the calling to follow you above all else. Thank you for dads who fight for their families, who do battle in prayer over those they love.

Thank you, God, that your Word is true. We hold fast to you today, we choose to immerse our lives in your Truth. We know that you are with us always and cover us in your power and strength. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

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Blessed is the Father who shares His Heart, Lives his faith, gives his time and loves his family. Proverbs 20: 7

He will turn the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers. Malachi 4: 6

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June 27, 2021

5th Sunday after Pentecost

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has abolished death, and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

2 Timothy 1: 10

Scripture Readings:

2 Samuel 1: 1, 7-27

Psalms 130

2 Corinthians 8: 7-15

Mark 5: 21-43

We mourn for our loved ones. We await in love and hope to see them again in God's Eternal Kingdom. Be generous in sharing God's love and encourage each other in faith and love. Know that God can and will heal and strengthen those who are sick, dying and in special need. Trust your loved ones to God's unfailing love and mercy.

Collect: Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love fulfils the law. May we love you with all our heart, all our soul, all our mind, and all our strength, and may we love our neighbour as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

God's power can reach even into death and draw out life. As God has called us by name, out into full abundant life, let us lay before Him now our concerns for the Church and for the world.

Father, chip away from your Church all the built up layers of complacency or despondency, of over-comfortable familiarity or underactive expectation, until we see again with the freshness and wonder of deepened faith.

Lord, we believe: help our unbelief.

Father, we call to mind societies and systems of our world. Question our assumptions and challenge our destructive choices; break away the unnoticed scales of prejudice which blind us, so that our world may become increasingly under your reign of justice, righteousness and love.

Lord, we believe: help our unbelief.

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Father, replace our pride with humility until we learn from young children the lessons of wonder and trust. Keep the childlike as a living flame in all of us, whatever our age, and enable us to rediscover your glory all around us.

Lord, we believe: help our unbelief.

Father, as the sick were brought to Jesus by their loved ones, so we bring to you now all those whom we long to be healed. May they hear your voice and sense your touch.

Lord, we believe: help our unbelief.

Father, earthbound, we grieve at the loss of loved ones through death, yet we also rejoice in you calling them out into the fullness of everlasting life.

Lord, we believe: help our unbelief.

Father, we thank you for the amazing truth that you always reach out to us in compassion, and always have time for us. Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

The Grace

We Cannot Measure How You Heal

We cannot measure how you heal, or answer every sufferer's prayer, yet we believe your grace responds, where faith and doubt unite to care. Your hands, though bloodied on the cross, survive to hold and heal and warn, to carry all through death to life, and cradle children yet unborn.

The pain that will not go away, the guilt that clings from things long past, the fear of what the future holds are present as if meant to last. But present too is love which tends the hurt we never hoped to find, the private agonies inside the memories that haunt the mind.

So some have come who need your help, and some have come to make amends, as hands which shaped and saved the world are present in the touch of friends. Lord, let your Spirit meet us here, to mend the body, mind and soul, to disentangle peace from pain, and make your broken people whole