

## *Alongiders' Prayers for October 2021*

**October 3, 2021**

**19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

*If we love one another, God abides in us and His love is perfected in us. 1 John 4: 12*

### **Scripture Readings:**

Job 1: 1, 1-10

Psalm: 26

Hebrews 1: 1-4, 2: 5-12

Mark 10: 2-16

These scriptures reveal and remind us how we continually need to be aware of whose we are. We need to examine our hearts, always being mindful of the price paid for our salvation. Life can be difficult at times and we feel we are being tested. Go to God and ask for His help. He will never fail us.

**Collect:** Almighty God, you have built your Church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone. Join us together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may become a holy temple, acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Let us come before God our Maker, making our prayers to Him through Jesus and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

We pray that the Church may be alive to God's beckoning, quick to obey His will and always ready to act in His loving service for the good of the world.

Lord of heaven: let your will be done.

We pray that all leaders and heads of state may take wise advice and act responsibly for the wellbeing of all. We pray for God's guidance in the way we manage and care for this planet, its resources, riches and people.

Lord of heaven: let your will be done.

We pray for all marriages, for those seeking marriage partners and those whose marriages are under strain. We pray for all in close relationships, that there may be mutual love and respect.

Lord of heaven: let your will be done.

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We pray for all who are suffering through illness, accident or deliberate cruelty, for refugees and all who are abused that through the caring of human hands, they may experience the caring hand of God.

Lord of heaven: let your will be done.

We pray for all who have died violently or suddenly, or with no one to miss them. May all who have died in faith be judged with mercy and welcomed into eternal life.

Lord of heaven: let your will be done.

We pour out our thanks and praise for the gift of life and the gift of one another. May we treat each other with renewed reverence. Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

**The Lord's Prayer**

**The Grace.**

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**October 10, 2021**

**Harvest Thanksgiving**

*Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.*      *Matthew 5: 3*

### **Scripture Readings:**

Joel 2: 21-27

Psalm 126

1 Timothy 2: 1-7

Matthew 6: 25-33

Do not worry about your life for God knows exactly what we need. Put your trust in Him. Pray that all will know the truth and seek God's kingdom. He will supply all our needs according to His riches.

**Collect:** Almighty God, in our baptism you adopted us for your own. Quicken, we pray, your Spirit within us, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Let us lay down our own agendas and seek the face of God and His will for the Church and the world. We pray for all who are seeking God, and for the nurturing process in our parish. We pray for the opportunities to share God's love and draw others to meet Him.

Your will be done: on earth as in heaven.

We pray for all who are fighting against evil for goodness, truth and justice, both those who make the world news and those whose battles are known only to God. We pray for our country and its leaders that this nation may seek God.

Your will be done: on earth as in heaven.

We pray that wealth and comfort may not divert us from searching out the heart of God; that we may hear God's challenging and gladly respond to Him; that our homes and communities may sparkle with God's glory.

Your will be done: on earth as in heaven.

We pray for the disillusioned and depressed, and all who have lost their way in life. We pray for those corrupted by evil, trained in hatred and twisted by bitterness. We pray for the transforming of these lives.

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Your will be done: on earth as in heaven.

We pray for those whose earthly lives have come to an end, and for those who mourn their going. May the dead rest in the peace and joy of heaven through the mercy of God.

Your will be done: on earth as in heaven.

With thankful hearts, we recall the times when God has rescued and forgiven us, leading us deeper into His friendship. Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

### **The Lord's Prayer**

### **The Grace**

#### ***For the Fruit of All Creation***

For the fruit of all creation,  
thanks be to God.  
For these gifts to ev'ry nation,  
thanks be to God.  
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,  
silent growth while we are sleeping,  
future needs in earth's safe keeping,  
thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor,  
God's will is done.  
In the help we give our neighbor,  
God's will is done.  
In the worldwide task of caring  
for the hungry and despairing,  
in the harvests we are sharing,  
God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit,  
thanks be to God.

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For the good we all inherit,  
thanks be to God.

For the wonders that astound us,  
for the truths that will confound us,  
most of all, that love has found us,  
thanks be to God.

Fred Pratt Green

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**October 17, 2021**

**21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

*The Son of Man came also not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.*      *Mark 10: 45*

### **Scripture Readings:**

Job 38: 1-7

Psalm 104: 1-9, 25, 37b

Hebrews 5: 1-10

Mark 10: 35-45

We must always keep the faith and always be aware of satan's clutch, stay close to our Father, who is love and compassion. Jesus was chosen by His Father to be a High Priest over us all and the source of our eternal salvation. Continue to follow and serve the Lord in the light of His love.

**Collect:** Almighty and everliving God, increase in us your gift of faith, that forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

In humility and love, let us pray together to the God of our making and redeeming:-

That all Christians may fulfill their vocation to be servants, caring for the needs of others, obedient to their Lord in all things and supportive of one another in worship, prayers and deepening faith.

Into your hands, O Lord: we commit our prayers.

That those who govern and advise may seek out God's will and the good of all in each crisis, dilemma and debate.

Into your hands, O Lord: we commit our prayers.

That we may develop the habit of rejoicing in the opportunities to serve, and to put ourselves out for others, laying down our craving for praise and importance.

Into your hands, O Lord: we commit our prayers.

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That those who suffer in mind, body and spirit may sense Christ close beside them, knowing His healing and resting in His love.

Into your hands, O Lord: we commit our prayers.

That those who have died in faith may be welcomed into the light of heaven, and that all who are walking in sin today may turn away from evil and live.

Into your hands, O Lord: we commit our prayers.

We thank you, Lord God, for your long suffering patience with us, and the affectionate forgiveness which lifts us to our feet whenever we stumble. Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen

### ***I Will Serve Thee***

I will serve thee because I Love thee,  
You have given life to me;  
I was nothing before You found me,  
You have given life to me.

Heartaches, broken pieces,  
Ruined lives are why You died on Calvary;  
Your touch was what I longed for,  
You have given life to me.

Gloria Gaither and William J. Gaither

## *Alongiders' Prayers for October 2021*

**October 24, 2021**

**22<sup>nd</sup> 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:**

Job 42: 1-6, 10-17

Psalm 34: 1-8

Hebrews 7: 23-28

Mark 10: 46-52

Job's eyes and ears were opened to God's truth in faith and he was enormously blessed. We praise Him for His goodness and mercy for giving His Son on our behalf, taking the sins of the world. Come to Him in prayer and receive by faith the gift of eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Collect:** Lord God our redeemer, who heard the cry of your people and sent your servant Moses to lead them out of slavery, free us from the tyranny of sin and death, and by the leading of your Spirit bring us to our promised land; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

In Jesus, God gathers His scattered people and opens their eyes to see. As children of our heavenly Father, trusting in His will and capacity to care for us all, let us pray.

We pray for all pastoral care in the church, for the ministries of listening and counselling, the sharing of grief, the freeing from guilt. We pray for the grace to accompany others to Christ's healing love.

What do you want God to do for you? Lord, we want to see.

We pray for the healing of the nations, for a recognition of our need of God, and a turning away from all that is evil. We pray for all in authority and worldly power that they may be guided along right paths.

What do you want God to do for you? Lord, we want to see.



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We pray for an increase in love for one another, that we may be better at recognizing needs and responding to them; that we may give more time to those we love.

What do you want God to do for you? Lord, we want to see.

We pray for those who are blind or partially sighted, and those who are spiritually or emotionally blind. We pray for the opening of eyes to see God's way and faith to trust Him through good and ill.

What do you want God to do for you? Lord, we want to see.

We pray for those whose eyes are shut to the world that they may open to the brightness and joy of heaven.

What do you want God to do for you? Lord, we want to see.

We thank you Heavenly Father, for drawing us to you and stretching out your arms to us in welcome. Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

### **The Lord's Prayer**

### **The Grace**

Open my eyes that I may see  
Glimpses of truth thou hast for me;  
Place in my hands the wonderful key,  
That shall unclasp and set me free.

Silently now I wait for Thee.  
Ready, my God, Thy will to see;  
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine.

Open my ears that I may hear  
Voices of truth Thou sendest clear;  
And while the wave-notes fall on my ear,  
Everything false will disappear.

Open my mouth and let it bear  
Gladly the warm truth everywhere;  
Open my heart and let me prepare  
Love with thy children thus to share.

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## *Alongiders' Prayers for October 2021*

**October 31, 2021**

**23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

*If you love me, you will keep my word, and my Father will love you and we will come to you.*      *John 14: 23*

### **Scripture Readings:**

Ruth 1: 1-18

Psalm 146

Hebrews 9: 11-14

Mark 12: 28-34

In the Old Testament reading, we find the deep love that Ruth has for her mother-in-law and wouldn't leave her. In Mark, Jesus tells us the greatest commandment is to love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, soul and strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself. Praise God for His never ending love that overflows to us. It encourages us and sends us into the world to be used in His love to be a blessing.

**Collect:** Almighty God, whose chosen servant Abraham obeyed your call, rejoicing in your promise that in him the family of the earth is blessed, give us faith like his that in us your promises may be fulfilled; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Let us still our bodies and open our hearts and minds to pray.

We pray for all the saints on earth, all those walking as friends of Jesus through the light and shadow of life, in grassy meadows and scaling bare rock; that we may all persevere with joy, supporting one another along the way.

Not our will, Lord: but yours be done.

We pray for all the kingdoms and nations of the earth, for their leaders and their people, their policies and their needs, that under God's overarching love they may learn His ways and His will.

Not our will, Lord: but yours be done.

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We pray for those we love and care for and those who love and pray for us, for the wisdom to learn from all we experience in this life, so that we are not damaged, but rather grow from the difficult times.

Not our will, Lord: but yours be done.

We pray for those who are suffering and those too weak to pray; for all who are searching for life's meaning, and those who find it hard to believe they are loved and cherished by the living God.

Not our will, Lord: but yours be done.

We pray for those who have died in faith, giving thanks for the shining lives of the saints, and asking that with them we may come to share in the endless joy of heaven.

Not our will, Lord: but yours be done.

With thankfulness, we celebrate the transforming love of God, which can take us as we are and make us into what God can already see we could become. Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

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