

# Alongsiders' Prayers for February 2022

February 6, 2022

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany

*I am the light of the world, says the Lord. Those who follow me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.* John 8: 12.

**Scripture Readings:** Isaiah 6: 1-8, (9-13)  
Psalm 138  
1 Corinthians: 15: 1-11  
Luke 5: 1-11

When we encounter Christ in a personal way, our lives are changed forever. We can't go on as before. We give praise and glory, and proclaim His love and kindness to all. We work for the gospel to show God's amazing grace to all with open hearts and minds.

**Collect:** Merciful Lord, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

God calls His people and commissions them. Let us pray together in the presence of our God.

We pray for all who have been called to be workers in God's harvest, searching for the lost and loving them into the kingdom. We pray for those who teach God's love, both by word and by the way they love.

Here I am, Lord: ready for your service!

We pray for those in authority and in positions of power, that under their leadership, there may be mutual respect, integrity and justice. We pray for discernment to see where injustice needs righting and when we need to speak out.

Here I am, Lord: ready for your service!

We pray for families suffering poverty or financial difficulties, for families full of tension and disagreement, and for families coping with grief or separation. We pray for the extended families represented here. We pray for better awareness of how our behaviour affects others.

Here I am, Lord: ready for your service!

We pray for those who have been working all night and all who work long hours in poor conditions. We pray for those who have no work and feel rejected. We pray for any resisting what God is calling them into.

Here I am, Lord: ready for your service!

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We pray for those who have died and those who grieve for the loss of their company. We pray for the opportunity to prepare for death by the way we live from now on.

Here I am, Lord: ready for your service!

We thank you for the way you show us ourselves and still accept us with love. Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

**The Lord's Prayer**

**The Grace**

# Alongsiders' Prayers for February 2022

February 13, 2022

6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany

*Rejoice and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven. Luke 6: 23*

**Scripture Readings:** Jeremiah 17: 5-10  
Psalm 1  
1 Corinthians 15: 12-20  
Luke 6: 17-26

Scripture says blessed all those who delight in the Lord. He knows our hearts, our actions and rewards us accordingly. Let us continue to trust and hope in God our Father on this earthly journey, for great will be our reward in heaven.

**Collect:** Almighty and everliving God, whose Son Jesus Christ healed the sick and restored them to wholeness of life, look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your power make whole all peoples and nations; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Knowing our need of God, let us pray.

Father, we bring to mind our church, both here in Conception Bay South and throughout the world. It is for right values and right priorities that we pray in all we decide and do.

Lord our God: in you we put our trust.

We bring to mind all who lead and govern, and all meetings where important decisions are made. We pray that justice and mercy are upheld in line with your loving will.

Lord our God: in you we put our trust.

We bring to mind our circle of family and friends with whom we share the good and the difficult times. We pray for the grace to discern more readily the good in each person and the gifts they have to offer.

Lord our God: in you we put our trust.

We bring to mind those caught up in the pressures of life, and those who are stressed to breaking point. We pray for insight and courage to change things.

Lord our God: in you we put our trust.

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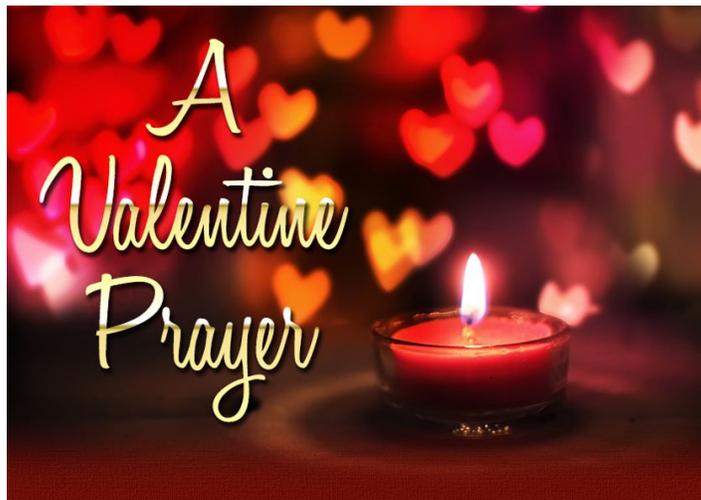
We bring to mind the dying, especially those who are alone, and we remember those we know who have died. May they and we share in the everlasting joy of your presence.

Lord our God: in you we put our trust.

We thank you, Father, for all the wise teaching you have given us through Christ. Give us grace to be doers of the word and not hearers only. Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

### The Lord's Prayer

### The Grace



### A Valentine Prayer

I said a Valentine prayer for you and asked the Lord above to fill your heart  
And bless your soul with the precious gift of love.

I asked Him for sincere love, the kind that's meant to stay  
Just like the generous love you give to those you touch each day.

I prayed for love from family and from every cherished friend.  
Then I asked the Lord to give you His love that knows no end.

Love is patient. Love is kind. It bears all things. Believes all things,  
Hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails.

1 Corinthians 13: 4, 7, 8

# Alongsiders' Prayers for February 2022

February 20, 2022

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany

*A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another as I have loved you.*

*John 13: 34*

**Scripture Readings:** Genesis 45: 3-11, 15  
Psalm 37: 1-12, 41-42  
1 Corinthians 15: 35-38, 42-50  
Luke 6: 27-38

Sometimes our path in life is not the way we want to go, but if we follow God's plan for our lives, we will learn that all these things happen for a reason. God taught us to be Christ-like to everyone we meet, even our enemies. It won't be easy, but it is God's way. Trust in the Lord and He will give you strength and courage to fight the good fight.

**Collect:** Almighty God, your Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving love. Renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Jesus teaches us to love our enemies and forgive those who sin against us. God remembers our frailty. Let us now pray to Him.

When conflict threatens to disrupt our fellowship in our church community, deal with our frustrations and anger, and give us grace to forgive.

May we love one another: as you have loved us.

When the luggage we carry from the past interferes with our capacity to cope with the present, heal the damage from our memories and transform our experience for good.

May we love one another: as you have loved us.

When differences in cultures block our understanding of one another and obstruct the peace process, broaden our vision to discern the common ground.

May we love one another: as you have loved us.

When the layers of resentment have turned into rock, dissolve them with the rain of your loving mercy.

May we love one another: as you have loved us.

As those we have known and loved pass through the gate of death, have mercy on them, and receive them into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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May we love one another: as you have loved us.

As we acknowledge the beauty of loving even our enemies, we thank you for the extraordinary love you show us in Jesus. Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

**The Lord's Prayer**

**The Grace**

# Alongsiders' Prayers for February 2022

February 27, 2022 Last Sunday after the Epiphany

The Transfiguration

*A voice from the crowd saying, "This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to Him."* Luke 9: 35

**Scripture Readings:** Exodus 34: 29-35  
Psalm 99  
2 Corinthians 3: 12-4:2  
Luke 9: 28-36, (37-43)

God's glory makes Moses' face radiant, and it transfigures Jesus as He prays on the mountain. Our lives, as well, can become radiant as the spirit transforms us daily, as we follow the Lord in prayer, praise and action. There is no veil to separate us from God's loving face.

**Collect:** Almighty God, on the holy mount you revealed to chosen witnesses your well-beloved Son, wonderfully transfigured: mercifully deliver us from the darkness of this world, and change us into His likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

As God's people, let us pray to Him now.

Father, we long to shine with your light. Set our hearts on fire with love for you and one another.

May our lives proclaim: that the Lord our God is holy.

Father, cleanse your church of all hypocrisy, and focus our attention on you, so that divisions and barriers crumble to dust.

May our lives proclaim: that the Lord our God is holy.

Father, send lives of light among the darkness of injustice, corruption and despair, and strengthen those who are already shining in dark places all over the world.

May our lives proclaim: that the Lord our God is holy.

Father, come into our homes and make them places of welcome where your love is woven into all our relationships.

May our lives proclaim: that the Lord our God is holy.

Father, give courage to those who have to suffer physical pain, or mental and emotional anguish. Enable them to draw on your resources and transform all our pain and sorrow.

May our lives proclaim: that the Lord our God is holy.

## **Alongsiders' Prayers for February 2022**

Father, welcome into your kingdom of everlasting light all who have come to the point of death. Comfort those who miss their physical presence, and bring us all to spend eternity in the radiance of your presence.

May our lives proclaim: that the Lord our God is holy.

Father, we thank you for the lives of those who have directed us to you, and for the way you never give up on us. Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

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