

Alongsiders' Prayers for March 2022

March 6, 2022

1st Sunday in Lent

We shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.
Matthew 4: 4

Scripture Readings:

Deuteronomy 26: 1-11

Psalms 91: 1-2, 9-16

Romans 10: 8b-13

Luke 4: 1-13

Jesus, filled with the Holy Spirit, was tempted by the devil for forty days, but He overcame the temptations because God the Father and the Holy Spirit was with Him. Let us look to Jesus the Son, God the Father and God the Holy Spirit and pray for wisdom, strength and courage as we face temptations, and the will to overcome them with faith and trust because the Holy Spirit also dwells in each one of us. Let us confess with our mouth what we believe in our hearts, and worship the one who loves us unconditionally.

Collect: Almighty God, whose Son fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are but did not sin, give us grace to discipline ourselves in submission to your Spirit, that as you know our weakness, so we may know your power to save; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

As children of our heavenly Father, who knows us so well and loves us completely, let us pray.

Father, knowing our weakness in the face of temptation, we ask for your strength and protection so that, though we stumble, we shall not fall headlong.

Lead us not into temptation: but deliver us from evil.

Father, we pray for all those who are fighting temptation and finding it difficult to resist. We ask you to help them see clearly, and equip them with all they need to choose what is right.

Lead us not into temptation: but deliver us from evil.

Father, we pray our Parish of All Saints and for all churches to keep on course, true to your calling. We pray for wisdom and courage, honesty and the willingness to be vulnerable.

Lead us not into temptation: but deliver us from evil.

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Father, we pray for those we love, whose company we enjoy. We pray, too, for those who irritate us and those whom we annoy.

Lead us not into temptation: but deliver us from evil.

Father, we stand alongside all those who suffer, all those whose lives are in chaos or despair, and all who live in the dark prison of guilt. We pray for your reassurance and peace, your understanding and compassion.

Lead us not into temptation: but deliver us from evil.

We pray for the dying, especially the unnoticed and despised. We pray for those who have gone through death and now see you face to face, that they may see your merciful forgiveness and know the joy of living with you forever.

Lead us not into temptation: but deliver us from evil.

Father, we thank you for the knowledge that nothing is beyond your forgiveness, and no one beyond the limits of your love. Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

The Lord's Prayer

The Grace

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March 13, 2022

2nd Sunday in Lent

If you hear His voice, harden not your hearts.

Psalm 95: 7-8

Scripture Readings:

Genesis 15: 1-2, 17-18

Psalm 27

Philippians 3: 17-4: 1

Luke 13: 31-35

In Genesis, we read of Abraham, a righteous man whom God promised him his descendants would be as numerous as the stars of heaven. In the psalms, David says the Lord is his light and salvation. Paul speaks in Philippians about following God's pattern to stand firm for all citizenship is in heaven. Jesus says in Luke how he longs to gather us and shelter us from harm. He knows and loves each one of us and wants us to live with Him in peace and love. Let us live the gospel words.

Collect: Almighty God, whose Son was revealed in Majesty before He suffered death upon the cross, give us faith to perceive His glory, that being strengthened by His grace we may be changed into His likeness, from glory to glory, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

If only we will agree to put our faith in God, He will fill our lives with meaning and bring us safely to heaven. Confident that God knows and loves each one of us, and understands our situation, let us pray.

We pray for a deepening personal faith in all Christians and renewed faith for all who are besieged by doubt.

You are our God: in you we put our trust.

We pray that the church may be vigilant and courageous in upholding the Christian faith, and sensitive to the language and culture of each person seeking for God in our lives.

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You are our God: in you we put our trust.

We long for a thirsting after God in our society; for right living, justice and mercy to be valued and worked for.

You are our God: in you we put our trust.

We long for our homes and neighbourhoods to reflect God's love in our practical caring, our hospitality and our parenting.

You are our God: in you we put our trust.

We pray for those whose emotional pain makes it difficult for them to accept God's love and forgiveness, and for all who feel there is no hope. We offer ourselves to be available where you need us.

You are our God: in you we put our trust.

We commend into your loving mercy the dying and those who have made the journey through death. With them we long to share the eternal joy of your presence in heaven.

You are our God: in you we put our trust.

We give you thanks and praise for the endless love and patience you show us. Whenever we turn away, please turn us back to you. Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

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March 20, 2022

3rd Sunday in Lent

Repent, says the Lord, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.

Matthew 4: 17

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 55: 1-9

Psalm 63: 1-8

1 Corinthians 10: 1-13

Luke 13: 1-9

Seek the Lord while He may be found. Come to Him all who are thirsty, who have no money. Come without cost. His love and mercy is free to all call upon His name and be saved. Praise the Lord and He will be faithful. He will not let be tempted beyond what we can bear. Repent and turn to the Lord who will hold us up, and we will be blessed beyond measure.

Collect: Father of mercy, alone we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves. When we are discouraged by our weakness, strengthen us to follow Christ, our pattern and our hope; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

As we thirst for God in our lives, let us pray to Him now.

Father, we thirst for your meaning and your guidance in all our work, worship and praise. Fill us so full with your Spirit that those we meet are drawn to meet you.

Living Spirit of God: quench our thirst.

Father, in all the corruption and double standards which damage and unnerve our world, we thirst for your spirit of truth, purity and goodness.

Living spirit of God: quench our thirst.

Father, we thirst for your spirit of love which notices needs, considers no job beneath itself, and delights in each person's gifts.

Living spirit of God: quench our thirst.

Father, we thirst for your spirit of compassion which binds up wounds, supports the nervous and frail, and visits the imprisoned and afraid.

Living spirit of God: quench our thirst.

Father, we thirst for your spirit of life as we call to mind those who have come to the point of earthly death; may they and we in our turn, find eternal refreshment and peace with you.

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Living Spirit of God: quench our thirst.

Father, may we thank you with our lives as well as our lips for the constant outpouring of your spirit to us throughout our lives. Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

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March 27, 2022

4th Sunday in Lent

I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to Him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you.

Luke 15: 18

Scripture Readings:

Joshua 5: 9-12

Psalm 32

2 Corinthians 5: 16-21

Luke 15: 1-3, 11B-32

God does not remember our sins against Him if we repent, turn to Him, And hold on to His teaching. We are blessed to know that as we repent of our sins they have been washed away by the blood of Jesus. When we give our lives to Christ, we are His new creation, all brought about by reconciliation. God loves us and cares for us. He wants us to be complete in Him for all eternity. No sin is beyond repentance. Praise His holy name. Thanks be to God!

Collect: Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world, evermore give us this bread, that He may live in us, and we in Him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Gathered together as children in God's family, let us pray.

Lord, into our church community, pour the insight and discernment we need. May we learn to love you more as we learn to live and work in harmony, focused on you and not our divisions.

God our parent: supply our needs.

Into the unease and weariness of our world, pour the reality and wholesome truth we need, that we may learn mutual trust and support one another in love.

God our parent: supply our needs.

Lord, into the laughter and tears of family life, pour the freshness of your living presence, as we work at our relationships and deepen our love for one another.

God our parent: supply our needs.

Lord, into the loneliness and pain of those who feel rejected and unvalued, pour your compassion and reassurance, that each person may know the full extent of your love for them.

God our parent: supply our needs.

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Lord, may the dying know your reality and find comfort and hope in you; may those who have died in faith, live for ever in the beauty of your holiness.

God our parent: supply our needs.

Lord, may the way we live with one another proclaim the truth of your constant love for us.

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

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