

Alongsider's Prayers for August 2022

August 7, 2022

9th Sunday after Pentecost

Watch and be ready for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. Matthew 24: 42, 44

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 1: 1, 10-20; Psalm 50: 1-8, 23-24; Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16;
Luke 12: 32-40

Do not fear, resist evil, turn to God and be thankful. Have faith that we can be sure of. Do not be afraid of the Lord's call on your life. Trust in Him. He loves you and will equip you to be ready for whatever task He brings to you. Live by God's standards of love.

Collect: Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love, joy, and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Let us pray to God knowing we can trust Him:

We pray that as Christians, we may take to heart the need to walk the talk, and live out what we profess. We pray that nothing gets so important to us that it pushes God's values aside.

Father: let only your will be done.

We pray that those in authority and power do not lose touch with the needs of those they serve, so that the poor, oppressed and vulnerable are always given value and respect.

Father: let only your will be done.

We pray for those in our families whom we love and have hurt or upset; we pray, too, for those who have hurt or upset us, and ask for God's reconciliation and healing.

Father: let only your will be done.

We pray for those who have lost hope of being rescued, noticed or valued; for the complacent who cannot see their poverty, for the prejudiced who mistake blindness for sight.

Father: let only your will be done.

We pray for our loved ones who have reached the moment of death, and thank you for the example of their lives. We commend them all to your safe keeping.

Father: let only your will be done.

Prayer for the Lambeth Conference July 26th – August 8th

Holy and loving God, we thank you for calling us to be disciples of Jesus Christ. As we grow in our discipleship we ask for the gift of eager curiosity to discover ever deeper the richer meaning

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in Jesus way of life and teaching. Give us the grace to recognize their implications for our own attitudes and ways of living, and rather than take refuge in past assumptions, give us the courage to respond to the challenges with trustful obedience. May our discipleship be our increasingly faithful witness to your Risen Christ, who dwells in us and your unbound love for all creation. We ask this as members of Christ's mystical body here on earth.

Father: let only your will be done.

We give thanks, Lord God, for the hope and encouragement you give us on our journey of faith. Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

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May the Christ who walks on wounded feet, walk with you to the end of the road.

May the Christ who serves with wounded hands, teach you to serve each other.

May the Christ who loves with a wounded heart, help you to love each other.

When you go out, may you see the face of Jesus in everyone you meet, and may everyone you meet see the face of Jesus in you. Amen.

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August 14, 2022

10th Sunday after Pentecost

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord; I know them and they follow me. John 10: 27

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 5: 1-7; Psalm 80: 1-2, 8-18; Hebrews 11:29-12:2; Luke 12: 49-56

The Lord's vineyard is the people, His children, all of us, whom He loves. His heart breaks when we turn from Him and lose our way. Help us to show God's kindness and love to the lost and unloved. May the light of Jesus shine brightly in all of us to stand firm in faith and trust. Against impossible odds, God has reconciled us to Himself in Christ.

Collect: Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and sent into our hearts the Spirit of your Son. Give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that all people may know the glorious liberty of the children of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Our God is always ready to listen. Let us pray to Him now.

Father, continue to pour out your gifts upon the church, so that many may be saved and our faith may grow strong and bear much fruit.

God of love: we put our trust in you.

Look with mercy on the conflicts of our world; realize our values and goals until they are in line with your will, and our laws and expectations reflect your justice and love.

God of love: we put our trust in you.

Bless our homes and families and all our neighbours and friends; train us to listen to one another with full attention, and recognize one another's gifts.

God of love: we put our trust in you.

Encourage the hesitant, curb the overpowering, heal the sick, refresh the exhausted, soften the hardened hearts, open the eyes of the complacent and comfort all who are sad.

God of love: we put our trust in you.

Welcome into your eternity all those who have died in faith. May we in our own turn, share with them the joy of living with you forever.

God of love: we put our trust in you.

Thank you, Lord our God, for the hope you have given us through Christ, which enables us to enjoy living in eternity even while we still journey here. Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

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August 21, 2022

11th Sunday after Pentecost

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, but by me.

John 14:6

Scripture Readings: Jeremiah 1: 4-10; Psalm 71: 1-6; Hebrews 12: 18-29; Luke 13: 10-17

God called and appointed Jeremiah, even before he was born, to be a prophet of nations. Today God still calls us to do His work. It may not be a prophet he is calling us to be, but each of us has a call on their life to work hand in hand with the Lord. He will equip us and use us to further His Kingdom here on earth. So when you are called do not refuse. God will equip you. Trust in Him by faith.

Collect: Almighty God, we are taught by your word that all our doings without love are worth nothing. Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Heavenly Father, as you have taught us through Jesus, we come to you in prayer. We pray for all who uphold and teach the faith, for young Christians in schools and universities, for Christians witnessing to their faith at work, for all in danger of persecution. We pray for your strength and courage.

In all things, Father: let your will be done.

We pray for discernment and wisdom as we strive for international co-operation in managing the world's resources; for perseverance as we work towards peace and reconciliation.

In all things, Father: let your will be done.

We pray for good sense in our family and community life that knows the difference between generosity and indulgence, between lenience and neglect of responsibility.

In all things, Father: let your will be done.

We pray for all victims of abuse and tyranny, for all who suffer long term effects of torture, war or disease; we pray for the grace to forgive and for healing of mind, body and spirit.

In all things, Father: let your will be done.

We pray for those who have died and particularly for those who have no one to mourn their going; for those who have died unnoticed. We pray they may rest in your peace for ever.

In all things, Father: let your will be done.

Father, we thank you for all the gifts you pour out to us each day of our lives. Keep us asking and keep us seeking you. Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

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August 28, 2022

12th Sunday after Pentecost

Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart. *Matthew 11: 29*

Scripture Readings: Jeremiah 2: 4-13; Psalm 81: 1, 10-16; Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16;
Luke 14: 1, 7-14

God will always satisfy our needs. We must continue to love each other and worship God only. He will always be with us and never leave us. Be humble in spirit and share with each other. Praise His holy name.

Collect: Author and Giver of all good things, graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us in all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Let us pray to God our Father knowing that we are precious to Him.

Father, we thank you for all those who give to support the work of the church. Bless our giving, guide our spending, and help us to value the true wealth of your abundant love.

The Lord is our Shepherd: there is nothing we shall want.

We pray for the world's economy; for fair management and distribution of resources; for fair trade and just wages; for greater awareness and concern about injustice; for a commitment to our responsibilities as planet sharers and earth dwellers.

The Lord is our Shepherd: there is nothing we shall want.

We pray for all parents with young children, thanking you for them and asking you to bless and guide their parenting. We pray for families in debt, for those whose homes have been repossessed, and those whose financial security make them forgetful of your love.

The Lord is our Shepherd: there is nothing we shall want.

We pray for those who are burdened with financial worries and all who struggle to make ends meet all over the world. We pray for the emotionally and spiritually bankrupt, and those who do not yet know of God's love for them.

The Lord is our Shepherd: there is nothing we shall want.

We pray for all those who have died and those on that last journey at this moment; for a merciful judgement and everlasting joy of heaven.

The Lord is our Shepherd: there is nothing we shall want.

Father, we give you thanks for the extraordinary generosity of your love for us which lasts beyond death into the whole of eternity. Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

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