

Alongsider's Prayers for September 2022

September 4, 2022

13th Sunday After Pentecost

Let your countenance shine upon your servant and teach me your statutes. Psalm 119: 135

Scripture Readings

Jeremiah 18: 1-11

Psalm 139: 1-5, 12-17

Philemon 1: 21

Luke 14: 25-33

Just like the clay in the potter's hand, that is gently moulded and shaped, when we turn from our sinful ways and turn our lives over to Christ, He shapes and gently moulds us as we carry out His will in our lives. God knows everything about us and loves us beyond measure.

Collect: Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people, that richly bearing the fruit of good works, we may by you be richly rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

As God's beloved children, let us come to Him and open our hearts to Him.

Father, you know both our gifts as a congregation and the needs of those in this parish, and we ask you to bless our ministry in this place. Strengthen and encourage all church leaders and deepen our faith and sure hope.

Lord our God: we believe and trust in you.

Father, heal our nation and all nations of what is in the past and still corrodes the present, so that we may build on good foundations and learn to govern ourselves with honesty, respect for one another and sensitivity to needs.

Lord our God: we believe and trust in you.

Father, be present in our daily living of our homes and in all our relationships; make us more trustworthy in our friendships and strengthen our resolve to live our faith in action.

Lord our God: we believe and trust in you.

We call to mind all whose capacity to trust has been damaged; for those who are victims of injustice or corruption; for the very young and the very old, the frail, the vulnerable and the bereaved.

Lord our God: we believe and trust in you.

We remember those who have completed their earthly life in faith and have now seen you face to face. May they know the peace of eternity. We, too, look forward to sharing that life of joy.

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Lord our God: we believe and trust in you

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Thank you, Lord our God, for the glorious hope you have set before us. 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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September 11, 2022

14th Sunday after Pentecost

There is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.

Luke 15: 10

Scripture Readings

Jeremiah 4: 11-12, 22-28

Psalms 14

1 Timothy 1: 12-17

Luke 15: 1-10

God brings judgement on His people for their disobedience in order to help us to see clearly the wrong. Paul was an evil man before his conversion, but God showed him a better way. Like the parable of the lost sheep, there is much rejoicing when we find our way in the Lord. He loves us so much and doesn't want to lose one of us. We can be with Him for all eternity. When we fix our eyes in Jesus our lives will reflect His nature.

Collect: Almighty God, you call your Church to witness that in Christ we are reconciled to you. Help us so to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may turn to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

God is close to us as we pray. He is attentive to us now.

Lord, whenever you weep over our harshness, make your tears meet our hearts of stone. Whenever you grieve over our double standards, shock us into honesty again. Make us receptive to your teaching, willing to take your risks and eager to run with our eyes fixed on Jesus.

Lead us, Lord: to walk in your ways.

Whenever the news overwhelms us, nudge us to fervent prayer. Wherever leaders meet to negotiate peace, be present at the conference table. Breathe your values into our thinking, tear down the divisive barriers and renew us to lead the world into loving.

Lead us, Lord: to walk in your ways.

Whenever tempers are frayed and patience is wearing thin, give us space to collect ourselves and try again. Whenever the demands of family and friends remind us of our limitations, minister graciously through our weakness and teach us the humility of apologizing.

Lead us, Lord: to walk in your ways.

Whenever people are enveloped by pain or desolate grief or total exhaustion, bring refreshment and peace, tranquility and hope. Whenever the grip of the past prevents free movement into the future, bring release and healing.

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Lead us, Lord: to walk in your ways.

Whenever the dying are fearful and distressed, give comfort and reassurance on that last journey. Bless those who care for them and those who mourn their going. In mercy, receive the dead into the life of your heaven and prepare us, through our lives now, for eternity.

Lead us, Lord: to walk in your ways.

Holy God, we love the beauty and goodness of your nature, and thank you for the gift of your Spirit to guide us to walk in your ways. Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

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September 18, 2022

15th Sunday after Pentecost

You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for our sake He became poor, so that by His poverty you might become rich. 2 Corinthians 8: 9

Scriptures Readings

Jeremiah 8: 18-9:1

Psalms 79: 1-9

1 Timothy 2: 1-7

Luke 16: 1-13

Why do so many people unnecessarily suffer when they can turn to God for comfort and His love to surround them? God gave His Son, Jesus, to be a ransom for us so we wouldn't suffer like those of old. May we never cease to pray for the lost, and to show God's love and peace to all who need help. The love our Father has for us is overwhelming.

Collect: Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth, and ourselves in your image. Teach us to discern your hand in all your works and to serve you with reverence and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Let us pray to God who has loved us throughout our whole life.

Lord our God, broaden our vision of your nature and help us to respond to your calling, whether it suits us or not, and whether it is convenient or not.

Lord God: you are our hope.

May the whole church reflect your light and beauty in the love for God and neighbour, displayed in corporate worship and individual godly living.

Lord God: you are our hope.

May no corruption, cruelty or injustice go unchallenged in any part of our world, however unpopular the challenge may be. May our society protect the vulnerable and encourage mutual care and support.

Lord God: you are our hope.

May our care of the very young and the elderly imitate the faithful and generous caring of our God. May we overcome our envies, jealousies and grievances, so that in God's love we can look at one another face to face, and practise the liberating work of forgiveness.

Lord God: you are our hope.

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May all whose bodies cause them pain or immobility be affirmed in value by loving encounter with Jesus and His followers, and may those who are spiritually crippled be set free to love and serve God.

Lord God: you are our hope.

May those who have died in faith live forever in the joy and peace of heaven as children of promise. May those who miss their company be comforted and supported.

Lord God: you are our hope.

May our gratitude to the one who set us free, be shown each day in the way we live and speak. Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

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September 25, 2022

16th Sunday after Pentecost

You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that by His poverty you might become rich. 2 Corinthians 8: 9

Scripture Reading

Jeremiah 32: 1-3a

Psalms 91: 1-6, 14-16

1 Timothy 6: 6-19

Luke 16: 19-31

Those who follow our Lord will be protected. He will bring contentment, righteousness, faith, love and endurance to all who serve. Fight the good fight with all they might, Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right; lay hold on life and it shall be thy joy and crown eternally.

Collect: Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered by your Holy Spirit into one, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Let us do the work of prayer that God has asked of us.

As the body constantly breathes, may the church, the Body of Christ, constantly pray, breathing God's life into all its members and activities.

The Lord is our helper: we shall not be afraid.

As a new week begins in our world, may wrong priorities be challenged and adjusted, may our societies reflect God's concern for righteousness, true justice and responsive love, and may all leaders grow in humility, attentive to the needs of those they serve.

The Lord is our helper: we shall not be afraid.

As we call to mind our loved ones, all who are departed, and on those we depend, all with whom we laugh, cry, work or play, cleanse and refresh our relationships, and give us greater love, understanding and forgiveness.

The Lord is our helper: we shall not be afraid.

We think of those who are in prison, locked in cells or depression or dysfunctional bodies; we think of those in hospital wards and accident centres; those unable to reach medical help and those on long waiting lists for operations. As we think of them all, we pray for them all.

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The Lord is our helper: we shall not be afraid.

We remember the dying and all those who love them. We remember those whose earthly life has come to an end, and we commend them to God's undying love.

The Lord is our helper: we shall not be afraid.

With love in our hearts for God our Maker and Redeemer, we chose to walk in His ways through this day and all our days. Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

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