

ALONGSIDERS' PRAYERS FOR NOVEMBER 2022

November 6, 2022

22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Jesus Christ is the first born of the dead; to Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen
Revelations 1: 5,6

Scripture Readings:

Daniel 7: 1-3 & 15-18

Psalms 149

Ephesians 1: 11-23

Luke 6: 20-31

We are all God's chosen children of the King and heirs of His glorious kingdom. He loves us and has gifted us with the Holy Spirit. This is His plan for all of us to reign with Him forever.

Collect: Eternal God, who caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning, grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

God has proclaimed His love for us. We can trust Him with all our cares and concerns. Lord, heal the church of all its splits and divisions, and bless its growth towards unity. Heal it of all unhealthy opinions and bless its commitment to loving outreach.

Have pity on us Lord: you alone can save us.

May our society be mindful of those who have particular difficulties, may our laws testify to our sense of justice, honour and integrity, may the world's leaders be wisely advised and honestly motivated.

Have pity on us Lord: you alone can save us.

Walk about our homes with your gifts of peace, patience, forgiveness and joy, help us through the disappointments and tragedies and celebrate with us in all our festivities, for you are our most honoured guest.

Have pity on us Lord: you alone can save us.

We pray for all suffering from sickness, infectious and life threatening diseases. Give courage to the long term and chronically ill and give respite to those who are at their wits end.

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We remember those preparing for baptism, for parents and godparents. We remember those who are preparing for confirmation as they verbally confess their faith and love to follow you and receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Have pity on us Lord: you alone can save us.

We remember those who have died, and we think of their loved ones who miss them. May this earthly death be a birth into the heavenly joy of heaven.

Have pity on us Lord: you alone can save us.

With great thankfulness, we praise you for your constant faithfulness to us, your recognition of our deepest thoughts, and your desire for our healing and wholeness. 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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November 13, 2022

23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near. Luke 21: 28

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 65: 17-25

Psalms 82

2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13

Luke 21: 5-19

From the beginning God has always wanted the best for us and for us to be in union with Him through love, praise and worship. May we continue with His help to be a willing servant, to be a good friend and neighbour, to care for the earth, to do what is right in His sight, and to show His love and kindness. When we meet our loving Saviour we will praise Him forever!

Collect: Almighty God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to be the light of the world. Free us from all that darkens and ensnares us, and bring us to eternal light and joy; through the power of Him who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Our help comes from the Lord. Let us pray to Him now.

Loving Father, we pray for those who teach prayer and Bible study at schools and colleges, retreat houses and conferences, in churches and homes all over the world. We pray that many will find your words speaking into their situation and providing the guidance they need.

Lord, we love your ways: our help comes from you.

We pray for those journeying their way through situations of potential conflict and danger; for police and law makers and all who are oppressed unjustly; for the leaders of the nations and their people.

Lord, we love your ways: our help comes from you.

We pray for the grace to listen to one another and respond to one another's needs; we pray for a spirit of co-operation and generosity in our homes and neighbourhoods.

Lord, we love your ways: our help comes from you.

We pray for those who are wrestling with problems which seem too big to cope with; for those who have recently received news that has stunned or appalled them and are still in a state of shock.

Lord, we love your ways: our help comes from you.

We pray for those who have gone through death, that they may be judged with mercy and brought safely into the eternal life of heaven.

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Lord, we love your ways: our help comes from you.

Loving Father, we thank you for your constant faithfulness to us in spite of our tendency to fall far short of our responsibilities. Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

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November 20, 2022

The Reign of Christ

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is coming! Mark 11: 9, 10

Scripture Readings:

Jeremiah 23: 1-6

Luke 1: 68-79

Colossians 1: 11-20

Luke 23: 33-43

God's promise of a new king in Jeremiah would not be like the kings of old who caused much division. He would raise up a king who will gather his people together. He sent John the Baptise as a forerunner to proclaim the coming of His promise of salvation to all people who would believe in Him, repent and be saved. By the shedding of Jesus' blood on the cross, we become reconciled to Him by the confession of our sins and forgiveness of Jesus, and the gift of eternal life with Him.

Collect: Eternal God, by your grace you have raised us up and enthroned us with Christ in the heavenly realms. Receive all we offer you this day, and lead us in those good works for which you have created us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

As children of the kingdom, let us make our prayers to the eternal God who love us.

We pray for your kingdom to come in the worldwide communities of those who believe in Jesus Christ that our lives may enthrone Him.

Spirit of the living God: may your kingdom come.

We pray for your kingdom to come in the nations of our world and in their leadership, for God's values to take root and grow, for each person to be respected as a beloved child of God.

Spirit of the living God: may your kingdom come.

We pray for your kingdom to come in our homes and families, our neighbourhoods and places of work, in all thinking, all speaking, all action.

Spirit of the living God: may your kingdom come.

We pray for your kingdom to come in all hospitals and clinics and in every place of pain and sadness.

Spirit of the living God: may your kingdom come.

We pray for your kingdom to come in the final stages of earthly life, in the journey through death, and in the awakening to eternal life.

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Spirit of the living God: may your kingdom come.

We thank you for making us and redeeming us, opening wide to us the kingdom of heaven.
Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

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November 27, 2022

First Sunday of Advent

Look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near. Luke 21: 28

scripture Readings:

Isaiah 2: 1-5

Psalm: 122

Romans 13: 11-14

Matthew 24: 36-44

Scripture teaches us to place our faith and trust in God to follow the light of His love. Stay true to our calling to be sons and daughters of the Most High King. Time is coming for us to walk in the light and put off all forms of darkness. God's love is at hand for we do not know the day nor the hour when we will be called home. Let us be ready to answer His call to us and live in eternity with Him forever.

Collect: Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility, that on the last day, when He shall come again in His glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through Him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

We are to wake up and make sure we stay ready for the second coming. Let us pray to God for all time and space, in whose love we exist and by whose love we are saved.

As we prepare ourselves for the time when Christ comes again in glory, we pray for the grace and honesty to see what needs transforming in our lives as individuals and as members of the Church of God.

O come: let us walk in the light of the Lord.

May all church leaders, clergy and laity be directed, inspired and upheld by the Spirit of God, and may there be a deepening of love and commitment and all Christians the world over.

O come: let us walk in the light of the Lord.

May the leaders of this country and all nations be drawn increasingly to understand God's way of justice and righteousness, and be filled with the longing to do what is right and honest and good.

O come: let us walk in the light of Lord.

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May the families on earth be blessed with mutual love and caring consideration of one another, may arguments and misunderstandings be properly resolved, and difficult relationships refreshed and healed.

O come: let us walk in the light of the Lord.

May those for whom the days and nights creep past in pain or sorrow be given comfort and hope, may the frightened find reassurance and the anxious find peace of mind.

O come: let us walk in the light of the Lord.

May those who have reached the point of death be given the knowledge of God's closeness on that last journey. May those who have died know the eternal peace and joy of heaven.

O come: let us walk in the light of the Lord.

May we all be given a new enthusiasm for walking in God's way, clothed in the armour of light. Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

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