

# ALONGSIDER'S PRAYERS FOR MAY 2023

**MAY 7, 2023**

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

*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:**

- Acts 7: 55-60
- Psalm 31: 1-5, 15-16
- 1 Peter 2: 2-10
- John 14: 1-14

Stephen witnessed the Glory of God as he lay dying, and he asked Him to receive his spirit. Like Stephen, is our trust in the risen Lord? We are His chosen people, and we are very special and precious in His sight. He is always with us, guiding us and shining a light on our path. Be His light here on earth to help, heal and encourage one another by His grace. When our time here is done on earth we will go home with our Heavenly Father, who has prepared a place for us and is waiting for us to live eternally with Him. Believe and trust in Him today.

**Collect:** Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another and walk in the way of His commandments, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Father, we want to produce good fruit in abundance. Nurture us as branches of the true vine, train us and prune us as necessary, and may our spiritual harvest make rich wine

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of your kingdom.

Your kingdom, let it come! Your will, let it be done!

Father, clearly we see around our world the tragic and expensive consequences of branches cut off from the true vine. We pray for a seeking after your truth and a desire to act rightly and justly in all areas of human society.

Your kingdom, let it come! Your will, let it be done!

Father, we pray for those to whom we are linked by family, friendships or work; we pray for those separated from their loved ones or their home.

Your kingdom let it come! Your will, let it be done!

Father, we long for healing and wholeness in all who suffer and in all dysfunctional communities guide us to understand how we might be part of the healing.

Your kingdom, let it come! Your will, let it be done!

Father, we know that death cannot separate us from your love; in that knowledge we commend to your keeping those who have died and all who miss them.

Your kingdom, let it come! Your will, let it be done!

### **Confirmation Prayer**

Loving Father, open the hearts and minds of those young people who are being confirmed today to receive the gift of the

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Holy Spirit. Confirm in them the knowledge of your truth and love and equip them with a desire to follow you all the days of their lives, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Father, we thank you that we can live in the joyful freedom of your love as we dedicate ourselves to serving others.

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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MAY 14, 2023

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER *MOTHER'S DAY*

*If you love me, you will keep my word, and my Father will love you, and we will come to you.*

*John 14: 23*

### Scripture Readings:

- Acts 17: 22-31
- Psalm 66: 7-18
- 1 Peter 3: 13-22
- John 14: 15-21

Jesus tells us quite simply how much He loves us. He tells of God who gives life to all. He loves you beyond measure and always will no matter what you do. Before Jesus went to the Cross and died, He promised to send a helper, the Holy Spirit of truth who will live in us always. So, keep His word close and share His great love with everyone you meet.

**Collect:** Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you, riches beyond imagination. Pour into our hearts such love toward you, that we, loving you above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

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Knowing God's love and affection for us, let us pray to Him now.

Father, wherever there is friction and conflict in the church and communities are divided and weakened, give us a greater longing for your healing and a deeper commitment to forgiving love.

Help us Lord: to love one another.

Father, wherever tangled political situations seem impossible to solve, whenever conflicting interests threaten peace, wherever the ears of the powerful remain insulated against the cries of the oppressed, give us ears to hear your guidance.

Help us Lord: to love one another.

Father, whenever the ill and the injured need comfort and assistance, wherever the elderly and housebound sit each day for hours alone, may we bring your love and hope.

Help us Lord: to love one another.

Father, whenever people are travelling the last journey of death, may they be surrounded by your love and welcomed into your heavenly home, and may those who mourn be comforted.

Help us Lord: to love one another.

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### **Mother's Day Prayer**

Loving and gentle God, we pray in thanksgiving for our mothers and all mothers who have nurtured and brought forth new life into this world. You who became human through a woman, grant to all mothers the courage they need to face the uncertain future that life with children always brings, through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.

Father, wherever the beauty of creation reflects your love, may our hearts be lifted to you in thanks and praise.

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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**MAY 21, 2023**

**ASCENSION SUNDAY**

*Go and make disciples of all nations, says the Lord; I am with you always, to the close of the age. Matthew 28: 19, 20*

### **Scripture Readings:**

- Acts 1: 6-14
- Psalm 68: 1-10, 33-36
- 1 Peter 4: 12-14, 5: 6-11
- John 17: 1-11

Jesus has finished the course and returned to the Father as he completed the gift of our salvation. Rejoice in the suffering! Be humble, be faithful to the gospel and be strengthened. Having bought back our freedom with the giving of His life, Jesus enters into the full glory to which He is entitled. Rejoice!

**Collect:** Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that He might rule over all things as Lord. Keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of His peace and bring the whole of creation to worship at His feet, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Rejoicing that Jesus has ascended into the heavens, let us pray in confidence to God our Father.

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We pray in thankfulness for those who introduced us to Jesus and who help us along our spiritual journey. We pray for one another in our Parish of All Saints and for all Christians young and old through the world.

Let your kingdom come: let your kingdom come.

We pray with longing for the world to be governed in accordance with your law of love; that all your creation may be revered and treated with respect.

Let your kingdom come: let your kingdom come.

We pray with concern for all homes, schools and places of work in our community of Conception Bay South, rejoicing in all of our many blessings and asking for healing forgiveness wherever there is discord or bitterness.

Let your kingdom come: let your kingdom come.

We pray with hope for the healing and restoration to wholeness of all who are sick in mind, body or spirit.

Let your kingdom come: let your kingdom come.

We pray with confidence for those who have come to an end of their earthly lives, especially those known to us, that they may be given merciful judgement and welcomed into the glory of heaven.

Let your kingdom come: let your kingdom come.



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We pray with joy as we celebrate Jesus entering into glory He so richly deserves and look expectantly toward His second coming.

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

**The Lord's Prayer**

**The Grace**

## ALONGSIDER'S PRAYERS FOR MAY 2023

**MAY 28, 2023**

**THE DAY OF PENTECOST**

*Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful; and kindle in us the fire of your love.*

### **Scripture Readings:**

- Acts 2: 1-21
- Psalm 104: 25-35, 37
- 1 Corinthians 12: 3-13
- John 20: 19-23

What joy the disciples felt to see Jesus again after His cruel death on the cross and the miracle of His resurrection for us. After this He received the gift of the Holy Spirit before He departed from them. Where would we be today if not for the Holy Spirit in each one of us that does more than we could ever ask or imagine. The Holy Spirit guides, directs and rules in our hearts with gifts of love, forgiveness and compassion for each other on this journey of life.

**Collect:** Almighty and everlasting God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal, keep us in the unity of your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

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The Holy Spirit of God is poured out in power on the disciples just as Jesus promised. In the power of the Holy Spirit let us pray.

For the fresh in-breathing of life and power in each church community which breaks down our barriers and sets us on fire with God's love.

Come, Holy Spirit: Holy Spirit, come!

For the grace to see this world and its needs and problems through the eyes of love, hope, justice and mercy; for the grace to abandon prejudice and build bridges of reconciliation.

Come, Holy Spirit: Holy Spirit, come!

For the Spirit of loving kindness to fill our homes, schools and places of work; for family rifts to be healed and long-standing conflicts resolved.

Come, Holy Spirit: Holy Spirit, come!

For the restoration of those who are sick to wholeness and well bring; for courage and patience in all suffering and for good to be distilled from every painful and destructive experience.

Come, Holy Spirit: Holy Spirit, Come!

For God's merciful judgement on those who have died, and the opportunity for us to prepare carefully for meeting God face to face.

Come, Holy Spirit: Holy Spirit, Come!

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For a deeper knowledge and love of God who knows and loves us completely.

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

**The Lord's Prayer**

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