

ALONGSIDER'S PRAYERS FOR JUNE 2023

JUNE 4, 2023

TRINITY SUNDAY

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory. Isaiah 6: 3

Scripture Readings:

- Genesis 1: 1 - 2: 4
- Psalm 8
- Corinthians 13: 11-13
- Matthew 28: 16-20

God is creator of heaven and earth, of darkness and light and by Him we find our way in the world. Through Him we receive new life and peace. Through Him we are workers in the field to bring and show to those who need God's unconditional love. Through Jesus we are gifted eternity in heaven. How great is our God! Let us give Him all the glory through Father, Son and Holy Spirit!

Collect: Father, we praise you: through your Word and Holy Spirit you created all things. You reveal your salvation in all the world by sending to us Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Through Your Holy Spirit you give us a share in your life and love. Fill us with the vision of your glory that we may always serve and praise you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Let us pray to the Father through the Son and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Lord God, may the church reflect your community and unity; may there be Godly harmony, shared ministry, mutual support and encouragement in faith.

May your will be done: on earth as it is in heaven.

Lord God, may the world's leaders seek not personal power, but the public good, may conflicts be faced honestly and needs recognized and met, may all our communities be built up on what is good, true, just and right.

May your will be done: on earth as it is in heaven.

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Lord God, may there be love and respect for one another in every household, may there be mutual support and thoughtfulness, consideration and trust.

May your will be done: on earth as it is in heaven.

Lord God, may the hearts' cries for help to be heard, the tears dried and the fears quieted, may sufferings be eased and guilt erased through your healing love.

May your will be done: on earth as it is in heaven.

Lord God, may the dead rise to new and eternal life, freed from their aching and restored for ever.

May your will be done: on earth as it is in heaven.

Lord God, we pour out to you our praise and wonder at the hidden mysterious holiness of your Being, so full of glory and love!

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

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JUNE 11, 2023

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Lord has anointed me to preach good news to the poor and release to the captives. Luke 4: 18

Scripture Readings:

- Genesis 12: 1-9
- Psalm 33: 1-12
- Romans 4: 13-25
- Matthew 9: 9-13, 18-26

God called Abram to leave his country to follow Him with the promise of many blessings. Jesus called Matthew, the tax collector, to follow Him. The Pharisees thought themselves better than anyone, especially tax collectors. The gospel calls us to repentance, faith and grace. What are we called to do in the name of our Lord?

Collect: O God, you have assured the human family of eternal life through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in Him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Come, let us return to the Lord who loves us and pray to Him now.

God of truth, we pray that your church may be led into the way of truth and an ever-deepening understanding of your nature and will. We pray for our leaders and teachers and clergy. We pray for right priorities and a softening of the ground of our hearts.

Come: let us return to the Lord.

God of power, we pray for those in authority, influence and power in our world, for all who are easily led, often against their conscience. We pray for a re-aligning of right values and a re-awakening of mutual respect and trust.

Come: let us return to the Lord.

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God of loving kindness, watch over our homes and families, our friends and neighbours. We pray, too, for those who wish us harm and those we find it difficult to love. We pray for more of you in all our relationships.

Come: let us return to the Lord.

God of mercy and compassion, we bring to you all those who through illness, accident, age, abuse or human weakness are suffering as we gather here. Gather them up in your love and give your healing, your strength and courage, your hope and wholeness. We make ourselves available as channels of your love.

Come: let us return to the Lord.

God of eternity, in whom there is no beginning or end, welcome into your presence those who have died, and give comfort to those who miss their earthly company. Give us all a greater understanding of the new life you offer.

Come: let us return to the Lord.

God of glory, we worship you with all creation. We worship you with the sun and stars, all land, sea and sky, all that grows and moves, all that is still and reflective, all that breathes.

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

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JUNE 18, 2023

FATHER'S DAY

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The Kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel. Mark 1: 15

Scripture Readings:

- Genesis 18: 1-15, 21: 1-7
- Psalm 116: 1, 10-17
- Romans 5: 1-8
- Matthew 9: 35 – 10: 8

In Genesis, we learn that there is nothing too hard for God. Trust in the Lord – He is our help and shield. Give Him your worry and fear. With our faith in God, we have peace through Jesus Christ our Lord, who went to the cross taking all our sins with Him. O what love the Father has for us. Let us never forget to give Him all the glory for what He has done for us. God is still working in all of us today. Acknowledge and give thanks for the Holy Spirit in each one of us who can be used to bring healing and peace to one another. Freely we have received, freely give God love to others.

Collect: Almighty God, without you we are not able to please you. Mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Let us join in praying together with all God's people to the Lord of the harvest. Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of life, and above all for your love in dying for us who so often act as your enemies. Break down any barriers which prevent us from being at peace with you and fill your church with love for all who do not yet know your peace.

You, O Lord: you are our hope and joy.

Father, we thank you for the diversity and richness of our world, for the natural goodness of many and the innocence of the very young. We pray for all the

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victims of our world's mistakes and evils and ask for your guidance and courage for our leaders and advisers.

You, O Lord: you are our hope and joy.

Father, we thank you for the joy of our families and friendships, and the opportunities provided in our homes for learning what real loving is all about. We pray for those we love and worry about, and those who love and worry about us, commending one another to your keeping,

You, O Lord: you are our hope and joy.

Father, we thank you for all the medical research that has brought healing and quality of life to so many. We pray for all who work in our hospitals, car homes and clinics, and for all the patients in their care. We pray for all who are harassed and worried, and long for the peace of mind that eludes them.

You, O Lord: you are our hope and joy.

Father, we thank you for all who have lived your praise and worked for the coming of your kingdom. Receive into the joy of heaven all who have died in faith, whose strong hope in the eternal God is not disappointed but fulfilled.

You, O Lord: you are our hope and joy.

Father, we thank you for all who sense your calling and respond to it with joy. We pray for still more workers in your harvest to gather in many to share the joy of your peace.

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

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June 25, 2023

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

The Spirit of truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord; and you also are witnesses. John 15: 26, 27

Scripture Readings:

- Genesis 21: 8-21
- Psalm 86: 1-10, 16-17
- Romans 6: 1-11
- Matthew 10: 24-39

God saves those who put their trust in Him. Our God is great. We are no longer slaves to sin, for Jesus freed us from sin. Death no longer has dominion over us, therefore pray to God when we fall into sin and ask for forgiveness. We are valuable to our Father. We were bought at a great price. Stand up for Jesus and do what is righteous in His sight. Do not betray the Lord for we will be held accountable for our actions. Jesus says those who lose their life for Him will save it for eternity with the Lord.

Collect: O God our defender, storms rage about us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us all from unbelief; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and ever.

When we are willing to take up our cross with Jesus we will also know His risen life. Let us pray to our heavenly Father who is familiar with our world and understands our humanity.

Lord of all, wherever Christians are ridiculed or persecuted for their faith we ask your courage and inner strength. Wherever we are called to be your witnesses we ask for the grace to communicate your love. Wherever love for you has grown old we ask to fan the flames again.

In Christ we can be dead to sin: and alive to God.

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Lord, wherever the human spirit is ground down by oppression, and wherever our silence allows injustice and corruption to flourish, we ask for deeper compassion and commitment. We ask for our kingdoms to become your kingdoms and the desires of your heart to be ours.

In Christ we can be dead to sin: and alive to God.

Lord of all, wherever families are struggling to stay together and wherever there are ongoing arguments and family feuds, we ask your anointing for tranquility and harmony. Wherever children are unwanted and unloved, neglected or in danger, we ask your protection and help.

In Christ we can be dead to sin: and alive to God.

Lord, wherever bodies, minds or spirits are wracked with pain, or too weak or exhausted to pray, we ask the bathing love of your presence and the practical caring of hands working in your name. Wherever there are doubts and the battle is strong, we ask your empowering and clear guidance.

In Christ we can be dead to sin: and alive to God.

Lord of all, wherever the dying is anxious and afraid, we ask your peace. Wherever the faithful have passed from this life into eternity, we commend them to your unchanging and everlasting love.

In Christ we can be dead to sin: and alive to God.

Lord, wherever nature's beauty or daily miracles around us alert us to see your face, we thank you for the grace to live this resurrection life.

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

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