

Alongsider's Prayers for June 2024

June 2, 2024

2nd Sunday After Pentecost

Your word, O Lord, is truth, sanctify us in the truth. John 17: 17

Scripture Readings:

1 Samuel 3: 1-10

Psalms 139: 1-5, 12-17

2 Corinthians 4: 5-12

Mark 2: 23 - 3: 6

As Christians we are one in the gospel of Jesus Christ. The Kingdom of God is in each one of us to spread the seeds of peace, joy, love, hope trust and faith. We are His workmanship to do all we can to spread the good news!

Collect: Lord God of the nations, you have revealed your will to all nations, you have revealed your will to all people and promised us your saving help. May we hear and do what you command, that the darkness may be overcome by the power of your light; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

Jesus has the words of eternal life. Let compassion and mercy be the marks of our church life and our activities. Let us be noticeable by their shining in our behaviour and our conversations disrupt any rules which block them out.
Lord of love: let only your will be done.

Let compassion and mercy take root in every institution, policy and structure. Let them challenge accepted wrongs and disturb complacency.
Lord of love: let only your will be done.

Let compassion and mercy guard every doorway and fill every room. Let them colour each encounter and drive every decision.
Lord of love: let only your will be done.

Let compassion and mercy transform our attitudes to all whose illness or frailty make them ignored or despised. Let there be healing of all damaged self-perception and restoration of jarred human dignity.
Lord of love: let only your will be done.

Let compassion and mercy accompany the dying and welcome them into eternity.
Lord of love: let only your will be done.

Let compassion and mercy blossom in all of us as we live out our thankfulness to the God of love for all His goodness to us. Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

The Lord's Prayer

The Grace

June 9, 2024

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

The ruler of this world shall now be cast out and when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw all people to myself.

John 12:31, 32

Scripture Readings:

1 Samuel 8: 4-11 (16-20)

Psalms 138

2 Corinthians 4: 13 – 5: 1

Mark 3: 20-35

Trust in God knowing what He has planted on your hearts to be truth. We believe in the truth of Jesus by faith in His word that we will live with Him eternally one day. Imitate Jesus and get along with everyone. Do not be divided against each other or we will fall outside the trust of the gospel. We must be united in love.

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.

Anyone who does God's will be considered a close family member of Jesus. Let us pray that as family members of the Church of God we may show His likeness by doing His will; that those visiting our churches may find there, God's beauty and trust, open-hearted loving and a unity of purpose.

Father: let your will be done.

That as members of the human race we may work together,
Share our resources, respect and learn from one another. That
leaders may inspire collective good, and those with vision be
valued and heard.

Father: let your will be done.

That we may give both support and space for those we love and
nurture. That those of our own families who do not yet know
God may come to understand the depth of His love for them.

Father: let your will be done.

That all who come to Jesus in need may find in Him forgiveness
and healing, and wholeness of body, mind and spirit, strength
to cope with their difficulties and a constant inner renewing.

Father: let your will be done.

That as those coming to death roll up the tents of their earthly
existence, they may be welcomed into the eternal home
prepared for them by their loving Father.

Father: let your will be done.

That as we marvel at the generosity of God's love and His
acceptance for us, we may grow closer in His likeness each day
we live. Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of
your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

The Lord's Prayer

The Grace

June 16, 2024

4th Sunday after Pentecost

Father's Day

Quietly accept the message planted in your hearts, it can bring your salvation.

James 1: 21

Scripture Readings:

1 Samuel 15: 34 – 16: 13

Psalm 20

2 Corinthians 5: 6-10 (11-13)

Mark 4: 26-34

As Christians we are one in the Gospel of Christ. The Kingdom of God is in each one of us to spread the seeds of peace, love, joy, kindness, forgiveness, hope, trust and faith. We are His workmanship to do all we can to spread this good news each day.

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 forever.

By God's power the kingdom of heaven grows. Let us pray to the God of heaven and earth for the growth of the kingdom.

May the kingdom grow in clusters of Christians all over the world. May it grow as hearts are warmed by encounters with the living God, nourished by word and sacrament, private prayer and public worship.

Lord of heaven: let your kingdom grow.

May the kingdom grow in nations, in the crowded streets and cities in communities and in all decision making and all spending.

Lord of heaven: let your kingdom grow.

May the kingdom grow in every human shelter and home, every place of work and education, in each conversation and in our mutual care of one another.

Lord of heaven: let your kingdom grow.

May the kingdom grow to bring peace and healing wherever there is pain and sadness to bring reassurance, comfort, courage and hope.

Lord of heaven: let your kingdom grow.

In the knowledge that we must all face judgement we pray for those who have died, thanking God for His loving mercy and entrusting our loved ones in God's safe keeping.

Lord of heaven: let your kingdom grow.

As we thank God for all His blessings to us, we offer Him the rest of our lives. Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

June 23, 2024

5th Sunday after Pentecost

A great prophet has arisen among us! God has visited His people.
Luke 7: 16

Scripture Readings:

1 Samuel 17:32-49

Psalm 9: 9-20

2 Corinthians 6: 1-13

Mark 4: 35-41

At times being a Christian, we will come up against forces that will try to crush us, but God is stronger than any evil force. Trust in Him to help you. He will not forsake you. Pray to Him in earnest. When times are dark look to the light of God and He will light your path. Trust Him to show you the way in faith.

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 Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

As residents of God's universe, let us pray to our loving creator. Lord of all truth and goodness, we pray for those in positions of authority in the church all over the world and in each gathered community that in all the storms we may be enabled to hear God's calming voice and deepen our trust in Him. Calm our fears: and teach us your peace.

Lord of great power and majesty, we pray for those with political military power and all those whose decisions affect many lives. Speak truth into motives, honour into actions and your vision of peace into every conflict

Calm our fears: and teach us your peace.

Heavenly Father, we pray for all single people, couples and families as they weather their storms and learn from them. Lavish on all who have the care of others the capacity to bring peace and calm fears.

Calm our fears: and teach us your peace.

Lord of healing, we pray for those whose minds and hearts are in turmoil, whose lives lurch from crisis to crisis, for those who find their lives shattered by illness or injury, for peace in those threatening storms and a settling of all anxiety.

Calm our fears: and teach us your peace.

Lord of eternity, we thank you for your reassurance of life beyond physical death. We pray for those who are dying alone, unnoticed or unprepared. We commend those who have died to God's merciful forgiveness and eternal tranquility.

Calm our fears: and teach us your peace.

Lord of creation, we are full of wonder at the story of your universe, spoken into existence and sustained with such love. Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

June 30, 2024

6th Sunday after Pentecost

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. 2 Timothy 1: 10

Scripture Readings:

2 Samuel 1: 1, 17-27

Psalm 130

2 Corinthians 8: 7-15

Mark 5: 21-43

When we lose someone to death it is very hard, but through this time of sorrow God is with us. Call to Him in your distress, pray to Him for strength and courage. Be assured of God's promises by faith. Trust in God and He will answer your prayers. We admire the Faith of Jarius in the Gospel of Mark. By faith alone he trusted in Jesus to heal His daughter.

Collect: Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love fulfils the law. May we love you with all our heart, all our soul, all our mind, and all our strength, and may we love our neighbour as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

God's power can reach even into death and draw out life. As God has called us by name out into full, abundant life let us lay before Him now our concerns for the church and for the world.

Father, chip away from your church all the built-up layers of complacency or despondency, of over-comfortable familiarity or underactive expectation until we see again with the freshness and wonder of deepened faith.
Lord, we believe: help our unbelief.

Father, we call to mind societies and systems of our world, Challenge our destructive choices. Break away the unnoticed scales of prejudice which blind us so that our world may become increasingly under your reign of justice, righteousness and love.
Lord, we believe: help our unbelief.

Father, replace our pride with humility until we learn from young children the lessons of wonder and trust. Keep the childlike as a living flame in all of us, whatever our age, and enable us to rediscover your glory all around us.
Lord, we believe: help our unbelief.

Father, as the sick were brought to Jesus by their loved ones, so now we bring to you all those whom we long to be healed. May they hear your voice and sense your touch.
Lord, we believe: help our unbelief.

Father, earthbound we grieve at the loss of loved ones through death, yet we also rejoice in you calling them out into the fullness of everlasting life.
Lord, we believe: help our unbelief.

Father, we thank you for the amazing truth that you always reach out to us in compassion and always have time for us. Merciful Father, accept those prayers for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

The Lord's Prayer

The Collect

He's Only a Prayer Away

There's Someone who loves every sinner
He's calling on him today
'Tis Jesus our blessed Redeemer
He's only a prayer away

He's only a prayer away
He's only a prayer away
You can have Jesus the Saviour of man
He's only a prayer away

Though friends may deride and forsake you
And leave you alone in the way
Remember the promise of Jesus
He's only a prayer away

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You can have Jesus the Saviour of man
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