

ALONGSIDERS' PRAYERS FOR FEBRUARY 2025

February 2, 2025 The Presentation of our Lord in the Temple

This is a light to reveal God to the nations and the glory of His people Israel.

Luke 2: 32

Scripture Readings:

Malachi 3: 1-4

Psalm 84

Hebrews 2: 14-18

Luke 2: 22-40

We are flesh and blood as Jesus was and death had no power over Him. We trust God's salvation for us through Jesus' death and resurrection. He is our salvation and only through Him can we receive it. His grace is sufficient for us all. He is our guiding light.

Collect: Blessed are you, O Lord our God, for you have sent us your salvation. Inspire us by your Holy Spirit to recognize Him who is the glory of Israel and the light for all nations, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

As we gather in Christ's name, let us bring to mind those who particularly need our prayer support.

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We remember those who teach the faith throughout the church and the world. Keep them close to your guiding and open the hearts of those they teach to hear and receive your truth.

Show us your ways: and help us to walk in them.

We remember those in positions of authority and influence in this country and in all societies that needs may be noticed and addressed, good values upheld and all peoples respected.

Show us your ways: and help us to walk in them.

We remember those who looked after us when we were very young and those who have no one to love and care for them.

We remember all young families and all the children in our parish, that they may be introduced to the one true God and live their lives in His company, especially our confirmation candidates.

Show us your ways: and help us to walk in them.

We remember the elderly faithful and especially those who are housebound and can no longer join us to worship in person.

We thank you for their example and ask you to increase our love for one another across the age groups.

Show us your ways: and help us to walk in them.

We remember those who have finished their lives on earth and commit them to your everlasting care and protection. We ask you to keep us faithful to the end of our life.

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Show us your ways: and help us to walk in them.

We remember with thankfulness our elderly friends and relatives and celebrate the way their lives enrich our community.

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

The Lord's Prayer

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February 9, 2025

5th Sunday after Epiphany

I am the light of the world, says the Lord. Those who follow me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

John 8: 12

Scripture Readings:

Isaiah 6: 1-8

Psalms 138

1 Corinthians 15: 1-11

Luke 5: 1-11

God is asking, “whom can I send to tell and share the gospel of truth to those who need to hear it?” Then He tells us He will equip us with His grace to do so. We need to share the light of the gospel story to all who we meet and to share that love with everyone. Believe when God says, “I will be with you.”

Collect: Merciful Lord, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

God calls His people and commissions them. Let us pray together in the presence of God.

We pray for all who have been called to be workers in God's harvest searching for the lost and loving them into the

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kingdom. We pray for those who teach God's love, both by word and by the way they live.

Here I am, Lord: ready for your service!

We pray for those in authority and in positions of power that under their leadership there may be mutual respect, integrity and justice. We pray for discernment to see where injustice needs righting and when we need to speak out.

Here I am, Lord: ready for your service!

We pray for families suffering poverty or financial difficulties, for families full of tension and disagreement and for families coping with grief or separation. We pray for the extended families represented here. We pray for better awareness of how our behaviour affects others.

Here I am, Lord: ready for your service!

We pray for those who have been working all night and all who work long hours in poor conditions. We pray for those who have no work and feel rejected. We pray for any resisting what God is calling them into.

Here I am, Lord: ready for your service!

We pray for those who have died and those who grieve for the loss of their company. We ask for the opportunity to prepare for death by the way we live from now on.

Here I am, Lord: ready for your service!

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We thank you for the way you show us ourselves and still accept us with love. Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

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February 16, 2025

6th Sunday after Epiphany

Rejoice and leap for joy, for behold your reward is great in heaven.

Luke 6: 23

Trust in God for He cares for you. He sent Jesus to take your sins upon Him to gain your salvation. He died and rose again that you may have life eternal with Him in heaven. There will be much joy there. This is God's promise to us. So, let us be mindful of our actions here on earth to show His love and kindness to all.

Collect: Almighty and everliving God, whose Son Jesus Christ healed the sick and restored them to wholeness of life, look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your power make whole all peoples and nations; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

The rewards of a living faith are knowing we need God. Let us pray.

Father, we bring to mind our church both here in CBS and throughout the world. It is for right values and right priorities that we pray in all we decide and do.

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Lord our God: in you we put our trust.

We bring to mind all who lead and govern and all meetings where important decisions are made. We pray that justice and mercy are upheld in your loving will.

Lord our God: in you we put our trust.

We bring to mind our circle of family and friends with whom we share the good and difficult times. We pray for the grace to discern more readily the good in each person and the gifts they have to offer.

Lord our God: in you we put our trust.

We bring to mind those caught up in the frenetic pressures of life and those who are stressed to breaking point. We pray for insight and courage to change things.

Lord our God: in you we put our trust.

We bring to mind the dying, especially those who are alone and we remember those we know who have died. May they and we share in the everlasting joy of your presence.

Lord our God: in you we put our trust.

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We thank you Father, for all the wise teaching you have given us through Christ. Give us grace to be doers of the word and not hearers only.

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February 23, 2025

7th Sunday after Epiphany

*A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another
as I have loved you.*

John 13: 34

Scripture Readings:

Genesis 45: 3-11, 15

Psalms 37: 1-12, 41-42

1 Corinthians 15: 35-38, 42-50

Luke 6: 27-38

Things in life happen for a reason and most often we don't understand. We are told not to fret, but continue on the way, do good, be honest, be caring and trust in the Lord. Treat others as you yourself wish to be treated. Be merciful and God in His mercy will take care of us if we continue to walk in His way. He has a plan for all our lives. Trust and obey!

Collect: Almighty God, your Son revealed in signs and miracles the wonder of your saving love. Renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your mighty power; 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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Jesus teaches us to love our enemies and forgive those who sin against us. God remembers our frailty, let us pray to Him now.

When conflicts threaten to disrupt our fellowship in the church community, deal with our frustrations and anger and give us the grace to forgive.

May we love one another: as you have loved us.

When the luggage we carry from past interferes with our capacity to cope with present, heal the damage from our memories and transform our experience for good.

May we love one another: as you have loved us.

When the differences in cultures block our understanding of one another and obstruct the peace process, broaden our vision to discern the common ground.

May we love one another: as you have loved us.

When the layers of resentment have turned into rock, dissolve them with the rain of your loving mercy.

May we love one another: as you have loved us.

As those we have loved and known pass through the gate of death, have mercy on them and receive them into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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May we love one another: as you have loved us.

As we acknowledge the beauty of loving even our enemies, we thank you for the extraordinary love you show us in Jesus.

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