

# Alongsiders' Prayers for March 2025

**March 02, 2025**

**Last Sunday after the Epiphany**

*This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to Him.*

*Matthew 17: 5*

## **Scripture Readings:**

- Exodus 34: 29-35
- Psalm: 99
- 2 Corinthians 3: 12-4:2
- Luke 9: 28-36

Encounters with God light up our lives and love flows. He gives us freedom to choose which path to take. When we choose the path to eternal life, it is the road of togetherness with the Lord living in each of us and one day we will see Him face to face. But before that happens, we need to do the Lord's work here on earth to the glory of His holy name. We are His hands and feet. May God's light shine brightly for us all. Our lives can become radiant as the Spirit transforms us!

**Collect:** Almighty God, on the holy mount you revealed to chosen witnesses your well-beloved Son, wonderfully transfigured: mercifully deliver us from the darkness of this world, and change us into His likeness from Glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## **Alongsiders' Prayers for March 2025**

Father, cleanse your church of all hypocrisy and focus our attention on you so that divisions and barriers crumble to dust.

May our lives proclaim: that the Lord our God is holy.

Father, send rays of light among the darkness of injustice, corruption and despair, and strengthen those who are already shining in dark places all over the world.

May our lives proclaim: that the Lord our God is holy.

Father, come into our homes and make them places of welcome where your love is woven into all our relationships.

May our lives proclaim that the Lord our God is holy.

Father, give courage to those who have to suffer physical pain or mental and emotional anguish. Enable them to draw on your resources and transform all our pain and sorrow.

May our lives proclaim that the Lord our God is Holy.

Father, welcome into your kingdom of everlasting light all who have come to the point of death. Comfort those who miss their physical presence and bring us all to spend eternity in the radiance of your presence.

May our lives proclaim that the Lord our God is Holy.

Father, we thank you for the lives of those who have directed us to you and for the way you never give up on us. Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

# Alongsiders' Prayers for March 2025

March 9, 2025

First Sunday of Lent

*We shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.*

*Matthew 4: 4*

## Scripture Readings:

- Deuteronomy 26: 1-11
- Psalm 91: 1-2, 9-16
- Romans 10: 8b-13
- Luke 4: 1-13

For all good gifts God gives us we must always be thankful for and celebrate. Trust in Him and in the word for He is the word. The Spirit of God will hold us up in times of trials just as the Spirit of God was always with Jesus in the wilderness. He will never leave us!

**Collect:** Almighty God, whose Son fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are but did not sin, give us grace to discipline ourselves in submission to your Spirit, that as you know our weakness, so we may know your power to save; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Following His baptism, Jesus is severely tempted out in the desert and shows us how to overcome temptation. As children of our heavenly Father, who knows us so well and loves so completely, let us pray.

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Father, knowing our weakness in the face of temptation we ask for your strength and protection so that, though we stumble, we shall not face headlong.

Lead us not into temptation: but deliver us from evil.

Father, we pray for all those who are fighting temptation and finding it difficult to resist. We ask you to help them see clearly and equip them with all they need to choose what is right.

Lead us not into temptation: but deliver us from evil.

Father, we pray for the church as it struggles to steer a straight course true to your calling. We pray for wisdom and courage, honesty and the willingness to become vulnerable.

Lead us not into temptation: but deliver us from evil.

Father, we pray for those we love whose company we enjoy. We pray, too, for those who irritate us and those whom we annoy.

Lead us not into temptation: but deliver us from evil.

Father, we stand alongside those who suffer, all whose lives are in chaos or despair and all who live in the dark prison of guilt. We pray for your reassurance and peace, your understanding and compassion.

Lead us not into temptation: but deliver us from evil.

## **Alongsiders' Prayers for March 2025**

We pray for the dying especially the unnoticed and despised.  
We pray for those who have gone through death and now see  
you face to face that they may receive your merciful  
forgiveness and know the joy of living with you forever.  
Lead us not into temptation: but deliver us from evil.

Father, we thank you for the knowledge that nothing is beyond  
your forgiveness and no one beyond the limits of your love.  
Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

### **The Lord's Prayer**

### **The Grace**

# Alongsiders' Prayers for March 2025

March 16, 2025

Second Sunday in Lent

*If you hear His voice, harden not your hearts.*      *Psalm 95: 7-8*

## Scripture Reading:

- Genesis 15: 1-12, 17-18
- Psalm 27
- Philippians 3: 17 – 4: 1
- Luke 13: 31-35

Just as God made a covenant with Abram so we have a promise from the Lord in Jesus Christ our Saviour. He is our light and salvation. He can transform lives if we listen to His message. He doesn't want to lose us to the world. He loves so much.

**Collect:** Almighty God, whose Son was revealed in majesty before He suffered death upon the cross, give us faith to perceive His glory, that being strengthened by His grace we may be changed into His likeness, from glory to glory; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Confident that God knows and loves each of us and understands our situation, let us pray.

We pray for a deepening personal faith in all Christians and a renewed faith for all who are besieged by doubt.  
You are our God: in you we put our trust.

## **Alongsiders' Prayers for March 2025**

We pray that the church may be vigilant and courageous in upholding the Christian faith and sensitive to the language and culture of each person seeking for God in their lives.

You are our God: in you we put our trust.

We long for a thirsting after God in our society, for right living, justice and mercy to be valued and worked for.

You are our God: in you we put our trust.

We long for our homes and neighbourhoods to reflect God's love in our practical caring, our hospitality and our parenting.

You are our God: in you we put our trust.

We pray for those whose emotional pain makes it difficult for them to accept God's love and forgiveness and for all who feel there is no hope. We offer ourselves to be available where you need us.

You are our God: in you we put our trust.

We commend into your loving mercy the dying and those who have made the journey through death. With them we long to share the eternal joy of your presence in heaven.

You are our God: in you we put our trust.

We give you thanks and praise for the endless love and patience you show us. Whenever we turn away, please turn us back to you. Merciful Father, please accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

## Alongsiders' Prayers for March 2025

### *Prayer for St. Patrick's Day*

*"God our Father, you sent Saint Patrick to preach your glory to all the people of Ireland. By the help of his prayers, may all Christians proclaim your love to all men".*

*"May the strength of God pilot us, may the wisdom of God instruct us. May the hand of God protect us, may the word of God direct us".*

*"May the Power of God preserve us, May the Shield of God defend us. Against the snares of the evil ones, Against temptations of the world".*



# Alongsiders' Prayers for March 2025

**March 23, 2025**

**Third Sunday in Lent**

*Repent, says the Lord, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.*

*Matthew 4: 17*

## **Scripture Readings:**

Isaiah 55: 1-9

Psalms 63: 1-8

1 Corinthians 10: 1-13

Luke 13: 1-9

God invites us to come to the water and drink freely. We need the words of God to seek Him always. He is faithful and will be with us on our trials. He will not let us be tempted beyond our limitations. Seek Him and follow His plan for our lives. If there is no good in us ask God for cleansing. Repent and come close to Him for He is loving, merciful and eternal.

**Collect:** Father of mercy, alone we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves. When we are discouraged by our weakness, strengthen us to follow Christ, our pattern and our hope; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

As we thirst for God in our lives let us pray to Him now.

## **Alongsiders' Prayers for March 2025**

Father, we thirst for your meaning and your guidance in all our work, worship and praise. Fill us so full with your Spirit that those we meet are drawn to meet you.

Living Spirit of God: quench our thirst.

Father, in all the corruption and double standards which damage and unnerve our world, we thirst for your Spirit of truth, purity and goodness.

Living Spirit of God: quench our thirst.

Father, we thirst for your Spirit of love which notices needs, considers no job beneath itself and delights in each person's gifts.

Living Spirit of God: quench our thirst.

Father, we thirst for your Spirit of compassion which binds up wounds, supports the nervous and frail and visits the imprisoned and afraid.

Living Spirit of God: quench our thirst.

Father, we thirst for your Spirit of life as we call to mind those who have come to the point of earthly death. May they and we in our turn find eternal refreshment and peace with you.

Living Spirit of God: quench our thirst.

## **Alongsiders' Prayers for March 2025**

Father, may we thank you with our lives as well as our lips for the constant outpouring of your Spirit to us throughout our lives. Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

**The Lord's Prayer**

**The Grace**

## Alongsiders' Prayers for March 2025

March 20, 2025

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

*I will arise and go to my Father and I will say to Him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you."* Luke 15: 18

### Scripture Readings:

- Joshua 5: 9-12
- Psalm 32
- 2 Corinthians 5: 16-21
- Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-32

Our heavenly Father has love and compassion and accepts all who truly come to Him seeking forgiveness and repentance from their sins. It doesn't matter what we have done in our lives, we are forgiven, embraced and loved. In Christ we become a new creation; the past is gone.

**Collect:** Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world, evermore give us this bread, that He may live in us, and we in Him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Let us bring our love and concerns before God who loves us.

## **Alongsiders' Prayers for March 2025**

We pray for more workers to gather in the harvest of the kingdom, for our churches to be places of welcome and wholesome spiritual nurture, for a healthy balance of tradition and exploration.

Use us, Lord: in the building of your kingdom.

We pray for our nation and the nations of the world, for an upholding of Godly principles and just laws, for reconciliation, peace and mutual co-operation.

Use us, Lord: in the building of your kingdom.

We pray for those among our families and friends who have no idea of the new life you offer. We pray for them to discover you so they may share the joy of living in your love.

Use us, Lord: in the building up of your kingdom.

We pray for those who are sick and suffering, for the lonely and outcasts, for those caught in the trap of drugs and alcohol and for those who are lost to the world.

Use us, Lord: in the building up of your kingdom.

We pray for the dying and their loved ones, for those who have passed through death and the families and friends who miss them. Surround them with your love.

Use us, Lord: in the building up of your kingdom.

## **Alongsiders' Prayers for March 2025**

We praise you, Lord, and give you thanks for the fullness of this new life you have given us in Christ. Keep us renewed and filled with your Spirit. Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

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