Alongsiders' Prayers for July 2025

JULY 6, 2025

4TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts; let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

Colossians 3: 15, 16

Scripture Readings:

• 2 Kings 5: 1-14

• Psalm 30

• Galatians 6: (1-6), 7-14

• Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20

The love of God is vital to us. We put our trust and faith in Him and follow in obedience. We read His word and follow the path He set for us. God dwells in each one of us. It is our responsibility to show that to everyone we meet.

Collect: Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ has taught us that what we do for the least of your children we do also for Him. Give us the will to serve others as He was the servant of all, who gave up His life and died for us, but lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Holy God, you have called us to meet and pray together and here we are. We pray for those called to lay and ordained ministry in your church and for those at present testing their vocation. We lay before you the work that needs doing here and ask you to provide people to do it.

We ask in Jesus' name: give us grace to discern your answer.

We pray for those called to serve you in positions of authority and influence, for all leaders to see true greatness as service and true strength as humility.

We ask in Jesus' name: give us grace to discern your answer.

We pray for those called to marriage and those called to the single life, for parents and grandparents, sons and daughters, for acceptance of what we cannot change and strength to live the Christian life in our present situation.

We ask in Jesus' name: give us grace to discern your answer.

We pray for those whose lives are full of disappointment, disillusion and discontent, for all who struggle with great perseverance in difficult circumstances. We pray for strength, encouragement and direction.

We ask in Jesus' name: give us grace to discern your answer.

We pray for those called through death into eternal life and freedom from all their pain and suffering. Receive them with mercy and welcome them into your kingdom.

We ask in Jesus' name: give us grace to discern your answer.

We thank you, Holy God, for your promise that where two or three are gathered in your name you will grant their requests. Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

JULY 13, 2025

5TH **SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

The words you have spoken are spirit and life, O Lord; you have the words of eternal life.

John 6: 63, 68

Scripture Readings:

• Amos 7: 7-17

• Psalm 82

• Colossians 1: 1-14

• Luke 10: 25-37

The Lord's road is straight. We give thanks to God for His mercies daily. Love others as God loves you. Don't think yourself better than anyone else. Show mercy to others as God has done for you. By doing these things you will receive the gift of eternal life.

Collect: Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you. May we find peace in your service, and in the world to come, see you face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

In Christ we become a new creation. Let us bring our cares and concerns before the God who loves us. We pray for more workers to gather in the harvest of the kingdom, for our churches to be a place of welcome and wholesome spiritual nurture, for a healthy balance of tradition and exploration.

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

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

Use us, Lord: in the building up 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 suffering from leprosy and other skin disorders, for those disfigured by disease or accidents, for the lonely, the confused and the outcasts.

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

We pray for those 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.

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.

The Lord's Prayer

JULY 20, 2025

6TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Blessed are they who hold the word fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience.

Luke 8: 15

Scripture Readings:

• Amos 8: 1-12

• Psalm 52

• Colossians 1: 15-28

• Luke 10: 38-42

In God the former things of the past are gone and forgotten. We are reconciled to Him who loves us so much so be happy and content. The Lord offers us only what is good and fulfilling by His standards of love.

Collect: Almighty God, Your Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence. Give us pure hearts and constant wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Let us pray to God knowing we can trust Him. We pray that as Christians we may take to heart the need to walk the talk and live out what we profess. We pray that nothing gets so important to us that it pushes God's values aside.

Father: let only your will be done.

We pray for those in authority and power do not lose touch with the needs of those they serve so the poor and the oppressed and vulnerable are always given value and respect.

Father: let only your will be done.

We pray for those in our families whom we love and have hurt or upset and ask for God's reconciliation and healing.

Father: let only your will be done.

We pray for those who have lost hope of being rescued, noticed or valued. For the complacent who cannot see their poverty, for the prejudiced who mistake blindness for sight.

Father: let only your will be done.

We pray for our loved ones who have reached the moment of death and thank you for the example of their lives. We commend them all to your safe keeping.

Father: let only your will be done.

We give you thanks, Lord God, for the hope and encouragement you give us on our journey of faith. Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

The Lord's Prayer

July 27, 2025

7th Sunday after Pentecost

When we cry, "Abba, Father!" it is the Spirit of God bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God.

Romans 8: 15, 16

Scripture Readings:

• Hosea 1: 2-10

Psalm 85

• Colossians 2: 6-15, (16-19)

• Luke 11: 1-13

When you walk with Jesus you are complete in Him. When you pray Jesus hears and listens. He will give you the gift of the Holy Spirit to help, comfort, guide and give you strength to get through Life because He loves you so much. You are precious in His sight. You will feel the heart of God within you. He will never leave you not in life or death.

Collect: O God, the proctor of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy, increase and multiply upon us your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Against impossible odds God has reconciled us to Himself in Jesus Christ. Our God is always ready to listen. Let us pray to Him now. Father, continue to pour out your gifts on the Church so that many may be saved and our faith may grow strong and bear much fruit.

God of love: we put our trust in you.

Look with mercy on the conflicts of our world; realign our values and goals until they are in line with your will and our laws and expectations reflect your justice and love.

God of love: we put our trust in you.

Bless our homes and families and all our neighbours and friends. Train us to listen to one another with full attention and recognize one another's gifts.

God of love: we put our trust in you.

Encourage the hesitant, curb the overpowering, heal the sick, refresh the exhausted, soften the hardened hearts, open the eyes of the complacent and comfort all who are sad.

God of love: we put our trust in you.

Welcome into your eternity all those who have died in faith. May we in our turn share with them the joy of living with you for ever.

God of love: we put our trust in you.

Thank you, Lord our God, for the hope you have given us through Christ which enables us to enjoy living in eternity even while we still journey here. Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

The Lord's Prayer