

ALONGSIDERS' PRAYERS FOR 2025

August 3, 2025

8th Sunday after Pentecost

Blessed are the poor in Spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5: 3

Scripture Readings:

- Hosea 11: 1-11
- Psalm 107: 1-9, 43
- Colossians 3: 1-11
- Luke 12: 13-21

God loves each and every one of us and when we fall away it hurts Him. But God in His mercy continues to welcome us back always. God never moves away from us, we move away from Him. So we confess our sins and ask for forgiveness. God knows each one of our hearts and lives. So always follow the goodness of God, the heart of God! He will pour out His blessings upon you.

Collect: Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of His life and the word of His kingdom. Renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Heavenly Father, as you taught us through Jesus we come to you in prayer. We pray for all who uphold and teach the faith for young Christians in schools and universities, for Christians witnessing to their faith at work, for all in danger of persecution. We pray for your strength and courage.

In all things, Father: let your will be done.

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We pray for discernment and wisdom as we strive for international co-operation in managing the world's resources and for perseverance as we work towards peace and reconciliation.

In all things, Father: let your will be done.

We pray for the good sense in our family and community life that knows the difference between generosity and indulgence; between lenience and neglect of responsibility.

In all things, Father: let your will be done.

We pray for all victims of abuse and tyranny, for all who suffer long term effects of torture, war or disease. We pray for the grace to forgive and for healing of body, mind and spirit.

In all things, Father: let your will be done.

We pray for those who have died and particularly for those who have no one to mourn their going and for those who have died unnoticed. We pray they may rest in your peace for ever.

In all things, Father: let your will be done.

Father, we thank you for all the gifts you pour out to us each day of our lives. Keep us asking and keep us seeking you. Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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August 10, 2025

9th Sunday after Pentecost

Watch and be ready for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.

Matthew 24: 42, 44

Scripture Readings:

- Isaiah 1: 1, 10-20
- Psalm 50: 1-8, 23-24
- Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16
- Luke 12: 32-40

Jesus tells us we should always be ready to meet Him. We should not be concerned with building up earthly treasures but the treasure of heaven. Set your heart on things above not below. May our hearts be open to the riches of God's grace.

Collect: Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love, joy and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Let us pray to God our Father knowing that we are all precious to Him. Father, we thank you for all those who give to support the work of the church. Bless our giving, guide our spending and help us to value the true wealth of your abundant love.

The Lord is our shepherd: there is nothing we shall want.

Let us pray for the world's economy, for fair management and distribution of resources, for fair trade and just wages, for greater awareness and concern about injustice, for commitment to our responsibilities as planet sharers and earth dwellers.

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The Lord is our shepherd: there is nothing we shall want.
We pray for young children, thanking you for them and asking you to bless and guide their parenting. We pray for families in debt, for those whose homes have been repossessed and those whose financial security makes them forgetful of your love.

The Lord is our Shepherd: there is nothing we shall want.

We pray for those who are burdened with financial worries and all who struggle to make ends meet all over the world. We pray for the emotionally and spiritually bankrupt and those who do not yet know God's love for them.

The Lord is our shepherd: there is nothing we shall want.

We pray for those who have died and those on that last journey at this moment, for a merciful judgement and the everlasting joy of heaven.

The Lord is our shepherd: there is nothing we shall want.

Father, we give you thanks for the extraordinary generosity of your love for us which lasts beyond death into the world of eternity. Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

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August 24, 2025

11th Sunday after Pentecost

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord, no one comes to the Father, but by me.
John 14: 6

Scripture Readings:

- Jeremiah 1: 4-10
- Psalm 71: 1-6
- Hebrews 12: 18-29
- Luke 13: 10-17

We are told in these scriptures the old and new covenants that God made with us. The Old Testament is the law and the New Testament is love. In the Old Testament people turned from the law of God and went their own way, sinning and worshipping idols. The New Testament tells how God sent His only Son, Jesus Christ, to take away the sins of the world and live in His abiding love in righteousness and freedom. Look to Him for forgiveness of sins and follow in His steps. We must show love, compassion, forgiveness, gentleness and patience and love our neighbours as ourselves for God is love. He is the God of second chances, many chances. Therefore, if someone falls into sin we need to help them and bring them to Jesus who is the truth and the life and the way.

Collect: Almighty God, we are taught by your word that all our doings without love are worth nothing. Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

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When we fix our eyes on Jesus our lives will reflect His nature. He is attentive to us. Let us pray. Lord, whenever you weep over our harshness make your tears melt our hearts of stone. Whenever you grieve over our double standards, shock us into honesty again. Make us receptive to your teachings, willing to take your risks and eager to run with our eyes fixed on Jesus.

Lead us, Lord: to walk in your ways.

Whenever the news overwhelms us, nudge us to fervent prayer. Whenever leaders meet to negotiate peace, be present at the conference table. Breath your values into our thinking, tear down the divisive barriers and renew us to lead the world into loving.

Lead us, Lord: to walk in your ways.

Whenever tempers are frayed and patience is wearing thin, give us space to collect ourselves and try again. Whenever the demands of family and friends remind us of our limitations, minister graciously through our weakness and teach us the humility of apologizing.

Lead us, Lord: to walk in your ways.

Whenever people are enveloped by pain or desolate grief or total exhaustion, bring refreshment and peace, tranquility and hope. Whenever the grip of the past prevents free movement into the future, bring release and healing.

Lead us, Lord: to walk in your ways.

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Whenever the dying are fearful and distressed, give comfort and reassurance on that last journey. Bless them who care for them and those who mourn their going. In mercy receive the dead into the life of your heaven and prepare us through our lives now for eternity. Holy God, we love the beauty and goodness of your nature and thank you for the gift of your Spirit to guide us to walk in your ways. Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

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ALONGSIDERS' PRAYERS FOR 2025

August 31, 2025

12th Sunday after Pentecost

Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in your heart.

Matthew 11: 29

Scripture Readings

- Jeremiah 2: 4-13
- Psalm 81: 1, 10-16
- Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16
- Luke 14: 1, 7-14

Jesus is always the same. He loves, forgives and calls us to Him to walk in His steps. He instructs us to be humble, not to think of ourselves better than anyone else. We must never forget to thank Him for His many blessings and praise Him always, not just on Sundays. He is worthy of praise every day.

Collect: Author and Giver of all good things, graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us in all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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 who has loved us throughout our whole life. Lord our God, broaden our vision of your nature and help us to respond to your calling whether it suits us or not and whether it is convenient or not.

Lord God: you are our hope.

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May the whole church reflect your light and beauty in the love for God and neighbour, displayed in corporate worship and individual godly living.

Lord God: you are our hope.

May no corruption, cruelty or injustice go unchallenged in any part of our world however unpopular the challenging may be. May our society protect the vulnerable and encourage mutual care and support.

Lord God: you are our hope.

May our care of the very young and the elderly imitate the faithful and generous caring of our God. May we overcome our envies, jealousies and grievances so that in God's love we can look at one another face to face and practice the liberating work of forgiveness.

Lord God: you are our hope.

May all whose bodies cause them pain or immobility be affirmed in value by loving encounter with Jesus and His followers. May those who are spiritually crippled be set free to love and serve God.

Lord God: you are our hope.

May those who have died in faith live for ever in joy and peace of heaven as children of promise. May those who miss their company be comforted and supported.

Lord God: you are our hope.

May our gratitude to the one who sets us free be shown each day in the way we live and speak. Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

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