

ALONGSIDER PRAYERS FOR OCTOBER 2025

October 5, 2025

17th Sunday after Pentecost

The word of the Lord abides for ever. The word is the good news which was preached to you.

1 Peter 1: 25

Scripture Readings:

- Lamentations 1: 1-6
- Psalm 137
- 2 Timothy 1: 1-14
- Luke 17: 5-10

Just as the prophets of long ago witnessed destruction, suffering and being forced from their homes, this is still happening today not only from afar but in our own province. Despite all of this, God is still with us, His word is truth. Through His Son or Saviour Jesus Christ we can still have peace in all our circumstances. Unworthy as we are His love lives in us and will reign with us for ever.

Collect: Almighty God, you have built your Church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the cornerstone. Join us together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may become a holy temple, acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All our needs are God's concerns. Let us pray to Him now.

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Father, make us a listening church welcoming to the hesitant, encouraging to the young, sensitive to the differences and attentive to their needs.

God, in mercy: hear us as we pray.

Father, make us a caring world wise in government, honest in promises, farsighted in management of resources and open-hearted in charitable giving.

God, in mercy: hear us we pray.

Father, make us a responsible community supporting our neighbours and friends, sharing one another's sorrows and joys and opening our homes to your undwelling.

God, in your mercy: hear us we pray.

Father, as we remember those who have asked for our prayers take their needs and provide for them, take their wounds and heal them, take their suffering and comfort them.

God, in your mercy: hear us we pray.

Father, as we call to mind those who have died may they know the welcoming of your love into eternal joy.

God, in your mercy: hear us we pray.

Thank you, Holy God, for knowing our needs even before we become aware of them ourselves. Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

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October 12, 2025

Harvest Thanksgiving Sunday

Give thanks in all circumstances for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

1 Thessalonians 5: 18

Scripture Readings:

- Deuteronomy 26: 1-11
- Psalm 100
- Philippians 4: 4-9
- John 6: 25-35

Give thanks today to God for our lives and the many blessings He has bestowed upon us. Do not worry, He is loving and faithful. He is the bread of life and whoever believes in Him will receive everlasting life. Rejoice and be joyful in the Lord.

Collect: Almighty God, in our baptism you adopted us for your own. Quicken, we pray, your Spirit within us, that we, being renewed both in body and mind, may worship you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Knowing that God hears our prayers, let us share our concerns with Him for the church and for the world.

We pray for all meetings, conventions and conferences, for all policy making and planning. May delicate negotiations be sensitively led and painful decisions bravely and wisely taken.

Lord, you are our hope: you are our strength.

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Father, we pray for all in lay and ordained ministry as they labour for the growth of your kingdom on earth. Keep them strong in the faith, provide them with the energy and resources they need and inspire them daily with your love.

Lord, you are our hope: you are our strength.

We pray for those who are upset or angered and those who have upset or angered us. We pray for those who worry us and those we love but seldom manage to see.

Lord, you are our hope: you are our strength.

We pray for those who are far from home and those for whom it is too dangerous to return home. We pray for the lonely, the unhappy, those in pain and those on the mend.

Lord, you are our hope: you are our strength.

We remember those who have come to an end of their earthly life and those whose lives feel bleak and empty without them. We pray for mercy, peace and comfort.

Lord, you are our hope: you are our strength.

Thank you, Lord, for being there beside us through all the dark and rocky places in our lives. Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

The Lord's Prayer

The Grace

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October 19, 2025

18th Sunday after Trinity

The word of God is living and active, it sifts the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

Hebrews 4: 12

Scripture Readings:

- Jeremiah 31: 29-34
- Psalm 119: 97-104
- 2 Timothy 3: 14 – 4: 5
- Luke 18: 1-8

God says He will be with us always and we will know right from wrong for it will be in our hearts and we will know it in our mind. We read and meditate on His word and gain understanding and knowledge. All scripture is God breathed so let us keep against all wrong and practice what we preach, the love of God in all our actions. Do not turn aside; be firm in our faith, trust and obey, keep the faith even in hardships which is the true test of our faith.

Collect: Almighty and everliving God, increase in us your gift of faith, that forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

God has proclaimed His love for us. We can trust Him with all our cares and concerns.

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Lord, heal the church of all its splits and divisions and bless its growth towards unity. Heal it of all unhealthy introspection and bless its commitment to loving outreach.

Have pity on us, Lord: you alone can save us.

May our society be mindful of those who have particular difficulties, may our laws testify to our sense of justice, honour and integrity. May the world's leaders be wisely advised and honestly motivated.

Have pity on us, Lord: you alone can save us.

We pray for all suffering from infectious and life-threatening diseases and sickness. Give courage to the long-term and chronically ill and give respite to those who are at their wits end.

Have pity on us, Lord: you alone can save us.

We remember those who have died. May we think of their loves ones who miss them. May this earthly death be a birth into the eternal joy of heaven.

Have pity on us, Lord: you alone can save us.

With great thankfulness we praise you for your constant faithfulness to us, your recognition of our deepest thoughts and your desire for our healing and wholeness. Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of our Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

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October 26, 2025

20th Sunday after Pentecost

God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself and He has entrusted us with the reconciliation. 2 Corinthians 5: 19

Scripture Readings:

- Joel 2: 23-32
- Psalm 65
- 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18
- Luke 18: 9-14

Through Jesus we have been promised the gift of eternal life. So, on this journey fight the fight and the crown of righteousness will be awarded to each one of us. The Lord will rescue us from all harm. Be like little children for the kingdom belongs to each one of them says the Lord of Glory. Praise His name.

Collect: Lord God our redeemer, who heard the cry of your people and sent your servant Moses to lead them out of slavery, free us from the tyranny of sin and death, and by the leading of your Spirit bring us to our promised land; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Our help comes from the Lord. Let us pray to Him now.

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Loving Father, we pray for those who teach prayer and bible study at schools and colleges, retreats and conferences in churches and homes all over the world. We pray that many will find your words speaking into their situation and providing the guidance they need.

Lord, we love your ways: our help comes from you.

We pray for those picking their way through situations of potential conflict and danger, for lawmakers and keepers and all who are oppressed unjustly, for the leaders of the nations and their people.

Lord, we love your ways: our help comes from you.

We pray for the grace to listen to one another and respond to one another's needs. We pray for a spirit of co-operation and generosity in our homes and neighbourhoods.

Lord, we love your ways: our help comes from you.

We pray for those who are wrestling with problems which seem too big to cope with; for those who have recently received news that has stunned or appalled them and are still in a state of shock.

Lord, we love your ways: our help comes from you.

We pray for those who have gone through death that they may be judged with mercy and brought safely into the eternal life of heaven.

Lord, we love your ways: our help comes from you.

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Loving Father, we thank you for your constant faithfulness to us in spite of our tendency to fall short of our responsibilities.

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

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