

ALONGSIDERS' PRAYERS FOR MAY 2026

May 3, 2026

5th Sunday of Easter

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:

Acts 7: 55-60

Psalm 31: 1-5; 15-16

1 Peter 2: 2-10

John 14: 1-14

Jesus says do not let your hearts be troubled, trust in God and also in Him. The disciples do not understand this yet. He tells them He is going away to prepare a place for them but will come back for them and take them there as well. The Father has prepared our dwelling place in eternal life through the blood of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Trust in His promises of new life here and in eternal glory!

Collect: Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us the grace to love one another and walk in the way of His commandments, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

It is God's love that has drawn us here together. Let us pray to Him now.

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Father, whenever we are living outside your will for us bring us a healing and cleansing so that we can be aware of your power in us to change and reflect your love and purpose in our lives. Help us to speak up and stand up for what is right.

We pray for all young people who are struggling or suffering from affliction they cannot control. We pray for those suffering from long term sickness, pain, and weariness. May all know about your peace and love which passes all understanding. We pray for the dying and those who have recently died that they know your new and everlasting life in your love and protection.

Lord, you show us what loving you really means. We give you our thankful hearts and in your great mercy hear and answer our prayers in Jesus mighty name we pray. Amen

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Standing on the Promises of God

Standing on the promises of Christ my King,
Through eternal ages let His praises ring,
Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,
Standing on the promises of God.

Refrain:

Standing, standing,
Standing on the promises of God my Savior;
Standing, standing,
I'm standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises that cannot fail,
When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
By the living Word of God I shall prevail,
Standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises I now can see
Perfect, present cleansing in the blood for me;
Standing in the liberty where Christ makes free,
Standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,
Bound to Him eternally by love's strong cord,
Overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,
Standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises I cannot fall,
List'ning every moment to the Spirit's call,
Resting in my Savior as my all in all,
Standing on the promises of God.

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May 10, 2026

6th Sunday of Easter

If you love Me, you will keep My word, and My Father will love you and we will come to you.

John 14: 23

Scripture Readings:

Acts 17: 22-31

Psalm 66: 7-18

1 Peter 3: 13-22

John 14: 15-21

Jesus says if you love Him, you will do what He asks of you. Also, the Father will give us the Spirit of truth. Jesus says it lives in each one of us. He says He is in the Father, and we are in Him, and He is in us. We will know all this because of love. The continuing presence of God as Holy Spirit leads us just as Jesus promised to all who reach out in His name.

Collect: Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you, riches beyond imagination. Pour into our hearts such love toward you, that we, loving you above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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Father, as members of your Church we ask your guidance, direction and blessing on all deacons, our clergy Rev. Sam Butler and Rev. Everett Hobbs, our Bishop Samuel Rose and all who work for the good of our parish. We remember especially all who volunteer in different capacities in our parish.

We pray for all who live here in CBS, for each family that our homes may be a place of love, acceptance and welcoming to all and appreciate our differences.

Lay your healing loving arms around all who are sick physically and mentally. May they be aware of your constant presence and grant them courage to reach out their hands to you. Bring comfort in times of sorrow to those who have lost loved one that they may recognize your love and strength and live in your light forever in Jesus precious name we pray. Amen

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Thank you, Father, for the love of our mothers, past, and present.

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A Mother's Love is A Blessing

An Irish boy was leaving
Leaving his native home
Crossing the broad Atlantic
Once more he wished to roam
And as he was leaving his mother
While standing on the Quay
He threw his arms around her waist
And this to her did say..

Chorus:

"A mother's love is a blessing
No matter where you roam
Keep her while she's living
You'll miss her when she's gone
Love her as in childhood
When feeble, old, and grey
For you'll never miss a mother's love
'Til she's buried beneath the clay"

And as the years grow onward
I'll settle down in life
And I'll choose a nice young colleen
And take her for my wife
And as the kids grow older
They'll play around my knee
And I'll teach them the very same lesson
That my mother taught to me.

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May 17, 2026

Ascension Sunday

Go and make disciples of all nations, says the Lord; I am with you always, to the close of the age.

Matthew 28: 19, 20

Scripture Readings:

Acts 1: 1-11

Psalm 47

Ephesians 1: 15-23

Luke 24: 44-53

When Jesus appeared to the disciples and told them what was written in the scriptures in the Law of Moses, the prophets and the psalms must be fulfilled, He opened their minds so they could understand the scriptures. Let us pray for that for ourselves as well. He told them how the Christ must suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance and forgiveness of sins must be preached. They are Christ's witnesses just as we also have been told in the scriptures. The Lord blessed them with the power just as we are with the Gift of the Holy Spirit who lives in each one of us. This is the gospel we share, the gift of love in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Collect: Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that He might rule over all things as Lord. Keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of His peace and bring the whole of creation to worship at His feet, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

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Having brought back our freedom with the giving of His life, Jesus entered into the full glory to which He is entitled. As we celebrate together, let us pray.

God of love, we pray for unity in the Church and reconciliation and renewed vision. We pray for those among our families, in our community, and for all who have lost touch with loved ones and long for a reunion. We pray for those who have been hurt and are not healed yet. We pray for those who are in hospital, long-term care and those who live alone that they will know your presence with them. We commend to your eternal love those who have died and pray for those who miss them. We thank you, Father, that you are always with us which gives meaning and joy in our lives through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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Wonderful Words of Life

Sing them over again to me,
Wonderful words of life;
Let me more of their beauty see,
Wonderful words of life.
Words of life and beauty
Teach me faith and duty;

Refrain:

Beautiful words, wonderful words,
Wonderful words of life;
Beautiful words, wonderful words,
Wonderful words of life.

Christ, the blessed One, gives to all
Wonderful words of life;
Sinner, list to the loving call,
Wonderful words of life.
All so freely given,
Wooing us to heaven;

Sweetly echo the Gospel call,
Wonderful words of life;
Offer pardon and peace to all,
Wonderful words of life.
Jesus, only Savior,
Sanctify forever;

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May 24, 2026

The Day of Pentecost

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in us the fire of your love.

Scripture Readings:

Acts 2: 1-21

Psalm 104: 25-35, 37

1 Corinthians 12: 3-13

John 20: 19-23

The disciples were together with doors locked for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." He then showed them His hands and side. They were overjoyed to see Him. He told them, "As the Father sent me, so I sent you." Then He breathed on them to receive the Holy Spirit. He told them, "If you forgive anyone their sins they are forgiven, if you don't forgive them, they are not forgiven." We are given this power to show the gift of forgiveness and demonstrate the great love of God in the process. May we always be in unity with the Holy Spirit.

Collect: Almighty and everliving God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal, keep us in the unity of your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; 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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As the Spirit enables us, let us pray for the Church that all leader and laity be filled to overflowing with love for all God's people to spread the gospel story. We pray for all those who work for peace in delicate areas of conflict, that they will be blessed with the peace of God. May our homes and workplaces be a place of warmth of love and the comfort of being valued.

We pray for those who are working in dangerous places that they will be brought to freedom and safety. We pray for peace in war torn countries, for communication on both sides instead of gunfire. We pray for the sick and suffering, for those who have died asking God to have mercy on us all.

We thank you heavenly Father, for your gift of the Holy Spirit that we may always dwell in you and you in us, in Jesus' name we pray. Amen

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Come, Holy Spirit, Our Souls Inspire

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,
and lighten with celestial fire.
Thou the anointing Spirit art,
who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.

Thy blessed unction from above
is comfort, life, and fire of love.
Enable with perpetual light
the dullness of our blinded sight.

Anoint and cheer our soiled face
with the abundance of thy grace.
Keep far from foes, give peace at home:
where thou art guide, no ill can come.

Teach us to know the Father, Son,
and thee, of both, to be but One,
that through the ages all along,
this may be our endless song:

Praise to thy eternal merit,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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May 31, 2026

Trinity Sunday

Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory.

Isaiah: 6: 3

Scripture Reading:

Genesis 1: 1 - 2: 4

Psalm 8

2 Corinthians 13: 11-13

Matthew 28: 16-20

The disciples went to Galilee to the mountain where Jesus told them to go. When they saw Jesus, they worshipped Him. He commissioned them to make disciples of nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and teach them to obey all He commanded them to do. We reflect on the truth that God is Creator, redeemer and Life Giver. He is with us until the end of time.

Collect: Father, we praise you: through your Word and Holy Spirit you created all things. You reveal your salvation in all the world by sending to us Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Through your Holy Spirit you give us a share in your life and love. Fill us with the vision of your glory, that we may always serve and praise you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Let us pray to the Father in the power of the Holy Spirit through Jesus Christ, the Son.

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We pray for all theologians and those who teach the faith in colleges and Bible Study groups throughout the Church. We pray for open minds and hearts to receive God's messages. We pray for peace and co-operation and mutual respect. We pray for those who depend on us and those on whom we depend for our physical and spiritual needs. Help us to honour one another as children of your making.

We pray for those who are sick, physically and mentally, and ask for healing. We pray for those whom we love and see no longer, thanking you for their love while here on earth and now at peace with You,

We thank you, Holy God, for meeting us where we are and travelling this road with us in the many twists and turns of life. Thank you for your unconditional love in all our lives; in Jesus' mighty name we pray. Amen.

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All Creatures of Our God and King

All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voices, let us sing:
Alleluia, alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beams,
thou silver moon that gently gleams,
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
ye clouds that sail in heaven along,
O praise him, Alleluia!

Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
ye lights of evening, find a voice,
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for thy Lord to hear,
Alleluia, alleluia!

Thou fire so masterful and bright,
that givest man both warmth and light,
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, Alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One:
O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!