

ALONGSIDERS' PRAYERS FOR AUGUST 2026

AUGUST 2, 2026

10TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

We do not live by bread alone but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Matthew 4: 4

Scripture Readings:

Genesis 32: 22-31

Psalms 17: 1-7, 16

Romans 9: 1-15

Matthew 14: 13-21

Today's gospel reading is the feeding of the five thousand. God feeds all who come to Him hungry and we, as the Church, are expected to share in that work. There are many who are hungry for a visit, hungry for a hug, a prayer, a smile, a kind word of encouragement to turn a negative into a positive. Let us go forward and serve the food of love, God's love.

Collect: Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of 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.

Lord, as we eat our food this week remind us of your spiritual feeding. May the meals we prepare and eat together be

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opportunities for drawing closer to one another and you. We pray for all who are waiting for medical treatment for pain and surgeries. We pray for those who are addicted to be free from drugs. We pray for all who make bad choices and suffer heartache. Release them from their pain, loving Father. Welcome all who have passed into your eternal kingdom. Lord, thank you for feeding us with spiritual food that satisfies souls; in Jesus name we pray. Amen

The Lord's Prayer

The Grace

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AUGUST 9, 2026

11TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

I wait for the Lord; in His word is my hope.

Psalm 130: 4

Scripture Readings:

Genesis 37: 1-4, 12-18

Psalm 105: 1-6, 16-22

Romans 10: 5-15

Matthew 14: 23-33

In today's gospel is the story of Peter trusting completely with God's call to come to Him by walking on water. Jesus says keep your eyes on me, but of course Peter being somewhat doubtful takes his eyes off Jesus and begins to sink. We all have the same insecurities as Peter. When things are going well, we are good but as soon as we doubt ourselves, we begin to lose our way. May we always trust in God. He is our anchor; He is faithful to use through all storms of life.

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.

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Trusting in our faithful God we ask for a deeper faith in Him for our church, our bishop, our clergy, our families and ourselves.

We pray for leaders of nations to trust in God's never-ending guidance and directions in matters of war and peace. Loving Father, lay your healing hand on those who are sick and comfort for those in sorrow. Guide our footsteps and keep us always in your care. Amen.

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AUGUST 16, 2026

11TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Jesus preached the gospel of the kingdom and healed every infirmity among the people.

Matthew 4: 23

Scripture Readings:

Genesis 45: 1-15

Psalms 133

Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32

Matthew 15: 21-28

The gospel scripture today of the Canaanite woman who through her persistence and her great faith asks Jesus to heal her demon possessed daughter which He does. This story assures us God's grace and mercy is for all who seek and ask. The good news of salvation is not limited to a particular group or nation, but available to the whole world.

Collect: O God, who declares thy almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity, mercifully grant unto us such a measure of thy grace, that we, running the way of thy commandments, may obtain thy gracious promises and be made partakers of thy heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Loving God, we thank you for the joy of human love and for all those whom we live and work. We pray for loved ones who are sick and hurting. We pray for those who do not know you. We pray for those who suffer mental or emotional anguish. We pray for your healing hand upon them. Gather into your kingdom all who have come to the end of their life and rejoice to see you. We thank you for all your blessings to each one of us; in Jesus name we pray.

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AUGUST 23, 2026

13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God.

Matthew 16: 16

Scripture Readings:

Exodus 1: 8 – 2: 10

Psalm 124

Romans 12: 1-8

Matthew 16: 13-20

Jesus asks His disciples “who do people say I am?” Some say John the Baptist or other past saints. Then He asks Simon Peter and boldly he says, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God!” Jesus blessed him and said, “My Father has revealed this to you, so you will be called Peter, the rock which I will build my Church. The Church will be strong, and the gates of hell or death will not defeat it. The Church is the Body of Christ, built on strong rock of faith and energized by the living breath of God.”

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.

Fill your Church, your world, our homes and neighbourhoods, O Lord, with generosity, peace and love to encourage and support each other on our spiritual journey with you. May we always be ready to help when needed to pray for those who are sick and bring comfort and strength for the dying. Fill our hearts, O Lord, with

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thankfulness and praise as we recall your faithfulness and live in your love; in Jesus name we pray.

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AUGUST 30, 2026

14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our eyes that we may know what is the hope which He has called us.

Ephesians 1: 17-18

Scripture Readings:

Exodus 3: 1-15

Psalms 105: 1-6, 23-26

Romans 12: 9-21

Matthew 16: 21-28

In the gospel today Jesus told His disciples not to tell anyone that He was the Christ because He had to go to Jerusalem to suffer. Peter tried to protect Him and said this would never happen. Jesus rebuked him by saying He wasn't on the mind of God but man. They must believe in God's will. Sometimes we can be in situations when we try to step in for a friend instead of leaving it in God's hands. He always knows what is best for us. Let us not tempt others through our well-meaning suggestions but follow God's will.

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.

Father, please help us all in your Church to understand what it really means to love and serve you. At the times of testing, strengthen us, at unexpected or undeserved suffering, support us, at the end of our

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energy, revive us and teach us through it all in the peace and joy that comes from doing your will.

Father, bring healing and wholeness to those who suffer in body, mind or spirit. Father, may those who have died rest in eternal peace of your presence. Thank you, Father, for all the love you give us in Jesus name.

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