

Readings for November 2020

Sunday 1st November – All Saints' Day

1 John 3: 1-3 & Matthew 5: 1-12

Prayer for the Day – God of holiness, your glory is proclaimed in every age; as we rejoice in the faith of your saints, inspire us to follow their example with boldness and joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayers for the Week

Monday 2nd Psalm 2, Daniel 1, Revelation 1 All Souls' Day

Lord, we give you thanks today for so many things, a thousand miracles we take for granted every day.

Tuesday 3rd Psalm 5, Daniel 2: 1-24, Revelation 2: 1-11

Lord, we give thanks for vitality and diversity of the natural world.

Wednesday 4th Psalm 9, Daniel 2: 25-end, Revelation 2: 12-end

Lord, we know that our world is both wonderful and flawed, bless the parts of the world which are damaged and in need of healing.

Thursday 5th Psalm 15, 2 Daniel 3: 1-18, Revelation 3: 1-13

Lord, we give you thanks for our church family, give us all joyful hearts, which allows each one of us to work together for your glory.

Friday 6th Psalm 16 Daniel 3: 19-end, Revelation 3: 14-end

Lord, we give you thanks, for those who mean so much to us, especially those who have shown us your love.

Saturday 7th Psalm 18: 31-end, Daniel 4: 1-18, Revelation 4

Lord, we give you thanks, for allowing your son Jesus Christ, to share with us your love here on earth and that he died and rose again for each one of us.

Sunday 8th November – Remembrance Sunday

1 Thessalonians 4: 13-end & Matthew 25: 1-13

Prayer for the Day – God our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayers for the Week

Monday 9th Psalm 20 Daniel 4: 19-end, Revelation 5

Almighty and eternal God, we come before your presence singing. From all that we are, for all that you are, we offer our love to you.

Tuesday 10th Psalm 21 Daniel 5: 1-12, Revelation 6

Almighty and eternal God, you are our Maker and Minder: in you, darkness becomes light; chaos becomes order; and the desert bares fruit.

Wednesday 11th Psalm 34, Daniel 5: 13-end, Revelation 7: 1-4, 9-end

Almighty and eternal God, you are our friend: reaching out a hand of forgiveness and hope through Jesus to the world; embracing us with strength and courage.

Thursday 12th Psalm 26, Daniel 6, Revelation 8

Almighty and eternal God, you are our guide: breathing your Spirit in us and between us, so that we can know your grace in our lives and show your grace to the world.

Friday 13th Psalm 32, Daniel 7: 1-14, Revelation 9: 1-12

Almighty and eternal loving God, fill our hearts with joy and gladness and take away the stresses and strains of our daily lives.

Saturday 14th Psalm 33, Daniel 7: 15-end, Revelation 9: 13-end

Almighty and eternal loving God, fill our mouths with your words, and your peace in our hearts, so we may be a shining light in the world.

Sunday 15th November – 2nd Sunday before Advent

1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11 & Matthew 25: 14-30

Prayer for the Day – Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayers for the Week

Monday 16th Psalm 47, Daniel 8: 1-14, Revelation 10

Lord, we praise you, the Lord of all wonder and life. We rejoice that with you nothing is impossible and that even before we knew it you were touching our lives and preparing them to be filled with your love.

Tuesday 17th Psalm 52, Daniel 8: 15-end, Revelation 11: 1-14

We praise you for your Holy Spirit, who opens our eyes to see the world, not only as it really is but also as you meant it to be.

Wednesday 18th Psalm 119: 57-80, Daniel 9: 1-19, Revelation 11: 15-end

We praise you that your presence and power still transform the world, and the lives of your people, that your being with us still gives new meaning to all that we do.

Thursday 19th Psalm 62, Daniel 9: 20-end, Revelation 12

We praise you for the light and the peace with which you flood our lives and for the truth that makes each day worthwhile.

Friday 20th Psalm 63, Daniel 10:1 – 11:1, Revelation 13: 1-10

We praise you for coming to us in the hustle and bustle of life every day. No matter who we are or what we are doing or facing your almighty presence and power lifts us and changes us.

Saturday 21st Psalm 78: 40-end, Daniel 12, Revelation 13: 11-end

We praise you for the Christ who came and the Christ who still comes. We praise you for the Christ who will come again.

Sunday 22nd November – Christ the King

Ephesians 1: 15-end & Matthew 25: 31-end

Prayer for the Day – God the Father, help us to hear the call of Christ the King and to follow in his service, whose kingdom has no end; for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, one glory.

Prayers for the Week

Monday 23rd Psalm 96, Isaiah 40: 1-11, Revelation 14: 1-13

Lord of the privacy of our minds; give us grace to be honest with you, with others and with ourselves.

Tuesday 24th Psalm 97, Isaiah 40: 12-26, Revelation 14:14 – end of 15

Lord, when we cannot make up our minds, let us first be sure that we need to, and, if that be your will, give us grace to persevere.

Wednesday 25th Psalm 112, Isaiah 40:27 – 41:7, Revelation 16: 1-11

Lord, when we think we understand our doubts, or the doubts of others, remind us of what we do not doubt, and give us grace to persevere.

Thursday 26th Psalm 125, Isaiah 41: 8-20, Revelation 16: 12-end

Lord, when we are tempted to be over-confident in our beliefs, remind us of the need to practice humility, and to give us grace to persevere.

Friday 27th Psalm 139, Isaiah 41:12 – 42:9, Revelation 17

Lord, when we feel most vulnerable, give us the grace to know that it is then that you can enable us to persevere most ably.

Saturday 28th Psalm 145, Isaiah 42:10-17, Revelation 18

Lord, in our hearts and in our souls, and in all we think or do, when at first we don't succeed, give us grace to persevere.

Sunday 29th November – Advent Sunday

I Corinthians 1: 3-9 & Mark 13: 24-end

Prayer for the Day – Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Prayers for the Week

Monday 30th Psalm 47, Ezekiel 47: 1-12, John 12: 20-32 (Andrew the Apostle)

Lord, we are amazed when we discover just how much you love us. We are thankful that you want to make our lives new.

Tuesday 1st Psalm 80, Isaiah 43:1-13, Revelation 20

Lord, we thought you were just our creator, but Jesus has taught us to call you Father.

Wednesday 2nd Psalm 7, Isaiah 43:14-end, Revelation 21: 1-8

Lord, we thought that you were a long way off, but Jesus has shown us just how near you are.

Thursday 3rd Psalm 42, Isaiah 44:1-8, Revelation 21: 9-21

Lord, we thought you were just a word in the Bible, but Jesus has shown us that you share our daily lives.

Friday 4th Psalm 25, Isaiah 44:9-23, Revelation 21: 22 – 22:5

Lord, we cannot see you with our eyes or hear you with our ears, but we see the hills and mountains, the trees and flowers, the seas and rivers that speak to us of your care.

Saturday 5th Psalm 9, Isaiah 44: 24 – 45: 13, Revelation 22: 6-end

Lord, forgive us that we don't look for signs of your being with us each day; that we do not live our lives to make you happy; that we say and do such hurtful things to each other. Forgive us, and fill us with your love.