

## November Readings

### **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> All Saints' Day Psalm 111, Jeremiah 31.31-34, 2 Corinthians 4.5-12**

Heavenly Father, though you have never promised that life would be easy, without any pain or problems, you have assured us that you will be with us.

### **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> All Souls' Day Psalm 15, Ecclesiastes 3.16-end of 4, John 18.1-11**

Heavenly Father, we praise you that no matter who we are, where we go or what we are facing, your almighty presence never leaves us.

### **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> Psalm 19, Ecclesiastes 5, John 18.12-27**

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

### **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> Psalm 23, Ecclesiastes 6, John 18.28-end**

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.

### **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Advent & All Saints**

#### **1 Thessalonians 2: 9-13 and Matthew 24: 1-14**

**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 6<sup>th</sup> Psalm 2, Isaiah 1.1-20, Matthew 1.18-end**

Think of someone you know – a neighbour, a colleague at work, a friend, someone for whom you are concerned; and ask that God will break into their lives in a whole new way.

#### **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> Psalm 5, Isaiah 1.21-end, Matthew 2.1-15**

Think of someone you know – a member of your family, someone who is ill or in hospital and those who are concerned for them; and ask that they will discover what it means to trust God.

#### **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> Psalm 9, Isaiah 2.1-11, Matthew 2.16-end**

Think of someone whose life is in chaos, whose relationships are falling apart, and they don't know which way to turn or what to do; and ask that they may experience God's Peace

#### **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> Psalm 11, Isaiah 2.12-end, Matthew 3**

Think of someone who is lonely or alone, for whom each day is the same and their home has become a prison; and ask they will come to know the love of God through the love of his people.

#### **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> Psalm 16, Isaiah 3.1-15, Matthew 4.1-11**

Think someone for whom God is just a name, or perhaps someone you once knew a long, long time ago, and ask that God will touch them, change them and heal them, and that they will know they have met the living God.

#### **Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> Psalm 18.31-end, Isaiah 4.2-5.7, Matthew 4.12-22**

Think of someone whose life is filled with darkness and pain, with sorrow and loss, with anxiety or despair; think of yourself and your need for light for the journey of life; and ask that in the darkness you may know the light of Christ.

### **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Advent & Remembrance Sunday**

#### **Micah 4: 1-5 or Ephesians 6: 10-18 & 23-24 and 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 13<sup>th</sup> Psalm 20, Isaiah 5.8-24, Matthew 4.23-5.12**

Merciful God, we confess to you all in our lives that grieves you. Forgive us for fearing to trust you.

**Tuesday 14<sup>h</sup> Psalm 21, Isaiah 5.25-end, Matthew 5.13-20**

Merciful God, forgive us for fleeing to gods of our own making, as if to find there the help only you can provide.

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> Psalm 23, Isaiah 6, Matthew 5.21-37**

Merciful God, forgive us for wounding with words, instead of healing with hands.

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> Psalm 26, Isaiah 7.1-17, Matthew 5.38-end**

Merciful God, forgive us for being quick to anger and devoid of steadfast love.

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Psalm 28, Isaiah 8.1-15, Matthew 6.1-18**

Merciful God, forgive us for treating as duty what should be delight, as burden what should be privilege, and as intrusion what should be loving sacrifice.

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> Psalm 33, Isaiah 8.16-9.7, Matthew 6.19-end**

Merciful God, forgive us for insisting in our own failings to see your grace at work in our lives. Forgive us for being too concerned with sin and too little aware of forgiveness.

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Advent**

**1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11 and Matthew 24: 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 20<sup>th</sup> Psalm 46, Isaiah 9.8-10.4, Matthew 7.1-12**

Wise and patient God, we turn to you because you are always with us. You have carried us from our birth and have promised to sustain us even when our hair is grey and our lives tired.

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> Psalm 48, Isaiah 10.5-19, Matthew 7.13-end**

Lord, our world is old but not wise and we plead to you in the autumn of our days, asking that you will help us to be people who remember the past creatively.

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Psalm 56, Isaiah 10.20-32, Matthew 8.1-13**

Lord, the way you have led us, the consistent way you have loved us, and the patient way you have dealt with our failings.

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm 61, Isaiah 10.33-11.9, Matthew 8.14-22**

Lord, when we tire of the journey and wonder if peace will ever come; when our energy is spent and we long for restoration; come to us with hope and encouragement.

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Psalm 63, Isaiah 11.10-12.end, Matthew 8.23-end**

Lord, fill our hearts with praise for all that has been accomplished, and lead us to refreshment through the delight of worship and the supportive care of friends.

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> Psalm 78.1-39, Isaiah 13.1-13, Matthew 9.1-17**

Wise and patient God, as the autumn leaves fall and feed the earth, so let us pass on wisdom and fruitfulness to the coming generation, reminding them of our dependence on you, showing them how to care for your creation, leading them into paths which are just and good.

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November – Christ the King – Ephesians 1: 15-end and 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 27<sup>th</sup> Psalm 92, Isaiah 14.3-20, Matthew 9.18-34**

Lord, we remember before you those who deliberately choose not to push their way through life treading on other people, but try to live in a gentler, more generous way.

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> Psalm 97, Isaiah 17, Matthew 9.35-10.15**

Lord, we remember before you those who give their time and effort to important causes, to fight against hunger, torture, or the exploration of our planet.

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> Psalm 110, Isaiah 19, Matthew 10.16-33**

Lord, we remember before you those who turn their back on vengeance and bitterness, and so try to stop the cycles of destruction in our world, by showing the alternative way of Jesus.

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> 'Andrew the Apostle' Psalm 47, Ezekiel 47.1-12, John 12.20-32**

Lord, we remember before you those people who inspire us to live better lives; those who have a love and a joy in them which make us ashamed, and determined to do better.