

October Readings

Sunday 1st October – Harvest – Luke 12: 16-21

Prayer for the Day – Creator God, you made the goodness of the land, the riches of the sea and the rhythm of the seasons; as we thank you for the harvest, may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayers for the Week

Monday 2nd Psalm 71, Ezekiel 10.1-19, Mark 14.1-11

This day Lord, let us dream your dreams; may we reflect your love; may we do your work; may we taste your peace.

Tuesday 3rd Psalm 73, Ezekiel 11.14-end, Mark 14.12-25

This day Lord, come into our souls, as the dawn breaks into the sky; let your sun rise into our hearts.

Wednesday 4th Psalm 77, Ezekiel 12.1-16, Mark 14.26-42

Lord, we do not know what this day may bring, but each moment is in your hands and we offer it to you in advance. Nothing that will happen or be said today can separate us from you.

Thursday 5th Psalm 78.1-39, Ezekiel 12.17-end, Mark 14.43-52

We awake today through God's mighty strength, his power to uphold us, his wisdom to guide us, and his hand to guide us.

Friday 6th Psalm 55, Ezekiel 13.1-16, Mark 14.43-52

Heavenly Father, grant to us this day and every day such readiness and delight in following Jesus, that whether our lives are short or long we shall have lived abundantly.

Saturday 7th Psalm 76, Ezekiel 14.1-11, Mark 14.66-end

We thank you Lord, that here is a new day, untouched by our hands, but held in yours. We need you and you have chosen to need us.

Sunday 8th October – Trinity 18 – Philippians 3: 4b -14 and Matthew 21: 33-end

Prayer for the Day - God, our judge and saviour, teach us to be open to your truth and to trust in your love, that we may live each day with confidence in the salvation which is given through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayers for the Week

Monday 9th Psalm 80, Ezekiel 14.12-end, Mark 15.1-15

Father, we thank you, not simply for making us, but for giving us life; for the sheer joy of being alive; for the pleasure of real friendship and for opportunities to enjoy your wonderful creation.

Tuesday 10th Psalm 87, Ezekiel 18.1-20, Mark 15.16-32

Father, we praise you that you have so made us that we can find renewal and satisfaction and a sense of completeness, not only in the world around us, but also in the love with which you have filled our lives.

Wednesday 11th Psalm 119.105-128, Ezekiel 18.21-32, Mark 15.33-41

Father, we thank you, not only for making us, but for making us your special people. You have done this, not because we are worthy, but because we must bear a special responsibility.

Thursday 12th Psalm 90, Ezekiel 20.1-20, Mark 15.42-end

Father, we thank you for giving us a world to care for; for other people whose needs are our opportunities to show your love and kindness; for helping to see even the hard times and the times of difficulty as opportunities to rediscover your strength and power.

Friday 13th Psalm 88, Ezekiel 20.21-38, Mark 16.1-8

Father, we praise you for the faith with which you have filled our lives; for the growing certainty that you will never fail us; that your peace, love and mercy are the things that really matter.

Saturday 14th Psalm 96, Ezekiel 24.15-end, Mark 16.9-end

Father, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ, through whom we are made your special possession.

Sunday 15th October – Trinity 19 – Philippians 4: 1 -9 and Matthew 22: 1-14

Prayer for the Day – Faithful Lord whose steadfast love never ceases and whose mercies never come to an end: grant us the grace to trust you and to receive the gifts of your love, new every morning, in Jesus Christ or Lord.

Prayers for the Week

Monday 16th Psalm 98, Ezekiel 28.1-19, John 13.1-11

Lord, we thank you for those people who are willing to stand out; to be different; to be faithful—no matter the cost.

Tuesday 17th Psalm 106, Ezekiel 33.1-20, John 13.12-20

Lord, we thank you for those who, like Elijah, are determined to be obedient to you as they stand firm against all the wrong things that are being said and done.

Wednesday 18th 'Luke the Evangelist' Psalm 145, Isaiah 55, Luke 1.1-4

Lord, we thank you for those who refuse to be silent but speak up for the poor and for those with no voice.

Thursday 19th Psalm 113, Ezekiel 34.1-16, John 13.31-end

Lord, we thank you for those who will not close their eyes to the way we are living and the damage it is causing your creation.

Friday 20th Psalm 139, Ezekiel 34.17-end, John 14.1-14

Lord, we thank you for those who will not shut their ears to the refugees' daily cry of despair but seek to open our minds to the pain and suffering of those with no home.

Saturday 21st Psalm 120, Ezekiel 36.16-36, John 14.15-end

Lord, we thank you for all who speak the truth openly and honestly in the power of your name, may what they say and do, and how we respond, bring hope and peace to your world.

Sunday 22nd October – Trinity 20 – 1 Thessalonians 1: 1-10 and Matthew 22: 15-22

Prayer for the Day – God our light and our salvation: illuminate our lives, that we may see your goodness in the land of the living, and looking on your beauty may be changed into the likeness of Jesus Christ our Lord

Prayers for the Week

Monday 23rd Psalm 123, Ezekiel 37.1-14, John 15.1-11

Lord, we fill our days with so many words, but few of them matter as much as when we turn to you and simply say 'Thank You'

Tuesday 24th Psalm 132, Ezekiel 37.15-end, John 15.12-17

Lord, we clutter our minds with an endless supply of meaningless thoughts, but none of them as more value than when we consider your glory, your worth and your love.

Wednesday 25th Psalm 119.1-32, Jeremiah 29.1-14, 2 Corinthians 12

Lord, we simply can't help ourselves, every time we come into your presence we are bowled over by the experience of being loved.

Thursday 26^h Psalm 14, Jeremiah 30:1-11, 2 Corinthians 13

Lord, we allow ourselves to become obsessed with the details of our existence, with the small page of each day, but we completely overlook the vast canvas of your eternity.

Friday 27th Psalm 17, Jeremiah 30.12-22, James 1.1-11

Lord, we permit our minds to become focused on what we think we have achieved, or tire ourselves with regret over failures that haunt us each day; but we are blind to nail-printed hands that now, even as we pray, are reaching out in love, mercy and grace.

Saturday 28th 'Simon and Jude, Apostles' Psalm 116, Isaiah 45.18-26, Luke 6.12-16

Lord, open our eyes to your presence and our ears to your voice; speak into our minds and break into our thoughts; take hold of our hands and fill our hearts with your grace. Only then can we give you the praise that your love deserves.

Sunday 29th October – Last after Trinity – 1 Thessalonians 2: 1-8 and Matthew 22: 34-end

Prayer for the Day - Merciful God, teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty, that trusting in your word and obeying your will we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayers for the Week

Monday 30th Psalm 1, Ecclesiastes 1, John 17.1-5

Lord, 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 31st Psalm 5, Ecclesiastes 2, John 17.6-19

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.