

Sunday 2nd July – Trinity 4 – Romans 6: 12-end and Matthew 10: 40-end

Prayer for the Day - Gracious Father, by the obedience of Jesus you brought salvation to our wayward world: draw us into harmony with your will, that we may find all things restored in him, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Prayers for the Week

Monday 3rd Thomas the Apostle

Psalm 92, 2 Samuel 15.17-21, John 11.1-16

Father, we confess that we have not listened for your voice and have allowed the clamour of the world and the busyness of our lives to drown your words of warning and challenge.

Tuesday 4th Psalm 87, Nehemiah 5, Romans 15.1-13

Father, we confess that we have closed our eyes to the signs of your presence and activity in the world, that we have closed our ears to your call to share our plenty with the poor, the hungry and the starving,

Wednesday 5th Psalm 119.105-128, Nehemiah 6.1-7.4, Romans 15.14-21

Father, we have made no time to be still and know that you are God, we have been too busy to read your word and to pray. We have been careless when you called us to be careful.

Thursday 6th Psalm 90, Nehemiah 7.73b-8.end, Romans 15.22-end

Father, we have been selfish when you required us to give, we have been hard-hearted when you have longed for us to be gentle and understanding.

Friday 7th Psalm 88, Nehemiah 9.1-23, Romans 16.1-16

Father, we have been resistant when you wanted to make all things new, we neglected opportunities to serve in your name, to visit the sick, to give a cup of water in your name and to tell someone else of your love for us.

Saturday 8th Psalm 96, Nehemiah 9.24-end, Romans 16.17-end

Father, we are ashamed and we know that we have not been living as true citizens of your kingdom. Forgive our indifference, our selfishness and our disobedience. Touch our hearts, change our attitudes and make our lives new.

Sunday 9th July – Trinity 5 – Romans 7: 15-25a and Matthew 11: 16-19 & 25-end

Prayer for the Day - Almighty God, send down upon your Church the riches of your Spirit, and kindle in all who minister the gospel your countless gifts of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. governance, that your Church may joyfully serve you in all godly quietness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayers for the Week

Monday 10th Psalm 98, Nehemiah 12.27-47, 2 Corinthians 1.1-14

Father, we thank you for your presence with us, for understanding our fears and frustrations.

Tuesday 11th Psalm 106, Nehemiah 13.1-14, 2 Corinthians 1.15-2.4

Father, we praise you that your presence enriches our joy and your love gives us hope.

Wednesday 12th Psalm 110, Nehemiah 13.15-end, 2 Corinthians 2.5-end

Father, we thank you for the assurance that your grace is sufficient for our every need; for the story of Christ's first miracle, the first sign of his power and authority.

Thursday 13th Psalm 113, Esther 1, 2 Corinthians 3

Father, we thank you that he shared in the joy of that celebration, and that his presence brought an end to disappointment and the beginning of discovery.

Friday 14th Psalm 139, Esther 2, 2 Corinthians 4

Father, we are filled with gratitude every time we remember that Christ's coming transforms the waters of existence into the sparkling joy of life filled with the Spirit.

Saturday 15th Psalm 120, Esther 3, 2 Corinthians 5

Father, we thank you that there is no situation, no experience, no frustration that is beyond his power and presence.

Sunday 16th July – Trinity 6 – Romans 8: 1-11 and Matthew 13: 1-9 & 18-23

Prayer for the Day - Creator God, you made us all in your image: may we discern you in all that we see, and serve you in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayers for the Week

Monday 17th Psalm 123, Esther 4, 2 Corinthians 6.1-7.1

Lord, we praise you that you have called us to be your faithful people; to remember the story of our faith; to hold fast to all that is true and to keep you at the centre of all things.

Tuesday 18th Psalm 132, Esther 5, 2 Corinthians 7.2-end

Lord, we praise you that in Christ all our 'ends' become his 'new beginnings' and all our weaknesses are clothed in his strength.

Wednesday 19th Psalm 119.153-end, Esther 6.1-13, 2 Corinthians 8.1-15

Lord, we praise you that in Christ our times of emptiness are filled with hope and our brokenness has found the only source of peace and wholeness.

Thursday 20th Psalm 143, Esther 6.14-7.end, 2 Corinthians 8.16-9.5

Lord, we praise you that in Christ your damaged world can be restored and its prisoners of drugs, abuse and hate can find that freedom of which they dreamed.

Friday 21st Psalm 142, Esther 8, 2 Corinthians 9.6-end

Lord, we praise you that in Christ the joy of heaven bursts into our days and hours and by your Holy Spirit the things of earth find their centre and purpose in him.

Saturday 22nd Mary Magdalene

Psalm 30, 1 Samuel 16.14-23, Luke 8.1-3

Lord, we praise you that in Christ our lives receive a purpose vast and wide. Each time we spread the table of bread and wine we meet with him who gave himself for all.

Sunday 23rd July – Trinity 7 – Romans 8: 12-25 and Matthew 13: 24-30 & 36-43

Prayer for the Day - Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow: though our faith is small as mustard seed, make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayers for the Week

Monday 24th Psalm 1, Jeremiah 26, 2 Corinthians 11.1-15

Lord, your name is high and holy and your ways are endlessly loving.

Tuesday 25th James the Apostle

Psalm 7, 2 Kings 1.9-15, Luke 9.46-56

Lord, you hold us and everything in the hollow of your hand and you are at the heart of all that was, all that is and all that will be.

Wednesday 26th Psalm 119.1-32, Jeremiah 29.1-14, 2 Corinthians 12

Lord, you are great and glorious and your majesty, power and authority are beyond anything that our words can hope to express.

Thursday 27th Psalm 14, Jeremiah 30:1-11, 2 Corinthians 13

Lord, your presence fills everything everywhere, and we know that you are here in the midst of your people to receive our worship.

Friday 28th Psalm 17, Jeremiah 30.12-22, James 1.1-11

Lord, you are the divine communicator and you have so designed us that we can receive your word.

Saturday 29th Psalm 21, Jeremiah 31.1-22, James 1.12-end

Lord, down the centuries you have spoken through those who knew you and even those to whom you were a stranger.

Sunday 30th July – Trinity 8 – Romans 8: 26-end and Matthew 13: 31-33 & 44-52

Prayer for the Day - Lord God, your Son left the riches of heaven, and became poor for our sake: when we prosper save us from pride, when we are needy save us from despair, that we may trust in you alone; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayers for the Week

Monday 31st Psalm 27, Jeremiah 31.23-25, 27-37, James 2.1-13

Lord, sometimes we want to run away, to hide in our small corners, to pretend the world and all its troubles have gone away.

Tuesday 1st Psalm 32, Jeremiah 32.1-15, James 2.14-end

Lord, sometimes we simply want to escape, to be ourselves, to shut our eyes, close our ears to the clamour for our help and to the challenges of our faith.

Wednesday 2nd Psalm 34, Jeremiah 33.1-13, James 3

Lord, sometimes we lose our way and we forget where our lives are going. We set out with such clear convictions, with a genuine sense of purpose, with a feeling of assurance in you and our relationship with you.

Thursday 3rd Psalm 37, Jeremiah 33.14-end, James 4.1-12

Lord, sometimes we are overwhelmed by the pain and suffering in your world, we have an ache deep within when we hear or read of how our fellow human beings treat each other.

Friday 4th Psalm 31, Jeremiah 35, James 4.13-5.6

Lord, sometimes we are filled with despair when we consider the damage we are doing to your creation and your creatures.

Saturday 5th Psalm 41, Jeremiah 36.1-18, James 5.7-end

Lord, sometimes we are aware of your presence in a way too deep to put into words, that we feel we could reach out and touch you. We long to know your arms around us, and to be known as your precious children and your valued possession.