

## **Readings for June to August 2023**

**Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June – Trinity Sunday – 2 Corinthians 13: 11-end and Matthew 28: 16-end**

**Prayers for the Day** - Holy God, faithful and unchanging: enlarge our minds with the knowledge of our truth, and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love, that we may truly worship you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### **Prayers for the Week**

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> Psalm 1, 2 Chronicles 26. 1021, Romans 4.1-12**

Father, we praise you because you are our great creator, you not only give us life but you also hold our lives, and the lives of everyone in the whole world, in your hands.

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> Psalm 5, 2 Chronicles 28, Romans 4.13-end**

Father, we praise you not only because you are a God of love; but by sending your Son, Jesus, you proved that your love is real.

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> Psalm 119.1-32, 2 Chronicles 29.1-19, Romans 5.1-11** Father, in Jesus you have given us life that is real, life as you always meant it to be.

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> Corpus Christi**

**Psalm 147, Deuteronomy 8.2-16, 1 Corinthians 10.1-17**

Father, we praise you for the Holy Spirit, he is the power for life. It is only with his help that we can care and worship as you meant us to.

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Psalm 19, 2 Chronicles 30, Romans 6.1-14**

Father, we thank you for minds to think and things to learn; for food to eat and strength to use; for games to play and friends with whom we can enjoy life.

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> Psalm 23, 2 Chronicles 32.1-22, Romans 6.15-end**

Father, the whole world is in your care and everyone matters equally to you. You have made everywhere the place where we can serve you, and each person we can love in your name.

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June – Trinity 1 – Romans 4: 13-end and Matthew 9: 9-13 & 18-26**

**Prayer for the Day** - God of truth, help us to keep your law of love and to walk in ways of wisdom, that we may find true life in Jesus Christ your Son.

### **Prayers for the Week**

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> Barnabas the Apostle**

**Psalm 100, Jeremiah 9.23,24, Acts 4.32-37**

Lord, the fool has said in his heart, "There is no God" Our materialistic generation has no place for you. Our self-sufficient society for you.

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> Psalm 36, 2 Chronicles 34.1-18, Romans 7.7-end**

Lord, in the face of the world's hunger, pain, sufferings and disasters, even in our own hearts we begin to wonder, Where is our God?

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> Psalm 34, 2 Chronicles 34.19-end, Romans 8.1-11**

Lord, when our hearts are hurting we long for your presence; when we are moved with our neighbour's pain we pray to you; when our hearts are overflowing with gratitude, joy and hope we lift our voices in praise to you.

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> Psalm 37, 2 Chronicles 35.1-19, Romans 8.12-17**

Lord, it is the innocent smile on the face of a child that warms our hearts; the joys of friendships old and new, that make life worthwhile.

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Psalm 31, 2 Chronicles 35.20-36.10, Romans 8.18-30**

Lord, the beauty of your creation overwhelms us; the vastness of your universe takes our breath away and blows our minds.

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> Psalm 41, 2 Chronicles 36.11-end, Romans 8.31-end** Lord, it is the wonder of your grace that heals our lives and restores our humanity; it is your grace that is the ultimate inspiration for the praise and thanksgiving we long to give you.

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June – Trinity 2 – Romans 5: 1-8 and Matthew 9: 35 – 10: 8**

**Prayer for the Day** - Faithful Creator, whose mercy never fails: deepen our faithfulness to you and to your living Word, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Prayers for the Week**

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Psalm 44, Ezra 1, Romans 9.1-18**

God, help us to grow like a garden, like a song, like a tree.

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> Psalm 48, Ezra 3, Romans 9.19-end**

God, like a great tree, like one of those great old trees you meet sometimes and hug, wandering lost or enchanted in a deep, dark forest, in an empty field.

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> Psalm 119.57-80, Ezra 4.1-5, Romans 10.1-10**

God, a great old tree with arms that shelter and shade and house so much love.

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> Psalm 56, Ezra 4.7-end, Romans 10.11-end**

God, a great, old tree with breaks and wounds and scars but dancing and clapping its hands. Like a beautiful old woman at a summer wedding.

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm 51, Ezra 5, Romans 11.1-12**

God, a great, old tree still and centred drawing on the living warm core of you God! Though left stripped of everything.

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> Birth of John the Baptist**

**Psalm 50, Malachi 3.1-6, Luke 3.1-17**

God, help us to grow like a garden, like a song, like a tree. Like one of those great, old trees you meet sometimes in a crowded forest in an empty field.

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June – Trinity 3 – Romans 6: 1b-11 and Matthew 10: 24-39**

**Prayer for the Day** - God our saviour, look on this wounded world in pity and in power; hold us fast to your promises of peace won for us by your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**Prayers for the Week**

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> Psalm 71, Ezra 7, Romans 11.25-end**

Come and teach us, Lord Jesus: without you we do not know how to worship God with all our heart and mind.

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> Psalm 73, Ezra 8.15-end, Romans 12.1-8**

Come and teach us, Lord Jesus: without you we do not know how to pray with commitment and passion.

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> Psalm 77, Ezra 9, Romans 12.9-end**

Come and teach us, Lord Jesus: without you we cannot understand God's word to us.

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> Peter and Paul, Apostles**

**Psalm 71, Isaiah 49.1-6, Acts 11.1-18**

Come and teach us, Lord Jesus: without you we cannot love ourselves and each other.

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> Psalm 55, Nehemiah 1, Romans 13.8-end**

Come and teach us, Lord Jesus: without you we do not know how to work for the Kingdom.

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> Psalm 76, Nehemiah 2, Romans 14.1-12**

Come and teach us, Lord Jesus: so that this church and everyone who is part of it may become more like you.

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup> 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> *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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> Psalm 1, Jeremiah 26, 2 Corinthians 11.1-15**

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

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> *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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August – Trinity 9 – Romans 9: 1-5 and Matthew 14: 13-21**

**Prayer for the Day** - Gracious Father, revive your Church in our day, and make her holy, strong and faithful, for your glory's sake in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Prayers for the Week**

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> Transfiguration of Our Lord**

**Psalm 27, 1 Kings 19.1-16, 1 John 3.1-3**

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 8<sup>th</sup> Psalm 48, Jeremiah 37, Mark 1.14-20**

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

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> Psalm 119.57-80, Jeremiah 38.1-13, Mark 1.21-28**

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.

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> Psalm 57, Jeremiah 38.14-end, Mark 1.29-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.

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> Psalm 51, Jeremiah 39, Mark 2.1-12**

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 12<sup>th</sup> Psalm 68, Jeremiah 40, Mark 2.13-22** 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.

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August – Trinity 10 – Romans 10: 5-15 and Matthew 14: 22-33**

**Prayer for the Day** - Lord of heaven and earth, as Jesus taught his disciples to be persistent in prayer, give us patience and courage never to lose hope, but always to bring our prayers before you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Prayers for the Week**

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> Psalm 71, Jeremiah 41, Mark 2.23-3.6** Lord, we pray for all families suffering from breakdown in family relations. For all who suffer terminal illness. We pray for all who suffer dementia or schizophrenia; for their cares and all who tend to their needs, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> Blessed Virgin Mary**

**Psalm 98, Isaiah 7.10-15, Luke 11.27,28**

Lord, we remember before you all areas of ethnic violence and racial hatred. We pray for the United Nations and for all who work for peace and unity through out the world today, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> Psalm 77, Jeremiah 43, Mark 3.19b-end**

Lord, we pray that you will strengthen the fellowship of your people, and we remember all who are striving to realize the unity that you give to your church, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> Psalm 78.1-39, Jeremiah 44.1-14, Mark 4.1-20**

Heavenly Father, we rejoice that we abide in you and in your everlasting love; you accept us when we find it hard to accept ourselves and each other. We pray that you will sustain us when we are weak and fall away from the teachings of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> Psalm 55, Jeremiah 44.15-end, Mark 4.21-34**

Holy Lord, when our way is full of darkness and doubt, increase our faith, that we may ever praise and glorify the Father, in all that we say, do or think, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> Psalm 76, Jeremiah 45, Mark 4.35-end**

Lord Jesus, Son of the Father, give us wisdom and faith to trust in you when we cannot see your presence in our daily lives: help us to know that you will never leave us or forsake us.

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August – Trinity 11 – Romans 11: 1-2a & 29-32 and Matthew 15: 10-28**

**Prayer for the Day** - God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**Prayers for the Week**

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> Psalm 80, Micah 1.1-9, Mark 5.1-20**

Lord, we thank you for the priceless gift we call life, for the time to live it, space to explore it, for dreams that lift us and for the hopes that encourage us.

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Psalm 87, Micah 2, Mark 5.21-34**

Lord, thank you for those who journey with us and offer to hold our hand and share the mystery, the wonder and the pain of each step.

**Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm 119.105-128, Micah 3, Mark 5.35-end**

Lord, we thank you for the moments of great activity, and the times of stillness, for the times of success as well as those that appear to be failure.

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> Bartholomew the Apostle**

**Psalm 86, Genesis 28.10-17, John 1.43-51**

Lord, for the opportunities to serve and to be served, for the things we are able to do and for the times you call us to be content just to be.

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> Psalm 88, Micah 5.2-end, Mark 6.14-29**

Lord, we thank you for Jesus and his total understanding of what it means not only to be human but what it means to be us.

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> Psalm 96, Micah 6, Mark 6.30-44**

Lord, thank you that each day contains another opportunity to discover new ways in which you transform what we are into what you always meant us to be.

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August – Trinity 12 – Romans 12: 1-8 and Matthew 16: 13-20**

**Prayer for the Day** - God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Prayers for the Week**

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> Psalm 98, Micah 7.1-7, Mark 6.45-end**

Lord, what a gift you have given; what a treasure we hold. What a fragile inheritance you have entrusted to our care, for freedom is your gift and must be handled with care.

**Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> Psalm 106, Micah 7.8-end, Mark 7.1-13**

Lord, we praise you for the freedom we have to think and to choose; for the freedom to learn and to share what we have; for the freedom to discover just why we are here and to allow you to use us in ways we never dreamt possible.

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> Psalm 110, Habakkuk 1.1-11, Mark 7.14-23**

Lord, the freedom you give is what makes us what we are, and the freedom you give makes us responsible for the choices we make.

**Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> Psalm 113, Habakkuk 1.12-2.5, Mark 7.24-30**

We praise you for the freedom to worship and to confess you as Lord; for the freedom to serve and, in all we do, to be able to demonstrate the love of our God, to speak of our Saviour and Lord, that others might know the freedom that's ours.

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> Psalm 139, Habakkuk 2.6-end, Mark 7.31-end**

Lord, we praise you for our freedom in Christ; for his death on the cross where our freedom was paid for and for his glorious resurrection that brought your gift to our door.

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> Psalm 120, Habakkuk 3.2-19a, Mark 8.1-10**

Lord, for the renewal of our freedom that the Holy Spirit brings daily and for the freedom of heaven that is already ours. Thank you that we have the freedom to confess that Jesus is Lord.