

Readings for August 2021

Sunday 1st August – 9th Sunday after Trinity – Ephesians 4: 1-16 and John 6: 24-35

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 2nd Psalm 44, Ezekiel 37.1-14, Mark 1.1-13 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 3rd Psalm 48, Ezekiel 37. 15-end, 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 4th Psalm 119.57-80, Ezekiel 39. 21-end, 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 5th Psalm 57, Ezekiel 43. 1-12, 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 6th Transfiguration of Our Lord Psalm 27, 1 Kings 19.1-16, 1 John 3.1-3

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 7th Psalm 68, Ezekiel 47. 1-12, 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 8th August – 10th Sunday after Trinity – Ephesians 4: 25 – 5: 2 and John 6: 35, 41-51

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 9th Psalm 71, Proverbs 1.1-19, 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 10th Psalm 73, Proverbs 1.20-end, Mark 3.7-19a

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 11th Psalm 77, Proverbs 2, 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 12th Psalm 78.1-39, Proverbs 3.1-26, 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 13th Psalm 55, Proverbs 3.27-4.19, 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 14th Psalm 76, Proverbs 6.1-19, 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 15th August – 11th after Trinity – Mary, Mother of Jesus **Galatians 4: 4-7 and Luke 1: 46-55**
Prayer for the Day - Almighty God who looked upon the lowliness of Blessed Virgin Mary and chose her to be the mother of your only Son; grant that we who are redeemed by his blood may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

Prayers for the Week

Monday 16th Psalm 80, Proverbs 8.1-21, 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 17th Psalm 87, Proverbs 8.22-end, 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 18th Psalm 119.105-128, Proverbs 9, 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 19th Psalm 90, Proverbs 10.1-12, Mark 6.1-13

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 20th Psalm 88, Proverbs 11.1-12, 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 21st Psalm 96, Proverbs 12.10-end, 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 22nd August – 12th Sunday after Trinity – Ephesians 6: 10-20 and John 6: 56-69

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.

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Monday 23rd Psalm 98, Proverbs 14.31-15.17, 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 24th Bartholomew the Apostle Psalm 86, Genesis 28.10-17, John 1.43-51

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 25th Psalm 110, Proverbs 18.10-end, 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 26th Psalm 113, Proverbs 20.1-22, 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 27th Psalm 139, Proverbs 22.1-16, 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 28th Psalm 120, Proverbs 24.23-end, 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.