

## February Readings

### **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> Psalm 143, Genesis 21.1-21, Matthew 27.57-end**

Heavenly Father, we praise you wherever we look we can see the signs of you being with us.

### **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Psalm 142, Genesis 22.1-19, Matthew 28.1-15**

Heavenly Father, we thank you for making yourself known in Jesus; that he shares everything life means to us. We thank you that he is like a shepherd; that knows each one of us by name and cares about each of us every day.

### **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> Psalm 147, Genesis 23, Matthew 28.16-end**

Heavenly Father, we thank you for family and friends whose love and kindness make each day special. We thank you for opportunities to help other people and to show them your love and care.

### **Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent Colossians 1: 15-20 & John 1: 1-14**

Prayer for the Day (Collect)

Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Prayers for the Week**

#### **Monday 5<sup>th</sup> Psalm 1, Genesis 29.31-30.24, 2 Timothy 4.1-8**

Father, we praise you for your wonderful world and we thank you for the changing seasons.

#### **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> Psalm 5, Genesis 31.1-24, 2 Timothy 4.9-end**

Father, we thank you for the life you have given to us, and that every day we can enjoy all that you have made.

#### **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> Psalm 119.1-32, Genesis 31.25-32.2, Titus 1**

Father, we thank you for all those who work to keep us safe and well: police, fire brigade, ambulance drivers, all who work in hospitals: for dentists, opticians.

#### **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> Psalm 14, Genesis 32.3-30, Titus 2**

We thank you for those who keep our roads clean and safe to travel on.

#### **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Psalm 17, Genesis 33.1-17, Titus 3**

Father, we thank you for all who add something special to our lives, and for those who show us the right way to live.

#### **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> Psalm 20, Genesis 35, Philemon**

Father, forgive us that we forget to show your love to each other and that often we think only of ourselves.

### **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February Sunday next before Lent 2 Corinthians 4: 3-6 & Mark 9: 2-9**

Prayer for the Day (Collect)

Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Prayers for the Week**

#### **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> Psalm 27, Genesis 37.1-11, Galatians 1**

Lord Jesus, walking the painful road that led to your cross, still you took time to respond to the people you met. Our road is broader, its end more clear, and our burdens lighter. Help us to meet the needs of those we meet.

**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> Psalm 32, Genesis 37.12-end, Galatians 2.1-10**

Lord Jesus, we pray for those for whom the roadside is their only home, for those in towns and cities who sleep in shop doorways, for those who beg for our small change so they can eat.

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> Ash Wednesday**

Psalm 38, Daniel 9.3-6, 17-19, 1 Timothy 6.6-19

Lord Jesus, we pray for people for whom the road is a place of injury or death, and those bereaved by road accidents.

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> Psalm 77, Genesis 39, Galatians 2.11-end**

Lord Jesus, we pray for people for whom the road presents an opportunity, those moving to new jobs, traveling to meet friends or to discover the world.

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Psalm 3, Genesis 40, Galatians 3.1-14**

Lord Jesus, we pray for those for whom the road ahead seems closed, those in despair or suffering from depression, those who have no opportunity to use their skills in employment. Help us to see people rather than their problems.

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> Psalm 71, Genesis 41.1-24, Galatians 3.15-22**

Lord, as sisters and brothers of the traveling Christ, help us to support and encourage each other along the way, give us love enough to stop and care for those with whom we journey,

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent 1 Peter 3: 18-end & Mark 1: 9-15**

**Prayer for the Day (Collect)**

Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Prayers for the Day**

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Psalm 10, Genesis 41.25-45, Galatians 3.23-4.7**

Father, we praise you for the way you made yourself and your love known to us in Jesus.

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> Psalm 44, 17Genesis 41.46-42.5, Galatians 4.8-20**

Father, we praise you for the gentleness of Christ which still brings us your mercy; for the way his readiness to reach out and touch the lives of others reassures of your presence and power.

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> Psalm 6, Genesis 42.6-, Galatians 4.21-5.1, Father, we praise you for your commitment to work for our good which we witnessed in his utter determination to make people's lives whole.**

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> Psalm 42, Genesis 42.18-28, Galatians 5.2-15**

Father, we praise you for your free grace which found its echo in Christ's acceptance of every person who turned to him for forgiveness and healing.

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm 22, Genesis 42. 29-end, Galatians 5.16-end**

Father, we praise you for your undiluted purpose for your people, your never ending grace for all humanity; for your triumphant love which was given its fullest demonstration in Christ's dying and rising for us.

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> Psalm 59, Genesis 43.1-15, Galatians 6**

Father, we praise you for that love which still flows from the empty cross and the empty tomb, to bring us hope and healing and wholeness today.

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent Romans 4: 13-end & Mark 8: 31-end**

**Prayer for the Day (Collect)**

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **Prayers for the Week**

### **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> Psalm 26, Genesis 43.16-end, Hebrews 1**

Lord, we praise you for each new day, whatever it brings—sun, wind or rain---it come gift-wrapped from you.

### **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> Psalm 50, Genesis 44.1-17, Hebrews 2.1-9**

Lord, from our first day, when our infant cry announced our arrival, to our last, when our sigh will be a silent farewell---each day we receive we will never deserve.

### **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> Psalm 35, Genesis 44.18-end, Hebrews 2.10-end**

Lord, they are grace-filled tokens from our Father in heaven and each comes with the promise of your presence and power.

### **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March Psalm 34, Genesis 45.1-15, Hebrews 3.1-6**

Lord, today is your gift, whatever it brings, today is your present, given to share.

### **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Psalm 40, Genesis 45.16-end, Hebrews 3.7-end**

Lord, this day may have more than its share of pain or pleasure, of delight or despair, but we can still praise you, for you are the Lord of each day, which you will hold in your care.

### **Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> Psalm 3, Genesis 46.1-7, 28-end, Hebrews 4.1-13**

Lord, hold us now and hold us forever; hold us today, and hold us when earth's days are no more, then hold us still for all eternity.