

*Daily Prayers
and Readings*

June and July 2020

*I pray because
I can't help myself.
I pray because
I'm helpless.*

*I pray because the need
flows out of me all the time -
waking and sleeping.
It doesn't change God -
It changes me.*

(C. S. Lewis)

Dear friends,

It seems so long since we worshipped together in the same place but it's always good to know we are together separately- if that makes sense!

When life seems uncertain, it's easy to doubt that God is really with us. But that same God who is with us during the good times is the same God who upholds us in times of uncertainty. Throughout the Bible, the Lord has shown that He doesn't abandon His children. He is always with us.

The time will come when we share worship in the same space, share fellowship with one another and perhaps even a hug. Until then, we think about, and pray for the world and each other, while we remain enfolded in God's tender, loving care. JD

The weekly readings are taken from the Common Lectionary and reflect those used on the immediate Sunday in our own church and very many others. In normal times we use them on a daily basis in our chapel at 10am. They can be used equally for private devotions. In the chapel the prayers of Intercession include those requested by members of the public and our own congregation. We pray too for our sister church in Fenstanton, for the local community, for Churches Together in St Ives, and the Imams and worshippers at the local Mosques. We pray for each other and our world.

June 2020

All. Awaken us to your glory.

L. Dispel the darkness of night.

All. Awaken us to your glory.

L. Destroy our heaviness of heart

All. Awaken us to your glory.

L. Cure the blindness of our sight.

All. Awaken us to your glory.

L. Heal the deafness of our ears.

All. Awaken us to your glory.

L. Open the mouth that is dumb

All. Awaken us to your glory.

L. Restore a gentleness of touch.

All. Awaken us to your glory.

L. Encourage in us a sense of adventure.

All. Awaken us to your glory.

L. Bring us an awareness of you

All. Awaken us to your glory. Amen

(The Rhythm of Life - David Adam)

Let us keep silent for our personal reflection and confession.

All. Make us, O God, more worthy

Of your beauty and bounty.

Make us, O heavenly Father,

True followers, day by day,

Of Him in whom the word was made flesh

And dwelt among us. Amen

THE READING

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

To the words 'Merciful Father' please respond with 'Hear us in your steadfast love'.

THE LORDS PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven,

Hallowed be thy name;

Thy kingdom come; thy will be done;

On earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us this day our trespasses,

As we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation;

But deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power,

and the glory,

for ever and ever

Amen

All. Teach us, good Lord, to serve thee as Thou deservest,

To give and not to count the cost,

To fight and not to heed the wounds,

To toil and not to seek for rest,

To labour and not to ask for any reward,

Save that of knowing that we do thy will.

Amen

(Ignatius Loyola, 1491-1556)

*All. We are precious stones, working together;
Let us build God's kingdom*

*L. We come with joy in our hearts, to pray and
to praise.*

*All. We are precious stones, working together;
Let us build God's kingdom*

*L. We come together to share in the gifts of God's
Spirit.*

*All. We are precious stones, working together;
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*L. Living God, you are the cornerstone rejected by
the world: we come to say sorry.*

*All. We are precious stones, working together;
Let us build God's kingdom*

*L. You call us to be a holy people;
We ask new possibilities to share your world.*

*All. We are precious stones, working together;
Let us build God's kingdom. Amen*

(Prayers from the Heart, URC Prayer Handbook 2020)

THE GRACE

*All. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of
God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us
all ever more. Amen*

Readings for June

Special dates for the month of June

Mon 1st-National month of prayer for toddler groups

Sun 7th - Trinity Sunday

Thurs 11th - Scottish Episcopal Church General Synod

Sat 20th - World Refugee Day

Thurs 25th - Methodist Conference begins (ends July 2nd)

Mon	1 st	Psalms 8
Tues	2 nd	Isaiah 40 v 12 - 17, 27 - 31
Weds	3 rd	Psalms 93
Thurs	4 th	2 Corinthians 13 v 11-13
Fri	5 th	Psalms 24
Sat	6 th	Matthew 28 v 16-20
Mon	8 th	Psalms 116 v 9 - 17
Tues	9 th	Genesis 18 v 1 - 15
Weds	10 th	Psalms 44
Thurs	11 th	Romans 5 v 1 - 8
Fri	12 th	Psalms 45
Sat	13 th	Matthew 9 v 35 - 10 v 8
Mon	15 th	Psalms 86 v 1 - 10, 16 - 17
Tues	16 th	Genesis 21 v 8 - 21
Weds	17 th	Psalms 89
Thurs	18 th	Romans 6 v 16 - 11
Fri	19 th	Psalms 49
Sat	20 th	Matthew 10 v 24 - 39
Mon	22 nd	Psalms 13
Tues	23 rd	Genesis 22 v 1 - 14
Weds	24 th	Psalms 52
Thurs	25 th	Romans 6 v 12 - 23
Fri	26 th	Psalms 53
Sat	27 th	Matthew 10 v 40 - 42
Mon	29 th	Song of Solomon 2 v 8 - 13
Tues	30 th	Genesis 24 v 34 - 38, 42 - 49, 58 - 67

July 2020

*L. Come summer with me, Lord;
summer deep down in my soul;
restore my faith in summer's time,
in rest, in joy, in play, in you.*

*All. Summer in my heart, Lord,
and dwell there
as if time would never end,
as if all time were children's time,
eternal time
when school is always out and joy is ever in.*

*L. And let others summer in my shade, Lord,
and share whatever summer's peace
is mine to give,
whatever summer's light is mine to shed,
whatever summer's warmth is mine to share.*

*All. Good God of every season and every day
this week,
Come summer with me, Lord, and let the
child in my heart
spend this summer in your love. Amen
(Fr Austin Fleming)*

*Let us keep silent for our personal reflection and
confession.*

*All. Give us true repentance.
Forgive us our sins of negligence and ignorance
and our deliberate sins;
And grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit
to amend our lives according to your
Holy word. Amen*

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*L. Lord, speak to us through the beauty of the earth;
from the rising of the sun until dusk,
in the moon and the stars at night,
your beauty is there for all to see.*

*R. Open our eyes, Lord, to drink in the wonders,
so that we may reflect your beauty
in kindness and humility,
and show the world your patience and
gentleness by our actions. Amen*
(Patricia Preece)

*L. You are the peace of all things calm.
You are the place to hide from harm.*

*R. You are the light that shines in the dark.
You are the heart's eternal spark.*

*L. You are the door that's open wide.
You are the guest who waits inside.*

*R. You are the stranger at the door.
You are the calling of the poor.*

*All. You are my Lord and with me still.
You are my love, keep me from ill.
You are the light, the truth, the way.
You are my Saviour this very day.*

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Readings for July

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Fri 10th - URC General Assembly (10th - 13th)

Church of England General Synod (10th - 14th)

Sun 12th - Action for Children Sunday

Sun 19th - Rural Mission Sunday

Weds 1 st	Psalm 56
Thurs 2 nd	Romans 7 v 15 - 25a
Fri 3 rd	Psalm 57
Sat 4 th	Matthew 11 v 16 - 19, 25 - 29
Mon 6 th	Psalm 119 v 105 - 112
Tues 7 th	Genesis 25 v 19 - 34
Weds 8 th	Psalm 60
Thurs 9 th	Romans 8 v 1 - 11
Fri 10 th	Psalm 64
Sat 11 th	Matthew 13 v 1 - 9, 18 - 23
Mon 13 th	Psalm 139 v 1 - 11
Tues 14 th	Genesis 28 v 10 - 19a
Weds 15 th	Psalm 67
Thurs 16 th	Romans 8 v 12 - 25
Fri 17 th	Psalm 71
Sat 18 th	Matthew 13 v 24 - 30, 36 - 43
Mon 20 th	Psalm 105 v 1 - 11
Tues 21 st	Genesis 29 v - 15 - 28
Weds 22 nd	Psalm 75
Thurs 23 rd	Romans 8 v 26 - 39
Fri 24 th	Psalm 76
Sat 25 th	Matthew 13 v 31 - 33, 44 - 52
Mon 27 th	Psalm 17 v 1 - 7
Tues 28 th	Genesis 32 v 22 - 31
Weds 29 th	Psalm 85
Thurs 30 th	Romans 9 v 1 - 5
Fri 31 st	Psalm 88

*This space is for your
own notes*

*Eternal God,
when we feel afraid,
and nothing seems secure or sure,
when we are tempted to give up
or to turn elsewhere;
cling fast to us and hold us close,
until we feel again
the steady and unstoppable beat of your love
and the security of our place with you.
May we know this day
those things which cannot be taken from us
and which are your eternal gifts to us;
that death is defeated,
that life and love triumph,
that goodness will last
and forgiveness is sure.
And on these truths, as firm as rock,
we will stand,
and nothing will prevail against us.
(Susan Durber, URC Prayer Handbook 2011)*