

Celtic Prayer Scripture Readings

MONDAY 7 AUGUST 2023

Opening Sentences

Declaration of Faith

Scripture Readings

Psalm 97:1

The LORD reigns, let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad!

Isaiah 52:7

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to Zion, "Your God reigns."

Galatians 6:14

But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

Today's Reading & Meditation

Prayer for Others

Our calling to mission and evangelism to those around us, in our work and in our play. Residents of Belvoir Lane, Woolsthorpe.

Market Rasen

The Diocese of Wernyol – The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan (Jonglei Province)

Opening Sentences

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Scripture Readings

Psalm 36:5-6

Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds. Your righteousness is like the mountains of God; your judgments are like the great deep; man and beast you save, O LORD.

1 Kings 18:43

And he said to his servant, "Go up now, look toward the sea." And he went up and looked and said, "There is nothing." And he said, "Go again," seven times.

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

And I, when I came to you, brothers, did not come proclaiming to you the testimony of God with lofty speech or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. And I was with you in weakness and in fear and much trembling, and my speech and my message were not in plausible words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might not rest in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.

Today's Reading & Meditation

Prayer for Others

All visitors and tourists to our Group of churches – for our welcome and interest in all who visit us. Residents of Chapel Hill and Village Street, Woolsthorpe.

The Middle Rasen Group

The Diocese of Wiawso – The Church of the Province of West Africa (Ghana Province)

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Scripture Readings

Psalm 107:29-30

He made the storm be still, and the waves of the sea were hushed. Then they were glad that the waters were quiet, and he brought them to their desired haven.

Proverbs 25:25

Like cold water to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country.

Acts 27:15

And when the ship was caught and could not face the wind, we gave way to it and were driven along.

Today's Reading & Meditation

Prayer for Others

Sunday School Leaders and Assistants and all who work with Young Children and Families; all families who seek Baptism. Residents of Rectory Lane, Woolsthorpe.

Linwood

The Diocese of Willochra – The Anglican Church of Australia (South Australian Province)

Opening Sentences

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Scripture Readings

Psalm 90:9-12

For all our days pass away under your wrath; we bring our years to an end like a sigh. The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty; yet their span is but toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away. Who considers the power of your anger, and your wrath according to the fear of you? So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.

Isaiah 2:5

O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

Matthew 25:1-7

“Then the kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a cry, ‘Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps.

Today's Reading & Meditation

Prayer for Others

Those who offer their time to clean our churches and to make them acceptable places of worship.
Residents of Cobleas, Woolsthorpe.

Legsby

The Diocese of Winchester – The Church of England (Canterbury Province)

FRIDAY 11 AUGUST 2023

Opening Sentences

Declaration of Faith

Scripture Readings

Psalm 55:22

Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved.

Isaiah 62:1

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch.

Acts 5:14

And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women.

Today's Reading & Meditation

Prayer for Others

The administration of the churches and the parishes, for parish secretaries and all who help with publications and finances. Residents of Sedgebrook Road, Woolsthorpe.

Lissington

The Diocese of Windward Islands – The Church in the Province of the West Indies

Opening Sentences

Declaration of Faith

Scripture Readings

Psalm 31:14

But I trust in you, O LORD; I say, "You are my God."

Genesis 12:1-3

Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

2 Corinthians 11:26-29

On frequent journeys, in danger from rivers, danger from robbers, danger from my own people, danger from Gentiles, danger in the city, danger in the wilderness, danger at sea, danger from false brothers; in toil and hardship, through many a sleepless night, in hunger and thirst, often without food, in cold and exposure. And, apart from other things, there is the daily pressure on me of my anxiety for all the churches. Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is made to fall, and I am not indignant?

Today's Reading & Meditation

Prayer for Others

Our Hospital and all who minister to the spiritual needs of patients – the Chaplains, deputy chaplains and lay chaplains. Residents of Main Street and Cawthra Court, Denton.

The Barkwith Group

The Diocese of Wonduruba – The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan (Province Central Equatoria Province)

Opening Sentences

Declaration of Faith

Scripture Readings

Psalm 103:20-21

Bless the LORD, O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his word, obeying the voice of his word!
Bless the LORD, all his hosts, his ministers, who do his will!

Genesis 28:16-17

Then Jacob awoke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it." And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

Luke 2:20

And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Today's Reading

Columba seems to have been no stranger to visits from angels, and was often aware of their comings and goings, especially to protect someone in danger or escort a departing soul heavenward, even when these occurrences were at a distance, such that Adamnan says later 'news' from far away would confirm to have happened at the exact time he had been aware of the event. He spoke of them seldom, but was often in the company of angels as he prayed.

Hard vict'ries inly won,
make strong the soul
to breathe the sov'reign peace
which angels share:
Unnumbered hosts
strengthen the loving soul that perseveres!

[R.M. Benson]

One day, on Iona, he commanded his brothers to allow him to go alone, unfollowed, to the Machair, the western plain. There on a little hill he was met by many angels who were clothed in white and flew at great speed. We know this because one disobedient monk spied on the meeting, and thereby cut it short!

The site of this story is still recognisable today on Iona:

One little hill top is not rocky,
but rounded, green, distinctive:
the hill where Columba spoke with
holy Angels.

[Margaret Cropper]

Meditation

Achsah and Othniel

And so it was that Achsah kept urging Othniel her husband to ask from her father a field. She lighted from off her ass, and Caleb said to her, 'What is it that you want?' And she said to him, 'Give me a blessing, for you have given me this dark, desert land; now give me also springs of water. And her father gave her the upper and the nether springs.

Prayer for Others

Our Hospital and all who care for the needs of patients, Doctors, Nurses, Porters and all medical staff.
Residents of Church Street and Casthorpe Road, Denton.

"After Jesus had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray." Matthew 14: 23

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