

## Prayers during week commencing 7 June 2020

7<sup>th</sup> June 2020 is Trinity Sunday. Our prayers this week invite us to remember the three persons of the one God.

### God the Father

[Genesis 1: 1](#); [1 Corinthians 8: 6](#); [Isaiah 64: 8](#); [Psalm 68: 5](#)

What do you know of God's character and ways? Give praise for those things.

**Creator God, I look to you as a loving parent. One to whom I can turn for wisdom, guidance and honest, loving direction. Challenge, guide and support me today as I seek to do your will.**

### God the Son

[John 1: 1-5](#); [Mark 1: 9-11](#); [John 6: 38](#); [John 14: 6-11](#); [Hebrews 1: 2-3](#)

Pause to slowly pray the words Jesus taught his disciples. ([Matthew 6: 9-13](#))

**Thank you, Jesus, for coming and showing me the way of the Father. For coming as a child, for experiencing the joys and pains of growing up. Thank you for your teaching about your father. Thank you for dying for me, rising for me and pointing the way to heaven.**

### God the Holy Spirit

[Micah 3: 8](#); [John 14: 26](#); [1 Corinthians 6: 19-20](#); [1 Corinthians 12: 4-11](#)

Where do you see God's Spirit at work in your community? Where is the Spirit particularly needed today?

**Come Holy Spirit, Come, empower your Church to proclaim the praise of God, to speak out for justice, to act on behalf of the disempowered, to share the love which comes from God freely. Fill me that I may join in your works of grace and mercy, and may Your Kingdom Come.**

**In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, Amen**

All bible readings and links are to New Revised Standard Version (Anglicised)

## SHARING IN PRAYER FOR OUR DISTRICT AND OUR WORLD

O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them? (Psalm 8: 1, 3-4)

Recognising the inexpressible immensity of God, the psalmist wonders why God should care about people. The psalm acknowledges how God does care about all of creation. Our concerns can be laid before God with confidence.

**This week as we pray for our circuits** we invite you to pray for our communities as lockdown eases, some schools return and as people begin to meet in open spaces. Holy Spirit challenge and inspire us to continue the care we have shown during these lockdown weeks.

<u>Day</u>	<u>Praying For our District</u>	<u>Praying For our Wider World</u>
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Stokesley Circuit	Thank you, God, for all the ways people have offered their skills in lockdown.
Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> June	Cleveland and Danby Circuit	Racial tension: for justice, equality and tolerance.
Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Bishop Auckland and Shildon Circuit	For the homeless, housed temporarily uncertain of their future shelter.
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Durham and Deerness Valley Circuit	Make me mindful of the impact of my actions on others and the world.
Thur 11 <sup>th</sup> June	West Durham Circuit	Teachers, parents, children, anxious as schools resume.
Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Barnard Castle and Teesdale Circuit	Foodbanks and other emergency provisions.
Sat 13 <sup>th</sup> June	North Yorkshire Dales Circuit	Lifeguards, rescue services and emergency responders.

## Lectio divina during week beginning Trinity Sunday 7 June 2020

### Matthew 28:16-20 The Commissioning of the Disciples

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup>When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

### LECTIO: READING

*As you read the words again underline or highlight words which stand out for you. Notice and appreciate what is written.*

### MEDITATIO: MEDITATING

*Place yourself amongst the disciples. What does the passage mean for you today? Which words is Jesus speaking to you? You might like to annotate the text.*

### ORATIO: PRAYER

*Respond sharing all you have noticed with God. Listen for God to respond to you.*

## CONTEMPLATIO: CONTEMPLATION

*Be still before God. Invite God to be with you. Give time for the words you have read and the meaning you have found to suggest action in your own discipleship. Ask the Holy Spirit to show you what God wants you to see and how to respond.*

### Other Lectionary readings for 7 June

*You may like to reflect on one or more of the other lectionary passages using the lectio divina structure.*

[Genesis 1: 1-2: 4a](#)

[Psalm 8](#)

[2 Corinthians 13: 11-13](#)

### Susanna Wesley on Prayer:

Help me, Lord, to remember that religion .....is not to be confined to the church, or closet, nor exercised only in prayer and meditation, but that everywhere I am in thy presence. So may my every word and action have a moral content. May all the happenings of my life prove useful to me. May all things instruct me and afford me an opportunity .....of exercising some virtue .....and daily learning and growing toward thy likeness. Amen.

-Susanna's Prayer Apron

### Finding a rhythm of prayer and reflection in lockdown.

Think of times when Jesus took time to pray. What do you notice?

When do you need space to be with God?

Who are you called to pray for this week? How will you remember?