

Readings for September 2020

Sunday 30th August – 12th Sunday after Trinity – Theme – Lydia

Acts 16: 13-15 & Matthew 16: 21-end

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.

Prayers for the Week

Monday 31st Psalm 98, 2 Samuel 11, Acts 8.26-end

Gracious God, with sorrow we admit that our lives have not been wholly as you will.

Tuesday 1st Psalm 106, 2 Samuel 12.1-25, Acts 9.1-19a

Gracious God, we confess the sin we know, and regret the shame we feel.

Wednesday 2nd Psalm 110, 2 Samuel 15.1-12, Acts 9.19b-31

Gracious God, we confess that some thoughts have been unworthy; centred on self, others denied.

Thursday 3rd Psalm 113, 2 Samuel 15.13-end, Acts 9.32-end

Gracious God, we confess that some words have been wounding; barbed and harsh, twisting deep.

Friday 4th Psalm 139, 2 Samuel 16.1-14, Acts 10.1-16

Gracious God, we confess that some actions have been unfitting; kingdom-destroying, love-denying.

Saturday 5th Psalm 120, 2 Samuel 17.1-23, Acts 10.17-33

Gracious God, we confess that sometimes we have been silent and still in the face of need; hesitant to give, slow to care.

Sunday 6th Sept – 13th Sunday after Trinity Romans 13: 8-end & Matthew 18: 15-20

Prayers for the Day - Almighty God, you search us and know us: may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayers for the Week

Monday 7th Psalm 123, 2 Samuel 18.1-18, Acts 10.34-end

Loving God, you have chosen us; called us to be your children and agents of your love in the world.

Tuesday 8th Psalm 132, 2 Samuel 18.19-19.8a, Acts 11.1-18

Loving God, we choose you to be the centre of our lives, we choose the way of love, we choose the way of life and we choose the way of Christ our Saviour.

Wednesday 9th Psalm 119.153-end, 2 Samuel 19.8b-23, Acts 11.19-end

Loving God, you have chosen us, and we are your people; we have chosen you, and you are our God.

Thursday 10th Psalm 143, 2 Samuel 19.24-end, Acts 12.1-17

Love of the Father, reaching out in creation; may we reach out to others.

Friday 11th Psalm 142, 2 Samuel 23.1-7, Acts 12.18-end

Love of the Son, in obedience and self-giving; may we follow your way.

Saturday 12th Psalm 147, 2 Samuel 24, Acts 13.1-12

Love of the Spirit, active within us; may we be active in the world.

Sunday 13th Sept – 14th Sunday after Trinity Romans 14: 1-12 & Matthew 18: 21-35

Prayer for the Day - Merciful God, your Son came to save us and bore our sins on the cross: may we trust in your mercy and know your love, rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayers for the Week

Monday 14th 'Holy Cross Day' Psalm 2, Genesis 3.1-15, John 12.27-36a,

Gracious, patient God, you must have wept again and again at the failures of congregations like ours.

Tuesday 15th Psalm 5, 1 Kings 1.32-2.4;2.10-12, Acts 13.44-14.7

Gracious, patient God, you must have wept at our lack of vision, yet you still ask us to speak for you.

Wednesday 16th Psalm 119.1-32, 1 Kings 3, Acts 14.8-end

Gracious, patient God, you must have wept over our apathy and indifference, yet you still give us your living Spirit.

Thursday 17th Psalm 14, 1 Kings 4.29-5.12, Acts 15.1-21

Gracious, patient God, you weep at our inconsistency, yet you still show us opportunities to serve.

Friday 18th Psalm 17, 1 Kings 6.1, 11-28, Acts 15.22-35

Gracious, patient God, you must have wept at the impoverishment of our worship, yet you still receive our prayers and praises.

Saturday 19th Psalm 20, 1 Kings 8.1-30, Acts 15.36-16.5

Gracious, patient God, Why are you so patient? Why do you still love us? Is it because Jesus never stopped loving his friends to the end and pleads for us now? Is it because that is the way you are and the way you have always been?

Sunday 20th Sept – 15th Sunday after Trinity Philippians 1: 21-end & Matthew 20: 1-6

Prayer for the Day - Lord God, defend your Church from all false teaching and give to your people knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayers for the Week

Monday 21st 'Matthew, Apostle' Psalm 49, 1 Kings 19.15-21, 2 Timothy 3.14-17

Eternal God, you are a God of good news, always seeking to address your world; speak to our hearts this day so that we can share in your communicating.

Tuesday 22nd Psalm 32, 1 Kings 8.63-9.9, Acts 16.25-end

Eternal God, open our ears to hear what you have to share through Scripture and Saint.

Wednesday 23rd Psalm 34, 1 Kings 10.1-25, Acts 17.1-15

Eternal God, open our hearts to receive your call through the cries of the world's wounded.

Thursday 24th Psalm 37, 1 Kings 11.1-13, Acts 17.16-end

Eternal God, open our arms to embrace our neighbours in compassion and care,

Friday 25th Psalm 31, 1 Kings 11.26-end, Acts 18.1-21

Eternal God, open our mouths to pass on words and thoughts which glorify you,

Saturday 26th Psalm 41, 1 Kings 12.1-24, Acts 18.22-19.7

Eternal God, open doors of opportunity so that your voice can be heard through our sharing and caring.

Sunday 27th Sept – 16th Sunday after Trinity Philippians 2: 21- 1-13 & Matthew 21: 23-32

Prayer for the Day - Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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Monday 28th Psalm 44, 1 Kings 12.25-13.10, Acts 19.8-20

Lord our God, maker of heaven and earth, your glory is all around us in all things bright and beautiful.

Tuesday 29th 'Michael and All Angels' Psalm 34, Daniel 12.1-4, Acts 12.1-11

Lord our God, your hand is in the wonders of nature, your purpose in the very matter of creation.

Wednesday 30th Psalm 119.57-80, 1 Kings 17, Acts 20.1-16

Lord our God, redeemer of the world your love for us is plain to see and know.

Thursday 1st Psalm 56, 1 Kings 18.1-20, Acts 20.17-end

Lord our God, giver of life, your creation teems with life.

Friday 2nd Psalm 51, 1 Kings 18.21-end, Acts 21.1-16

Lord our God, each springtime showers profusion of new life, and summer yields abundant fruit.

Saturday 3rd Psalm 68, 1 Kings 19, Acts 21.17-36

Lord our God, maker of heaven and earth, redeemer of the world, giver of life, we gather to give you praise.