

PRAYER IN THE HOME

TRINITY 10: SUNDAY 16 AUGUST 2020

GATHERING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us light a candle to remember that God is with us.

This is the day that the Lord has made

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

From the rising of the sun to its setting

The Lord's name is greatly to be praised.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COLLECT for the Tenth Sunday after Trinity

Lord of heaven and earth,
as Jesus taught his disciples in prayer;
give us patience and courage never to lose hope,
but always to bring our prayers before you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

PSALM 67

- 1 God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,
- 2 **That your way may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations.**
- 3 Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
- 4 **O let the nations rejoice and be glad,
for you will judge the peoples righteously
and govern the nations upon earth.**
- 5 Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
- 6 **Then shall the earth bring forth her increase,
and God, our own God, will bless us.**
- 7 God will bless us,
and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

BIBLE READING Genesis 45.1-15

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, 'Send everyone away from me.' So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, 'I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?' But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, 'Come closer to me.' And they came closer. He said, 'I am your brother Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither ploughing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors.

So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, "Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty." And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see

that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honoured in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.'

Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

SERMON Susan Wright: <https://stbcc.co.uk/sermons>

Questions:

1. How does it change the way you think about your present circumstances when you put your life in the context of God's centuries long plan of salvation and blessing?
2. How might God be using you today, like he used Joseph when his people were in danger?

INTERCESSIONS & CLOSING PRAYER

Let us pray to Jesus
who is with us in every situation.

Jesus, light of the world,
bring the light and peace of your gospel
to the nations of the world.
Especially we remember...

Jesus, Lord of life:
in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, bread of life
give food to the hungry
and nourish us with your word.
We particularly pray for...

Jesus, Lord of life:
in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus our way, our truth and our life
be with us, and all who follow you,
in every situation we face.
Please be with...

Jesus, Lord of life:
in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus, our Good Shepherd,
thank you that you seek the lost,
strengthen the sick and guide us all.
We pray for any we know...

Jesus, Lord of life:
in your mercy, hear us.

Jesus the resurrection and the life,
we give you thanks for all who have lived
and believed in you,
especially those who in their living and dying
have taught us to put our faith in you.
Raise us with them to eternal life.

Jesus, Lord of life:
in your mercy, hear us.

Merciful Father:
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

Trusting in the compassion of God,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:
**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

May the God of hope fill you
with all joy and peace in believing
so that you may abound in hope
by the power of the Holy Spirit.