

# PRAYER IN THE HOME

TRINITY 11: SUNDAY 23 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 Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

God of glory,  
the end of our searching,  
help us to lay aside  
all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom,  
and to give all that we have  
to gain the pearl beyond all price,  
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

## PSALM 138

- <sup>1</sup> I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart;  
before the gods I sing your praise;
- <sup>2</sup> I bow down towards your holy temple and give thanks  
to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness;  
for you have exalted your name and your word  
above everything.
- <sup>3</sup> On the day I called, you answered me,  
you increased my strength of soul.
- <sup>4</sup> All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord,  
for they have heard the words of your mouth.
- <sup>5</sup> They shall sing of the ways of the Lord,  
for great is the glory of the Lord.
- <sup>6</sup> For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly;  
but the haughty he perceives from far away.
- <sup>7</sup> Though I walk in the midst of trouble,  
you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies;  
you stretch out your hand,  
and your right hand delivers me.
- <sup>8</sup> The Lord will fulfil his purpose for me;  
your steadfast love, O Lord, endures for ever.  
Do not forsake the work of your hands.

**BIBLE READING** Matthew 16:13-20

<sup>13</sup> Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' <sup>14</sup> And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.'

<sup>15</sup> He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' <sup>16</sup> Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' <sup>17</sup> And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup> And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup> I will give you the keys of

the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.’<sup>20</sup> Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

**SERMON** Ann Brodie: <https://stbcc.co.uk/sermons>

1. Jesus asked his disciples, “Who do people say the Son of Man is?” (Matthew 16.13). How do you think people view Jesus in the 21<sup>st</sup> century? Should that matter to us?
2. Jesus says, “But who do you say that I am?” How would you answer him and what difference does it make to your life? Have your views changed over the last few months.

## **INTERCESSIONS & CLOSING PRAYER**

*Firstly, let us take some time to notice how many good things surround us, how much our lives have been blessed over the last week.*

*Silence*

God of love: **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the Church, national and local, for issues large and small. We ask for God's guidance and grace, that he will circle us with the light of the gospel.

*Silence*

God of love: **hear our prayer.**

We know many people are struggling today with illness, big decisions or major crises in life. We pray for them and name before God any known to us personally, asking him to surround them with his healing touch and the peace of his presence.

*Silence*

God of love: **hear our prayer.**

Each of us has things on our mind, perhaps things we hesitate to mention to anyone else, but we can be confident that our heavenly Father understands, so let us bring these personal prayers to him now.

*Silence*

God of love: **hear our prayer.**

We commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray, to the mercy and protection of God.

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.**

The Lord bless you and watch over you,  
the Lord make his face shine upon you  
and be gracious to you,  
the Lord look kindly on you  
and give you peace.

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