

# PRAYER IN THE HOME

## TRINITY 6: SUNDAY 19 JULY

THIS WEEK'S ZOOM MEETING: 11AM ON SUNDAY 19 JULY.  
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### GATHERING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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

All creation praises you, Lord,  
and your faithful servants bless you.  
**They declare the glory of your kingdom  
and tell of your mighty power.**

The Lord is with us.

**Let us praise his name together.**

### 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 Sixth Sunday after Trinity

Creator God,  
you made us all in your image:  
may we discern you in all that we see,  
and serve you in all that we do;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### PSALM 133

<sup>1</sup> How very good and pleasant it is  
when kindred live together in unity!

<sup>2</sup> **It is like the precious oil on the head,  
running down upon the beard,  
on the beard of Aaron,  
running down over the collar of his robes.**

<sup>3</sup> It is like the dew of Hermon,  
which falls on the mountains of Zion.  
For there the Lord ordained his blessing,  
life forevermore.

### BIBLE READING Colossians 1:15-20

<sup>15</sup> He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; <sup>16</sup> for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. <sup>17</sup> He himself is before all things, and in <sup>18</sup> him all things hold together. <sup>18</sup> He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. <sup>19</sup> For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, <sup>20</sup> and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

**SERMON** Ian Luke-Macauley: <https://stbcc.co.uk/sermons>

Questions for reflection:

1. In what ways can we develop our 'unity' so that it can be better and more pleasing?
2. How can this be a vital witness in the current era of racial tension?
3. With Jesus at our centre, what would being more inclusive and inviting look like?

## **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.