

PRAYER IN THE HOME

TRINITY 3: SUNDAY 28 JUNE

THIS WEEK'S ZOOM MEETING IS AT 7PM ON SUNDAY 21 JUNE.

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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.

God is spirit

Let us worship him in spirit and truth.

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 Third Sunday after Trinity

God our saviour,
look on this wounded world
in pity and in power;
hold us fast to your promises of peace
won for us by your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

PSALM 13

- ¹ How long, O LORD? Will you forget me for ever?
How long will you hide your face from me?
- ² How long must I bear pain^a in my soul,
and have sorrow in my heart all day long?
How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?
- ³ Consider and answer me, O LORD my God!
Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death,
⁴ and my enemy will say, 'I have prevailed';
my foes will rejoice because I am shaken.
- ⁵ But I trusted in your steadfast love;
my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.
- ⁶ I will sing to the LORD,
because he has dealt bountifully with me.

BIBLE READING Matthew 10.40-42

⁴⁰ ‘Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹ Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; ⁴² and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.’

SERMON Rev Richard Taylor: <https://stbcc.co.uk/sermons>

1. Read the Psalm again. What is the main point of this prayer? In your own words, what specific thing do you think it is trying to achieve?
2. Consider the emotional journey of the Psalm. How does the tone and feel change as the prayer progresses?
3. What might this prayer have to teach us about our own approach to prayer?

INTERCESSIONS & CLOSING PRAYER

Let us pray to the Lord,
who is our refuge and strength.

For the health and well-being of our nation,
that all who are fearful and anxious
may be at peace and free from worry:
Lord, hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

For the isolated and housebound,
that we may be alert to their needs,
and care for them in their vulnerability:
Lord, hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

For our homes and families,
our schools and young people,
and all in any kind of need or distress:
Lord, hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

For a blessing on our local community,
that our neighbourhoods may be places of trust and friendship,
where all are known and cared for:
Lord, hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

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.

May God give to you and to all those you love
his comfort and his peace, his light and his joy,
in this world and the next.

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