

PRAYER IN THE HOME

TRINITY 4: SUNDAY 5 JULY

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 Fourth Sunday after Trinity

Gracious Father,
by the obedience of Jesus
you brought salvation to our wayward world:
draw us into harmony with your will,
that we may find all things restored in him,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

PSALM 145.8-14

⁸The LORD is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

⁹The LORD is good to all,
and his compassion is over all that he has made.

¹⁰All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,
and all your faithful shall bless you.

¹¹They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom,
and tell of your power,

¹²to make known to all people your-mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendour of your kingdom.

¹³Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

The LORD is faithful in all his words,
and gracious in all his deeds.

¹⁴The LORD upholds all who are falling,
and raises up all who are bowed down.

BIBLE READING Luke 6.17-19

¹⁷He went down with them and stood on a level place.

A large crowd of his disciples was there and a great number of people from all over Judea, from Jerusalem, and from the coastal region around Tyre and Sidon, ¹⁸who had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases.

Those troubled by impure spirits were cured, ¹⁹and the people all tried to touch him, because power was coming from him and healing them all.

STUDY As we celebrate the 72nd anniversary of the NHS, this week's reading (above) reminds us all sorts of people, from all sorts of places, with all sorts of medical conditions came to Jesus for healing.

1. Read the some or all of the following passages: in each case note the following things:

Who needs healing?
What is their condition?
How old are they (child or adult??
Where are they from (if indicated)?
What is their social status (if indicated)?

Mark 1.29-31	Luke 5.12-16
Mark 5.21-24 & 35-43	Luke 7.1-10
Mark 9.14-29	Luke 7.11-17
Mark 10.46-52	Luke 13.10-17

2. What do you notice about your collection of answers?

3. Given that health care seemed important to Jesus, how might his approach to healing inform our approach to a national health service?

INTERCESSIONS & CLOSING PRAYER

Let us pray to the Lord, remembering all those in need:

For our church congregations,
that they will retain a sense of community
and continue to support others:

Lord, hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

For the isolated and housebound,
that they will not feel forgotten;
for those who have lost confidence:

Lord, hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

For our homes and families,
our schools and young people,
for all who worry about their future:
Lord, hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us.

For a blessing on our local community,
for the businesses beginning to re-open,
and for those not yet able to:
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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THIS WEEK'S ZOOM MEETING IS AT 11.00AM ON SUNDAY 5 JULY.
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