

## August 2019

*L. O God, it is your will  
to hold both earth and heaven in a single peace.*

*All. Let the design of your great love shine  
on the waste of our wraths and sorrows,  
and give peace to your Church,  
peace among nations,  
peace in our homes,  
and peace in our hearts.*

### THE GRACE

*All. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and  
the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.*

*Amen*

*L. When you come into the land which I give you  
and reap its harvest, you shall bring the sheaf  
of the first fruits of your harvest to the priest.*  
(Leviticus 23 v10)

*All. The month of August, the salt marsh is full of  
snails, the bees are merry, the hive is full; the  
work of the sickle is better than that of the bow;  
the rick is more frequent than the playing field.*  
(Early Welsh. Celtic Blessings. Brendan O'Malley. Canerbury Press)

*Let us keep silence for our personal confession.*

*All. Deliver me from the cowardice  
That dare not face new truths,  
From the laziness  
That is contented with half truths,  
From the arrogance  
That thinks it knows all truth,  
Good Lord deliver me.*

(Bread for Tomorrow, Kenya, from Africa Prayer Book. Desmond Tutu,  
Hodder and Staughton 1995)

### THE READING

#### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*To the words 'merciful father'  
Please respond 'hear us in your steadfast love'*

### *THE LORD'S PRAYER*

*Our Father, who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name;  
Thy kingdom come; thy will be done;  
On earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
But deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory,  
For ever and ever. Amen.*

*L. This prayer is entitled Seed Silence.*

*L. I did not hear you fall  
from pod to mother earth*

*R. I did not hear you call  
or cry your humble birth.*

*L. I did not hear you sigh  
as silently you grew.*

*R. I did not hear a Why  
because God made you you.*

### *THE READING*

*All. Hear us O Lord, as we ask You*

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*L. Giver of life, we wait with you to hear your hope  
to earth's darkest places.  
We wait at the places where darkness  
is deeper than the deepest pain.*

*All. Where love is denied, let love break through.  
Where justice is destroyed, let righteousness rule.  
Where hope is crucified, let faith persist.  
Where peace is no more, let passion live on.  
Where truth is denied, let the struggle continue.  
Where laughter has dried up, let music play on.  
Where fear paralyses, let forgiveness break through.*

*(Robert Green)*

## September 2019

*L. Lord, we pray for peace,  
not peace at any price,  
but peace at your price.*

*R. Make us and all your children  
so rich with your love,  
your generosity, your sacrifice,  
that we can afford to pay the cost of peace.*

*All. Show us, good Lord, the peace we should seek,  
the peace we can give, the peace we can keep,  
the peace we must forgo,  
and the peace you have given us.  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

*Let us keep silence for our personal reflection and  
confession.*

*L. Lord, we are part of the tension and injustice of the  
world.  
Forgive the human selfishness to which we contribute.  
Heal the resentment between people,  
of which we are a part.*

*All. Come into the world's conflicts,  
in which we share by being human.  
Take our unworthiness and sorrow and use them  
in your great work of healing and redeeming humanity.*  
*(Angela Ashwin).*

*All. And yet your silence spoke  
of confidence and might  
and purpose as you broke  
through earth into the light*

*(Harry Alfred Wiggett—Ibid)*

*All. Father God  
This only do I ask of  
Thy extreme kindness.  
That thou convert me wholly to thee  
And thou allow nothing  
to prevent me wending my way to thee.  
Amen and Amen*

### *THE GRACE*

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more.*

*Amen*

## Readings for August

### Special dates for the month of August

Saturday 17th—Friday 23rd August URC Holiday Forum

Thurs	1st	Colossians 3 v 1—11
Fri	2nd	Psalms 106 v 1—10
Sat	3rd	Luke 12 v 13—21
Mon	5th	Psalms 50
Tues	6th	Isaiah 1 v 1, 10—20
Wed	7th	Psalms 108
Thurs	8th	Hebrews 11 v 1—3, 8—16
Fri	9th	Psalms 115
Sat	10th	Luke 12 v 32—40
Mon	12th	Psalms 80
Tues	13th	Isaiah 5 v 1—7
Wed	14th	Psalms 82
Thurs	15th	Hebrews 11 v 29 — 12 - v 2
Fri	16th	Psalms 119 v 33—48
Sat	17th	Luke 12 v 49—56
Mon	19th	Psalms 71 v 1—6
Tues	20th	Jeremiah 1 v 4—10
Wed	21st	Psalms 103 v 1—8
Thurs	22nd	Hebrews 12 v 18—19
Fri	23rd	Psalms 119 v 73—78
Sat	24th	Luke 13 v 10—17
Mon	26th	Psalms 81 v 1—11
Tues	27th	Jeremiah 2 v 4—13
Wed	28th	Psalms 112
Thurs	29th	Hebrews 13 v 1—8, 15—16
Fri	30th	Psalms 119 v 161—168
Sat	31st	Luke 14 v 1, 7—17

## Readings for September

### Special dates for the month of September

Sunday 8th September Racial Justice Sunday

Mon	2nd	Psalms 139 v 1—5, 12—18
Tues	3rd	Jeremiah 18 v 1—18
Wed	4th	Psalms 121
Thurs	5th	Philemon 1 -21
Fri	6th	Psalms 122
Sat	7th	Luke 14 v 25—33
Mon	9th	Psalms 14
Tues	10th	Jeremiah 4 v 11—12, 22—28
Wed	11th	Psalms 124
Thurs	12th	1 Timothy 1 v 12—17
Fri	13th	Psalms 126
Sat	14th	Luke 15 v 1—10
Mon	16th	Psalms 79 v 1—9
Tues	17th	Jeremiah 8 v 18—9 v 1
Wed	18th	Psalms 129
Thurs	19th	1 Timothy 2 v 1—7
Fri	20th	Psalms 130
Sat	21st	Luke 16 v 1—13
Mon	23rd	Psalms 103 v 19—22
Tues	24th	Genesis 28 v 10—17
Wed	25th	Psalms 138
Thurs	26th	Revelation 12 v 7—12
Fri	27th	Psalms 34
Sat	28th	John 1 v 47—51
Mon	30th	Psalms 137