

*Daily Prayers
and Readings*

August and September 2020

Summer suns are glowing

Over land and sea.

Happy light is flowing,

Bountiful and free.

Everything rejoices

In the mellow rays.

All Earth's thousand voices

Swell the psalm of praise

(Bishop W. Walsham How 1825-1897)

Dear friends,

By the time you receive this we won't yet be back together again, but what we are always assured of is that, although we may not be worshipping in a conventional manner, our worship will continue, as sure as God's love for us does not fail. And 'church' may take many forms. It might be the quiet thankfulness of sharing a cuppa with a friend we haven't seen for ages. Or the awe-inspiring sight of a beautiful sunrise on awakening. Or simply the joy of being alive.

This year has so far given us challenges we never dreamed of but we stand firm and retain hope in our beliefs and while we continue to deal with all that life tosses at us, we think about, and pray for the world and each other, until we are together again. JD

The weekly readings are taken from the Common Lectionary and reflect those used on the immediate Sunday in our own church and very many others. In normal times we use them on a daily basis in our chapel at 10am. They can be used equally for private devotions. In the chapel the prayers of Intercession include those requested by members of the public and our own congregation. We pray too for our sister church in Fenstanton, for the local community, for Churches Together in St Ives, and the Imams and worshippers at the local Mosques. We pray for each other and our world.

August 2020

- L. Thanks to Thee, God,
Who brought'st me from yesterday
To the beginning of today,*
- R. Everlasting joy to earn for my soul
With good intent.*
- L. And for every gift of peace
Thou bestowest on me,
My thoughts, my words, my deeds, my desires
I dedicate to Thee.*

*All. I supplicate to Thee,
I beseech Thee,
To keep me from offence
And to shield me tonight,
For the sake of Thy wounds
With Thine offering of grace Amen
(Carmina Gadelica)*

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

*All. Lord, help me not to lean
On my own understanding
But in everything, acknowledge you
So you can direct my words, thoughts and actions.
In Jesus' Name Amen*

THE READING

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

*To the words 'Merciful Father' please respond with
'Hear us in your steadfast love'.*

THE LORDS 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 this day 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*

*All. Blessed are you, Lord God,
Creator and preserver of all.
Maker of all, may we work for you,
Lover of all, may we love with you,
Giver of all, may we give like you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen*

(David Adam, The Open Gate)

- L. Merciful God, we come to you
We come with a yearning the world cannot satisfy.*
- R. Feed us today with your living bread.*
- L. We come weighed down with all manner of cares,*
- R. For your name alone is our source of hope.*
- L. When the hurts of the world will not go away.*
- R. We ask you to heal us and make us whole.*
- L. We cling to you when others betray our trust:*
- R. Reassure us with your steadfast love.*
- L. We seek you out when we have lost our way,
Needing your light to guide us home.*
- R. We come to you tired and feeling afraid;
Only you can refresh our weary souls.*
- L. And we cry to you when no-one else can hear,*
- R. For we know that you listen and you understand.*
- All God, we come, just as we are;
Receive us now, we pray* *Amen*

(Karen Campbell, URC Prayer Handbook, 2015)

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 ever more. *Amen*

September 2020

- L. May the blessing of the God who cycles the seasons and swells the grain,*
- All. Go with us.*
- L. May the blessing of the Son who harvests, kneads and breaks the bread*
- All. Go with us.*
- L. May the blessing of the Spirit who challenges us to a just sharing of Earth's harvest.*
- All. Go with us now and into the day ahead.*

Amen

Let us keep silent for our personal reflection and confession.

- All. As summer into autumn slips
O give me grace today,
To rise and turn as summer's leaves
Draw life and strength from heavenly rays.*

Amen

THE READING

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

To the words 'Merciful Father' please respond with 'Hear us in your steadfast love'.

*This space is for your
own notes*

Pied Beauty

*Glory be to God for dappled things-
For skies of couple-colour as a brindled cow;
For rose-moles all in stipple upon trout that swim;
Fresh-firecoal chestnut falls; finches' wings;
Landscape plotted and pieced - fold, fallow and
plough;
And all trades, their gear and tackle and trim.*

*All things counter, original, spare, strange;
Whatever is fickle, freckled (who knows how?)
With swift, slow; sweet, sour adazzle, dim;
He fathers - forth whose beauty is past change.*

Praise him.

(Gerard Manley Hopkins)

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*Readings for August**Special dates for the month of August**URC Holiday Forum 22-28 August*

Sat	1 st	Matthew 14 v 13-21
Mon	3 rd	Psalms 105 v 1-10
Tues	4 th	Genesis 37 v 1-4, 12-28
Weds	5 th	Psalms 86
Thurs	6 th	Romans 10 v 5 - 15
Fri	7 th	Psalms 18
Sat	8 th	Matthew 14 v 22-33
Mon	10 th	Psalms 133
Tues	11 th	Genesis 45 v 1 - 15
Weds	12 th	Psalms 14
Thurs	13 th	Romans 11 v 1 - 2a, 29 - 32
Fri	14 th	Psalms 37
Sat	15 th	Matthew 15 v 10 - 28
Mon	17 th	Psalms 124
Tues	18 th	Exodus 1 v 8 - 2 v 10
Weds	19 th	Psalms 20
Thurs	20 th	Romans 12 v 1-8
Fri	21 st	Psalms 104 v 1 - 25
Sat	22 nd	Matthew 16 v 13 - 20
Mon	24 th	Psalms 115
Tues	25 th	Exodus 3 v 1 - 15
Weds	26 th	Psalms 21
Thurs	27 th	Romans 12 v 9 - 21
Fri	28 th	Psalms 107 v 1-32
Sat	29 th	Matthew 16 v 21 - 28
Mon	31 st	Psalms 149

*Readings for September**Special dates for the month of September**Education Sunday 13th**URC Synod of Scotland Saturday 19th**URC- CRCW Residential Conference 22nd*

Tues	1 st	Exodus 12 v 1-14
Weds	2 nd	Psalms 109
Thurs	3 rd	Romans 13 v 8-14
Fri	4 th	Psalms 119 v 17-32
Sat	5 th	Matthew 18 v 15-20
Mon	7 th	Psalms 114
Tues	8 th	Exodus 14 v 19-31
Weds	9 th	Psalms 51
Thurs	10 th	Romans 14 v 1-12
Fri	11 th	Psalms 119 v 65-88
Sat	12 th	Matthew 18 v 21-35
Mon	14 th	Psalms 105 v 37-43
Tues	15 th	Exodus 16 v 2-15
Weds	16 th	Psalms 34
Thurs	17 th	Philippians v 1 21-30
Fri	18 th	Psalms 145 v 1-8
Sat	19 th	Matthew 20 v 1-16
Mon	21 st	Psalms 78 v 1-4, v 12-16
Tues	22 nd	Exodus 17 v 1-7
Weds	23 rd	Psalms 110
Thurs	24 th	Philippians 2 v 1-13
Fri	25 th	Psalms 127
Sat	26 th	Matthew 21 v 23-32
Mon	28 th	Psalms 19
Tues	29 th	Exodus 20 v 1-20
Weds	30 th	Psalms 144