

### **THURSDAY** *Encounter*

Knock, and the door will be open to you. Matthew 7: 7c

- Pray for us all to encounter the person of Jesus Christ & experience life lived to the full.
- Pray for those seeking reassurance at this time of Covid 19.
- Pray for all care workers , social workers, community development workers
- Pray for our Diocesan links with Sudan and South Sudan that we may be able to learn from one another's lives and faith

### **FRIDAY** *Freedom*

When Christ freed us, he meant for us to remain free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery. Galatians 5: 1

- for those who are held down by past experiences, hurt or pain, that they may know the freedom that Christ can bring
- for the work of Amnesty international & Christians against torture.
- for those who are trapped in modern slavery.
- for the police force, judicial system, prison and probation workers

### **SATURDAY** *Faith*

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. Hebrews 11: 1

- for those who want to grow in faith, that we may all be filled with the hope of what is to come.
- for those who are struggling with faith at this time.
- for our fellow brothers and sisters of the World Faiths.

**PENTECOST SUNDAY** They were all filled with the Holy Spirit. Acts 2: 4  
Numbers 11 v 24-30; Acts 2 v 1-21; John 20 v 19-23

- for the whole Church to be filled with the Holy Spirit & faith renewed
- that the gifts of wisdom, understanding, counsel and knowledge of God would increase in both ourselves and the community
- that we may live in the power of God's forgiving love, know peace and be peace makers
- that we may know God's Spirit at work within our hearts and lives

## **Thy Kingdom Come**

(21<sup>st</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> May 2020)



TKC expresses the Archbishop's desire for the whole church to pray together between Ascension and Pentecost.

I hope these short readings and guide for prayer can give you a structure for your prayers over the next 10 days.

**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.  
Lead us not into temptation and deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the Kingdom,  
The power and the glory.  
Now and forever. Amen.**

### **ASCENSION THURSDAY** *The call to share our faith*

Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, all authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations. Matthew 28: 18 - 19a

- for all Christians to have the confidence to share the good news of Jesus Christ.
- for our mission partners Jane and Derek Waller in Madagascar, for the Church Army, Church Urban Fund, The Bridge Schools Project.
- Think about your own discipleship – What are you struggling with? How are you growing in faith? With whom would you like to share your faith? Bring your responses before God in prayer.

### **FRIDAY** *Know God's love better*

My dear people, let us love one another, since love comes from God, and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. 1 John 4: 11 - 12

- Pray for all those who have lost sight of God, that they would see God's love revealed in their lives.
- Pray for those who have lost love and loved ones in family breakdown, divorce or bereavement.

### **SATURDAY** *Trust*

If you trust in the Lord and do good, then you will live in the land and be secure. If you find your delight in the Lord, he will grant your heart's desire. Psalm 36: 3

- Pray for those who feel isolated and alone, that they will develop the necessary meaningful relationships.
- Pray for all whose trust has been broken and who seek refuge-refugees throughout the world, those living with abuse, those who are in desperate need of security and joy.

### **SUNDAY** *Intercession*

Ezekiel 36 v 24-28; Acts 1 v 6-14; John 17 v 1-11

Jesus prayed for his disciples before God 'All I have is yours, and all you have is mine.' John 17 v 11

- Give thanks to God that Jesus is always interceding for our world

- Open yourself to the work of God in prayer – what is God guiding you to pray for or to act upon?

### **MONDAY** *Forgiveness*

Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost, but may have eternal life. John 3: 16

- Pray for those in need of God's mercy, that they will know the joy of forgiveness.
- Pray for all who work in the counselling sector that and all whom they serve.

### **TUESDAY** *Curiosity*

Ask, and it will be given to you. Matthew 7: 7a

- Pray for all those who are beginning to show an interest in matters of faith, that their curiosity will grow into a desire for the living God.
- Pray for our Bible Study groups, those who read the Parish magazine, the worship committee who plan Lent and Advent, all who plan and preach sermons
- Pray for our School communities, colleges and university links and centres of learning in Salisbury e.g. the city library and U3A groups, Sarum College
- Pray that all wedding and baptism families, who in their celebrations of love and commitment, can experience God's love and actively seek it.

### **WEDNESDAY** *Seek*

Search, and you will find. Matthew 7: 7b

- Pray for those who seek God, that their search may lead them to find their heart's desire.
- Pray for those who seek justice and mercy for anyone oppressed with injustice, or poverty.
- Pray for those seeking the key to a successful vaccination for Covid 19 and those people who are part of the clinical trials.