

## Prayers and Readings for November 2020

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**1/11/20: Revelation 7:9-17; Psalm 34:1-10&22; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12** (All Saints Day)

**8/11/20: Isaiah 25:1-9; Psalm 20; Revelation 22: 1-5; Mathew 5: 38-48** (Remembrance Day)

**15/11/20: Joshua 24:1-3a&14-25; Psalm 70; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13**

**22/11/20: Ezekiel 34:11-16&20-24; Psalm 100; Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46** (Communion)

**29/11/20: Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7&17-19; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37** (Advent 1)

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**1. Call to worship:** Lead me by your faithfulness and teach me, for you are God my saviour; in you I put my hope all day long.

Psalm 25:5

**2. Prayer:** You have caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ. We pray in His name, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

### 3. First Reading

**4. Prayer: (Adoration)** Eternal and ever-blessed God, the same yesterday, today and for ever, we rejoice in the order and goodness of your creation. You are the God of all time and space, You were with Your people of old. You are with us now. You have promised to be with us until the end of time. We give You thanks, that in Your presence we are not alone. Your love has held us from creation to personhood. Your grace has infiltrated our lives, never letting us go. Your hope leads us on, encouraging us to find You in ever new and ever surprising ways. Bless our worship, transforming it from its imperfection to an offering acceptable to you. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord, **Amen**

### 5. Second Reading

**6. Prayer: (Confession)** Gracious God, we long to know you, and your will for our lives. We confess there are places in our lives where we are confused and puzzled. In difficult family relationships, we don't know where to turn. In heavy financial difficulties, we feel stuck. In scary health problems, we feel overwhelmed. In complex political dilemmas, we long for answers. Give us insight into your word, so that we can understand your will for our world, and for our lives. Helps us to be a community for each other, and for those on the

margins, extending the peace of Christ in practical, everyday ways. Father forgive us and enable us to live as you would have us live; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### 7. Third Reading

**8. Prayer: (Thanksgiving)** Almighty God, thank you for your amazing power and work in our lives, thank you for your goodness and for your blessings over us. Thank you that you are able to bring hope through even the toughest of times, strengthening us for your purposes. Thank you for your great love and care. Thank you for your mercy and grace. Thank you that you are always with us and will never leave us. Thank you for your incredible sacrifice so that we might have freedom and life. Help us to set our eyes and our hearts on you afresh. Renew our spirits, fill us with your peace and joy. We love you and we need you, this day and every day. We give you praise and thanks, for You alone are worthy! In Jesus' Name, Amen.

### 9. Fourth Reading

**10. Prayer: (Intercession)** Pray for those things that come to you from the bible readings. Pray for the world situation, your own community and family and friends. Pray for those that are suffering and those that work tirelessly to help others. Pray for our governments and leaders. Pray for your church and fellowships. Remember those that are unwell.

### 11. Lord's Prayer

**12. Closing Prayer:** Go now, with the blessings of the saints and angels. Go now, with the blessings of the people in this place. Go now, with the blessings of the whole people of God. Go now, with the blessings of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, to keep you in blessedness, now and always.

**Amen**

**13. Grace:** May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all, evermore. Amen