

Prayers and Readings for October 2020

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4/10/20: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20 / Psalm 19 / Philippians 3:4b-14 / Matthew 21:33-46

11/10/20: Exodus 32:1-14 / Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23 / Philippians 4:1-9 / Matthew 22:1-14

18/10/20: Exodus 33:12-23 / Psalm 99 / 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10 / Matthew 22:15-22

25/10/20: Deuteronomy 34:1-12 / Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17 / 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 / Matthew 22:34-46 (Communion)

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1. Call to worship: What does the Lord require of you?
Only this; to fear the Lord your God, to conform to all his ways, to love him and to serve him with all your heart and soul.
Deuteronomy 10:12

For this assurance of forgiveness and the promise of renewal, we give thanks to you, almighty God. **Amen**

2. Prayer: We meet as family in the presence of our heavenly Father. We meet as brothers and sisters in Christ, accepting the responsibility this places upon us - to love one another as you have loved us. We meet as your lights in this dark world and pray that through our words and our lives others might be drawn into your family, and accept you as their Saviour and Lord. **Amen**

7. Third Reading

3. First Reading

4. Prayer: (Adoration) Glory to God in the highest – the creative, living God by whose energy the world is constantly sustained. Glory to the Son, the Word made flesh, who entered human life as man and died for us, that we might rise with him to everlasting life. Glory to God the life-giving Spirit, who makes known the wonder of the Father's love, even to our hardened hearts. Glory be to God the Trinity, our inspiration, our fulfilment and our destiny in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

8. Prayer: (Thanksgiving) Thank you Lord God for the opportunity of worship, for the freedom to be amongst your family meeting together, albeit on the telephone, but still in the warmth of your embrace. Thank you that in worship we can put aside, the uncertainties of this world and rest upon the certainties of the Kingdom, for your promises are not changeable as those of a politician might be, but immovable and eternal. Thank you that we can bring to your feet all the hurts and fears that trouble us, and leave them there, knowing that your strength and assurance are all that we require. Thank you that as we draw near in worship, we are transported from a world of concerns and fears, to a place where we can be at peace in your presence, find healing, wholeness and refreshment. Thank you, Lord God, for the opportunity of worship.

5. Second Reading

6. Prayer: (Confession) Lord God, we come before you in great need of your forgiveness and your cleansing. We acknowledge the impurity, the lack of true commitment, in our daily living. Whatever other people may be generous enough to think, you know too well just how far we have fallen short. Sometimes our sin is the result of conscious and deliberate decision; sometimes it is caused by our dullness and our lack of vision. Even our acts of service become tainted by self-centredness and pride; but the mixed motives that we hide from others are not hidden from you. Father, in your mercy pardon us, and make us whole again.
Jesus said: Go in peace. Your sins are forgiven.

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: For summer's passing and harvest home. For autumn's splendour and winter's chill. For seed that has fallen the promise of spring, Lord God we thank you. **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