

PRAYER DIARY OCTOBER

GOSPEL READINGS

1 Luke 9:57-end	<i>Renigius, bishop</i>
2 Luke 10:1-12	
3 Luke 10:13-16	<i>George Bell, bishop</i>
4 Luke 10:17-24	Francis of Assisi, friar, deacon
5 Luke 17:5-10	16th Sunday after Trinity
6 Luke 10:25-37	William Temple, translator, martyr
7 Luke 10:38-end	
8 Luke 11:1-4	
9 Luke 11:5-13	<i>Denys. bishop, martyr</i>
10 Luke 11:15-26	Paulinus, bishop, missionary
11 Luke 11:27-28	<i>Ethelburga, abbess</i>
12 Luke 17:11-19	17th Sunday after Trinity
13 Luke 11:29-32	Edward the Confessor, king
14 Luke 11:37-41	
15 Luke 11:42-46	Teresa of Avila, teacher
16 Luke 11:47-end	<i>Nicholas Ridley & Hugh Latimer</i>
17 Luke 12:1-7	Ignatius, bishop, martyr
18 Luke 10:1-9	Luke the Evangelist
19 Luke 18:1-8	18th Sunday after Trinity
20 Luke 12:13-21	
21 Luke 12:35-38	
22 Luke 12:39-48	
23 Luke 12:49-53	
24 Luke 12:54-end	
25 Luke 13:1-9	<i>Crispin & Crisspinian, martyrs</i>
26 Luke 18:9-14	Last Sunday after Trinity
Luke 4:16-24	Bible Sunday
27 Luke 13:10-17	
28 John 15:17-end	Simon and Jude, Apostles
29 Luke 13:22-30	James Hannington. bishop, martyr
30 Luke 13:31-end	
31 Luke 14:1-6	Martin Luther, reformer



Give us today our daily Bread

The bread in my hand was ready to pop into the toaster on a wet grey morning when I paused and silently gave thanks to God for his provision.

I went to move on when one of those spiritual nudges happened and the almost-whisper of God could be heard, 'Our daily bread: not yours but ours'.

And the bread was laid back on the table.

Bread for the day and bread for the journey.
 Bread for our yearning that others might eat.
 Bread for the needy and bread for the friend.
 Bread for the anxious, longing it would end.
 Bread for the dying so grace-filled and sweet.
 Bread for the starving, those merely surviving.
 Bread for the migrant, a new world in sight?
 Bread for the war zone and places of plight.
 Bread on our streets where knives become fright.
 Bread in the boardroom with power and might.
 Bread in the prison often hidden from sight
 Bread in our families, though not all will eat.
 Bread in our lives now so ready to share.

This appeared in the 'Thy Kingdom Come' Prayer Diary. It was written by Revd. Jean Kerr, who lives in our parish and has guided us in parish discussions.

I think it is worth repeating and perhaps prompting us to pray as we put bread on our tables.

Preparation

Take time to become still and ask the Holy Spirit to help you pray. You might like to use something to help you like lighting a candle.

We pray that the Gospel may come into our lives not in word only but also in the power of the Spirit, and that our love may not be a matter of words or talk but be genuine and show itself in action.

Help us, our Father, to mean this our prayer as we ask it in the name of Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bible Reading

Read the Gospel passage set for today slowly.
(see back cover)

Notice if any words or phrases jump out to you.
Meditate on these and what they might be saying to you,
your church and the community you live in.

Time for prayer for others and ourselves

Take time to think about and pray for:
what you have learned today from the Gospel
the world which God made and loves
those with whom we share our lives
anyone in special need
our parish

The Lord's Prayer

Ending

Creator God,
I offer you this day.
Give me grace to love and serve you
to the praise of Jesus Christ the Lord.
Amen.

PRAYERS

Give us today our daily Bread

Make us worthy. Lord, to serve our fellow human beings throughout the world who live and die in poverty and hunger. Give them through our hands this day their daily bread, and, by our understanding love, give peace and joy.

Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Give us today our daily Bread

It must be the hardest thing, not to know what has happened or what wounds have been inflicted, or what cell of grave marks the spot, or whether there will ever be a home-coming. Heavenly father, the whole family of humanity is yours and in your care.

So we remember in your presence
those who have been torn from their families,
those who have taken them away,
and those who are left

Help us today to be signs of your care for them.

Bernard Thorogood

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O Brother Jesus, who as a child was carried into exile, remember all those deprived of their home or country, who groan under the burden of anguish and sorrow. Enduring the burning heat of the sun, the freezing cold of the sea, or humid heat of the forest, searching for a place of refuge. Cause these storms to cease, O Christ. Move the hearts of those in power that they may respect the men and women whom you have created in your own image; that the grief of refugees may be turned into joy.

African Prayer for Refugees

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