



Prayers - week 22
10th Sunday after Trinity

Rediscovering God's Love By Remembering The Privileges He Generously Gives

Malachi 1:2-5

A CALL TO WORSHIP *Psalm 100:1-5*

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs. Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations.

BLESS THE LORD *Matt Redman*

*Bless the Lord O my soul,
O my soul.*

Worship His Holy name.

Sing like never before.

O my soul.

I'll worship Your Holy name.

The sun comes up
It's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass
And whatever lies before me
Let me let me be singing
When the evening comes.

Bless the Lord O my soul

You're rich in love
And You're slow to anger.
Your name is great
And Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness
I will keep on singing.
Ten thousand reasons
For my heart to find.

Bless the Lord O my soul...

And on that day
When my strength is failing.
The end draws near
And my time has come
Still my soul will
Sing Your praise unending.
Ten thousand years
And then forevermore.

Bless the Lord O my soul...

PRAYER OF ADORATION *Augustine*

O God my joy, my glory and my confidence. Highest, best, most mighty; most far and yet most near; fairest and yet strongest; fixed and yet incomprehensible; unchanging yet the author of all change; never new, never old; O Lord I love you! Amen.

THE ONE TRUE GOD IS A GOD OF LOVE

God is forgiving, gracious and merciful, slow to become angry, and rich in unfailing love. *Nehemiah 9:17*

The Lord says, “The mountains may move and the hills disappear, but even then my faithful love for you will remain.”

Isiah 54:10

WHAT WE FACE IF WE FAIL TO RESPOND TO GOD’S LOVE

This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil... Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God’s wrath remains on them.

John 3:19, 36.

Do you show contempt for the riches of God’s kindness, forbearance and patience, not realizing that God’s kindness is intended to lead you to repentance? But because of your stubbornness and your unrepentant heart, you are storing up wrath against yourself for the day of God’s wrath, when his righteous judgment will be revealed.

Romans 2:4-5

GOD’S LOVE IN ACTION

Israel, the Lord who created you says, “Do not be afraid—I will save you. I have called you by name—you are mine. When you pass through deep waters, I will be with you; your troubles will not overwhelm you. When you pass through fire, you will not be burned; the hard trials that come will not hurt you. For I am the Lord your God, the holy God of Israel, who saves you. I will give up Egypt to set you free; I will give up Ethiopia and Seba. I will give up whole nations to save your life, because you are precious to me and because I love you and give you honour.”

Isaiah 43:1-4

God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God’s wrath through him!

Romans 5:8-9

GOD’S PRIVILEGE TO HIS PEOPLE – THEY ARE SAVED FROM HIS WRATH

“I have loved you,” says the Lord. “But you ask, “How have you loved us?”

“Was not Esau Jacob’s brother?” declares the Lord. “Yet I have loved Jacob, but Esau I have hated, and I have turned his hill country into a wasteland and left his inheritance to the desert jackals.”

Edom may say, “Though we have been crushed, we will rebuild the ruins.”

But this is what the Lord Almighty says: “They may build, but I will demolish. They will be called the Wicked Land, a people always under the wrath of the Lord. You will see it with your own eyes and say, ‘Great is the Lord – even beyond the borders of Israel!’”

Malachi 1:2-5

We are men justified by the shedding of Christ’s blood, what reason have we to fear the wrath of God?

Romans 5:9

God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Thessalonians 5:9

TRUST IN GOD’S LOVE IS, FINALLY, REWARDED

By God’s grace I want to live to the end in faith, knowing that I will not receive what is promised on earth, but seeing from a distance and welcoming the

promise of God. I agree that I am no more than a foreigner and nomad here on earth. But I am looking for a better place, a heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called my God, for he has prepared a heavenly city for me. Like Moses, may I consider it better to suffer for the sake of the Messiah than to own treasures, for I am looking ahead to the great reward that God will give me.

Based on Hebrews 11:13, 16, 26

THE LORD'S LOVE – MERCY ON ME *Psalm 40*

I waited patiently for the Lord;
he inclined to me and heard my cry.
He drew me up out of the empty pit,
out of the miry bog,
Set my feet on a rock,
making my steps secure.
He put a song of praise into my mouth,
put a song of praise that's to our God.
He put a song of praise into my mouth,
you give an open ear,
Many will see and fear,
and put their trust in God.

*Then I said, 'Here I am;
in the scroll it is written of me.*

*Here I am; I delight to do your will,
God;*

*Here I am; your law is written on my
heart.'*

*Sacrifice you do not desire,
Burnt offering you have not required.
Here I am.*

How glad are those who make the Lord
their trust,
who don't go astray after false gods.
How glad are those who don't turn to
the proud,
Your deeds are multiplied,
Proclaim them, who could try?
They can't be counted.

I've proclaimed happy news:

deliverance

You know, I have not restrained my
lips,

And I've revealed your rescue in my
heart

told of your faithfulness

steadfast love I confess from the
congregation.

Then I said, "Here I am..."

Do not, O Lord, withhold mercy from
me;

Let your love forever keep me safe

For countless evils have encompassed
me

my sin caught up with me

until I cannot see,

and my heart fails me.

Then I said, "Here I am..."

CONFESSION

How can I know all the sins lurking in
my heart? Cleanse me from these
hidden faults. Keep your servant
from deliberate sins! Don't let them
control me. Then I will be free of guilt
and innocent of great sin.

Psalm 19:12-13

Lord...

**You have brought me to the valley
where I live in the depths
but see you in the heights,
hemmed in by mountains of sin
I see your glory.**

Let me learn by paradox...

that the way down is the way up

that to be low is to be high

**that the broken heart is the healed
heart**

**that the contrite spirit is the
rejoicing spirit**

**that the repenting soul is the
victorious soul
that to have nothing is to possess all
that to bear the cross is to wear the
crown
that to give is to receive.**

**Let me find...
your light in my darkness
your joy in my sorrow
your grace in my sin
your riches in my poverty
your life in my death**

**... in no one else but your Son, my
Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen**

COLLECT FOR TODAY *Common Worship*

Lord of heaven and earth,
as Jesus taught his disciples to be
persistent in prayer,
give us patience and courage never
to lose hope,
but always to bring our prayers
before you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OUR GREAT GOD *Ortega & Powell*

Eternal God, unchanging,
Mysterious and unknown;
Your boundless love, unending,
In grace and mercy shown.
Bright seraphim in ceaseless flight
Around Your glorious throne;
They raise their voices day
And night in praise to You alone!

Hallelujah!

Glory be to our great God!

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Lord, we are weak and frail
And are helpless in the storm;
Surround us with Your angels

And hold us in Your arms.
Our cold and ruthless enemy,
His pleasure is our harm.
Rise up, O Lord, and he will flee
Before our sovereign God.

Hallelujah...

Let every creature in the sea
And every flying bird,
Let every mountain, every field,
And valley of the earth,
Let all the moons and all the stars
In all the universe
Sing praises to the living God
Who rules them by His Word.

A PRAYER FOR CONTENTMENT *Derek Prime*

Father, You know the challenges I
face and my disappointment in
myself when I do not respond to
them as I ought. Thank you that you
are my Father, the Lord Jesus is my
Saviour, and the Holy Spirit is my
indwelling Friend and Guide. Please
keep my eyes open to my spiritual
riches and may my life witness,
without me realising it, what it
means to be satisfied in knowing
You. In Jesus' Name I pray. Amen.

BLESSING *Jude 24-25*

All glory to God, who is able to keep
you from falling away and will bring
you with great joy into his glorious
presence without a single fault.
All glory to him who alone is God,
our Saviour through Jesus Christ our
Lord. All glory, majesty, power, and
authority are his before all time, and
in the present, and beyond all time!
Amen.

Prayer topics for the week

If you would like the vicar to pray with you on the phone, call him on 01902 827214; or alternatively you can place a prayer request on our 'Prayer Chain' by phoning Joan on 01902 754526. She will have several people pray, in confidence, for your request.

**Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;
in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight.**

Proverbs 3:5-6

For the World

- **Job losses** – pray for those who have lost their jobs & businesses. Pray that God will open doors to new opportunities, equip & encourage them as they seek work, and that they will look to Him for help.
- **Students receiving A level results** – in these uncertain days pray God will guide and reassure them as they seek higher education places and job opportunities. Pray for more grace in our government when handling the lives of pupils, and supporting teachers during these difficult times.
- **Migrants risking death to reach the UK** – pray for our nation to show compassion to those who have fled in desperation from their home country to find a safe and better life.
- **Storms & heavy rain** – pray, not only, for people affected in the UK by this week's storms. Pray this week for: **India & Pakistan** flooded by heavy monsoon rains; tropical storms in **South East Asia**; landslides in **Mexico**, flash floods in **Europe**; and thousands displaced by floods across **Africa**.
- Yesterday was VJ Day (Victory over Japan day). Life stories are told on the British Legion website. Give thanks to God for the peace that finally arrived in WW2, and for all who sacrificed so much to defeat evil. Pray for God's comfort for the many people whose lives today are impacted by the horrors of warring people, and pray for the quickening of Christ's return, for that is when there will be an end to war.

For St Jude's Church

- Reflect on the reassurance of God's love that he offers you in Malachi 1:2-5. Pray for an ever growing appreciation of the salvation he provides for everyone willing to repent of their sin, place their faith in Christ, and follow him in obedience.
- Pray for the family of Polly Blakemore. Phil conducts her funeral at Bushbury Crematorium on Monday 17th August.
- Give thanks for the lives of Church Family members, we remember those with their birthday in August, in particular: Pauline Roberts, Sheila Parkins, Brian Tilton, and TJ Ahme. Jesus promises... "Dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him. Don't copy the behaviour and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect." (Romans 12:1-2)

For our Mission Partners – Good Shepherd Services

Brother Charles has asked us to pray:

- For continuing protection against the coronavirus for our service users, volunteers, staff and benefactors.
- For the success of the current intensive efforts to house the homeless of Wolverhampton.
- For the success of our forthcoming Harvest Festival appeal.
- Give thanks for all the donations we receive to support the homeless from individuals, local businesses and groups.

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