

# *Longford Eight Benefice*

## **Prayer during the Day for the Tenth Sunday after Trinity**

### **Greeting**

Grace, mercy and peace  
from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ  
be with you

**All** **and also with you.**

○ God, make speed to save us.

**All** **○ Lord, make haste to help us.**

Make me a clean heart, ○ God,

**All** **and renew a right spirit within me.** *Psalm 51.11*

*Welcome to you at home for this service of Daily Prayer for the Tenth Sunday after Trinity. Today we will be having a live service in the Open Air in the churchyard of St Chad's, Longford. Our readings today touch on hand-washing and hypocrisy!*

### **Psalm 67**

- <sup>1</sup> God be gracious to us and bless us ◆  
and make his face to shine upon us,
- <sup>2</sup> **That your way may be known upon earth, ◆  
your saving power among all nations.**
- <sup>3</sup> Let the peoples praise you, ○ God; ◆  
let all the peoples praise you.
- <sup>4</sup> **○ let the nations rejoice and be glad, ◆  
for you will judge the peoples righteously  
and govern the nations upon earth.**

<sup>5</sup> Let the peoples praise you, O God; ◆  
let all the peoples praise you.

<sup>6</sup> **Then shall the earth bring forth her increase, ◆  
and God, our own God, will bless us.**

<sup>7</sup> God will bless us, ◆  
and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

**All Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now  
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

### **New Testament Reading**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the scripture says of Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel? For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all. *Romans 11.1-2a, 29-32*

This is the word of the Lord

**All Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel**

A reading from the gospel of Matthew.

Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, 'Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.'

Then the disciples approached and said to him, ‘Do you know that the Pharisees took offence when they heard what you said?’

He answered, ‘Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.’ But Peter said to him, ‘Explain this parable to us.’

Then he said, ‘Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.’

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, ‘Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.’ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, ‘Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.’ He answered, ‘I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.’ But she came and knelt before him, saying, ‘Lord, help me.’ He answered, ‘It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.’ She said, ‘Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.’ Then Jesus answered her, ‘Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.’ And her daughter was healed instantly.

*Matthew 15.10-28*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

Today's hymn is provided for the Church of England by members of the Choir of St Martin-in-the-Fields.

## Hymn

**In Christ there is no east nor west,**  
in him no south or north,  
but one great fellowship of love  
throughout the whole wide earth.

In him shall true hearts everywhere  
their high communion find;  
his service is the golden cord  
close binding humankind.

Join hands, then, children of the faith,  
whate'er your race may be;  
who serves my Father as his child  
is surely kin to me.

In Christ there is no east nor west,  
in him no south or north,  
but one great fellowship of love  
throughout the whole wide earth.

*William A Dunkerley (John Oxenham) (1852-1941)*

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## Prayers

*Let us pray:* In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father.

Bless, O Lord, your Church with the grace to proclaim your saving power, that we may lead people from the captivity of fear and darkness into your marvellous light.

Forgive us our sin and divisions and lead us to a new unity and harmony. Help us to be bold and persistent in prayer.

We pray for Libby our bishop and all who minister your word and sacraments. And help us to find ways to be your Church during this time of pandemic.

Lord hear us.

**All Lord graciously hear us.**

Heavenly Father, help us not to make our faith too narrow and limited. Forgive us the sins that divide us as races, nations and cultures. Help us to bring down the artificial barriers that divide; we pray for Black, Asian and minority ethnic people in this nation. We pray for the people of Beirut following the catastrophic explosion: for all who are homeless, for refugees and all who are rejected.

Lord hear us.

**All Lord graciously hear us.**

O Lord, as our minds are held by the horrors of the Covid pandemic help us to remember the need to care for your creation. Help us to use the resources of your bounty wisely; sharing what we have with those who have little.

Lord hear us.

**All Lord graciously hear us.**

We give you thanks for those who in love brought us to you, for those who share their faith and love with us. We pray for our homes and families, and for homes where there is no faith.

Lord hear us.

**All Lord graciously hear us.**

We pray for all who are suffering; in body, mind or spirit; for those in pain and for those who watch as those they love suffer.

Lord hear us.

**All Lord graciously hear us.**

Lord, we remember those who have died: we give you thanks for those who have died in the faith of Christ and commit them to your loving care; especially today we pray for little Elijah and his family as they mourn his death.

Lord hear us.

**All Lord graciously hear us.**

Merciful Father,

**All accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

### **Collect for the Tenth Sunday after Trinity**

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.

**All Amen.**

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us,  
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**All 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.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,**

**for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

## **The Grace**

**All** **The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with us all evermore.  
Amen.**

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