



# EVERYDAY SAINTS

*‘Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming. As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: “Be holy, because I am holy.”’*

**(1 Peter 1:13-16)**

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## Everyday Saints

The first Christians called each other saints. The Greek word '*hagios*' (holy ones) is the word used of God's people in Rome, Ephesus, Corinth and elsewhere. This wasn't because these people were morally perfect; in fact, they were very average believers! Instead it was a way disciples of Jesus reminded one another that they had been set free and made holy by Jesus' death and resurrection.

Over time the word saint became a title for exemplary Christians. Sadly, this led people to venerate and worship these people rather than follow their example. While people such as Augustine of Hippo, Francis of Assisi, and Julian of Norwich are all rightly called saints, it's important that we remember they were all imperfect people who were made holy by the love of God.

'*Everyday Saints*' is a teaching series designed to share the stories of those who often have 'St.' at the front of their name. This series will remind us that all saints are sinners saved by God's grace. My hope and prayer is that as we learn about the lives of other saints and the work God did in them, we too might be inspired to take up Jesus' call to us to 'be holy' and live as everyday saints.

# SUNDAYS

## *Service Outline for Church at Home*

serve you; for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

### SONG

### PRAYER OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. Once you were not a people, but now you are the people of God; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

*1 Peter 2.9–10*

Let's pray together:

**Gracious God, we humbly thank you for life and health and safety, for freedom to work, leisure to rest, and for all that is beautiful in creation and human life.**

**But, above all, we praise you for our Saviour, Jesus Christ, for his death and resurrection; for the gift of your Spirit; and for the hope of sharing in your glory.**

**Fill our hearts with all joy and peace in believing; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### BIBLE READING

Thank you, Father, for making yourself known to us and showing the way of salvation through faith in your Son. We ask you now to teach and encourage us through your word, so that we may be ready to

*A reading from the Bible.*

Hear the word of the Lord,  
**thanks be to God.**

### KIDS' TALK

### SONG

### SERMON

### STATEMENT OF FAITH

Let's pray the words of the church, the Nicene Creed, together:

**We believe in one God, who made and loves all that is.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was born, lived, died and rose again, and is coming to call all to account.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, who calls, equips and sends out God's people, and brings all things to their true end.**

This is our faith, the faith of the Church: **We believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

### CONFESSION

Return to the Lord your God, who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. *Joel 2:13*

Let us now confess our sins to almighty God.

*Church, and for the needs of individuals.*

*Prayers end with:*

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.**

**Merciful God, our maker and our judge, we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, and in what we have failed to do: we have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves; we repent and are sorry for all our sins.**

**Father, forgive us. Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **ABSOLUTION**

God desires that none should perish, but that all should turn to Christ, and live. In response to his call we acknowledge our sins. God pardons those who humbly repent, and truly believe the gospel. Therefore we have peace with God, through Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead – it is only by God's grace that you have been saved!

*Ephesians 2.4–5 (NLT)*

### **PRAYERS**

*Prayers may be offered for the world, for the community, for the work of the*

### **BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**

Loving God, we thank you for hearing our prayers, feeding us with your word, and encouraging us in our meeting together.

**Take us and use us to love and serve you and all people, in the power of your Spirit and in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

May the God of peace equip us with everything good for doing his will, working in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### **SONG**

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# Sunday October 25

## READING

### *1 Peter 2:1-10*

Rid yourselves, therefore, of all malice, and all guile, insincerity, envy, and all slander. 2 Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— 3 if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

4 Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and 5 like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 6 For it stands in scripture:

"See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." 7 To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," 8 and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

10 Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

## **AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO**

Augustine was born in North Africa in 354. His career as an orator and rhetorician led him from Carthage to Rome, and from there to Milan where the Imperial Court at that time resided. By temperament, he was passionate and sensual, and as a young man he rejected Christianity. However, under the gradual influence first of Monica, his mother, and then of Ambrose, bishop of Milan, Augustine began to look afresh at the Scriptures. He was baptised by Ambrose at the Easter Vigil in 387. Not long after returning to North Africa he was ordained priest, and then became Bishop of Hippo. It is difficult to overestimate the influence of Augustine on the subsequent development of European thought. A huge body of his sermons and writings has been preserved, through all of which runs the theme of the sovereignty of the grace of God. He died in the year 430.

## QUESTIONS

1. What is a Saint to you? and why?
2. The first Christians called each other 'saints' or 'holy ones'. How would you feel being called a saint or God's holy ones?
3. 1 Peter 2:1-3 again. How strong is your desire for God's word? Is it like 'pure spiritual milk' to you? Why or why not?
4. What are the 'spiritual sacrifices' we offer to God? v. 5
5. What is the stone that really counts in the building of the church? (See verses 6-8)
6. Augustine of Hippo said "Our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you." What do you think he means by this?
7. What can we learn from this passage about being 'Everyday Saints'?

## FAMILY TIME

**Watch:** '*The Life of Augustine of Hippo explained*' (Explained TV)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bMaSjAlWZ00>

**Talk:** What do you think about Augustine's life? Augustine loved himself and didn't like Jesus – what changed his mind? How did Augustine's life point to Jesus? Why is Jesus important to our family?

### **Do: 'Draw'**

Draw a picture of Jesus in the middle of a piece of paper. Write down everything you know about Jesus in a word cloud around him. Share why these things matter to you and what this means for how you live.

**Pray:** Loving Lord Jesus, our hearts are empty until you fill them up. Forgive us when we run away from you and help us to run towards you instead. Thank you so much for the example of faithful Christians who have taught the Bible carefully and lived for Jesus. **Amen.**

# Sunday November 1

## READING

### *Revelation 7:9-17*

<sup>9</sup> After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup> And they cried out in a loud voice: "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb." <sup>11</sup> All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup> saying: "Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honour and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!" <sup>13</sup> Then one of the elders asked me, "These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?" <sup>14</sup> I answered, "Sir, you know." And he said, "These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. <sup>15</sup> Therefore, "they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. <sup>16</sup> 'Never again will they hunger never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat down on them, nor any scorching heat. <sup>17</sup> For the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd: 'he will lead them to springs of living water.' 'And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'"

## ALL SAINTS' DAY

From its earliest days, the Church has recognised as its foundation stones those heroes of the faith whose lives have excited others to holiness. Celebrating the feast of All Saints' began in the fourth century. At first, it was observed on the Sunday after the feast of Pentecost; this was to link the disciples who received the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, the 'foundation of the Church', with those who were martyrs, giving their lives as witnesses for the faith. In the eighth century, a pope dedicated a chapel to All Saints in St Peter's at Rome on 1 November. Within a century, this day was observed in England and Ireland as All Saints' Day.

October 31 is Reformation Day, making November 1 Reformation Sunday. This is the day when Protestant Christians remember how Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses to the door of Wittenberg Cathedral in a call to reform the church at the time.

## QUESTIONS

1. It's common to think about 'saints' as very holy, or good, people. By virtue of our baptism, we are all called to be saints. Do you think of yourself as called to be a saint? Why or why not?
2. What difference would it make if you thought of yourself as a saint?
3. What do vv.9-11 tell us about God's people? What do vv.14-17 tell us about God's future?
4. How would washing robes 'in the blood of the Lamb' (v. 14) make their robes white?
5. What might it look like to live as those who 'wear white robes' in our everyday lives today?
6. On All Saints' Day, who do you remember who displayed the life of Christ?
7. How might you continue to live into your call to be a saint?

## FAMILY TIME

**Watch:** '*All Saints day for kids*' (Defining Grace)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UcPXns6gilk>

**Talk:** How is All Saints' Day different to Halloween? Why do people find Halloween exciting? Why do people find All Saints' Day exciting?

### **Do: 'Light a candle'**

In a safe space, light a candle. Talk about a person who inspires (dead or alive) you and helps you to follow and walk in the light of Jesus. Light other candles and talk about saints who encourage you to follow Jesus.

**Pray:** Thank you God that you have made me a saint through Jesus' dying and rising for me. Help me to follow Jesus as so many wonderful Christians have before me. Thank you that you are the way, the truth, and the life. **Amen.**

# Sunday November 8

## READING

*Joshua 24:1-2a,14-25*

Then Joshua assembled all the tribes of Israel at Shechem. He summoned the elders, leaders, judges and officials of Israel, and they presented themselves before God.

<sup>2</sup> Joshua said to all the people:

<sup>14</sup> “Now fear the LORD and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. <sup>15</sup> But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”

<sup>16</sup> Then the people answered, “Far be it from us to forsake the LORD to serve other gods! <sup>17</sup> It was the LORD our God himself who brought us and our parents up out of Egypt, from that land of slavery, and performed those great signs before our eyes. He protected us on our entire journey and among all the nations through which we traveled. <sup>18</sup> And the LORD drove out before us all the nations, including the Amorites, who lived in the land. We too will serve the LORD, because he is our God.”

<sup>19</sup> Joshua said to the people, “You are not able to serve the LORD. He is a holy God; he is a jealous God. He will not forgive your rebellion and your sins. <sup>20</sup> If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, he will turn and bring disaster on you and make an end of you, after he has been good to you.”

<sup>21</sup> But the people said to Joshua, “No! We will serve the LORD.” <sup>22</sup> Then Joshua said, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen to serve the LORD.” “Yes, we are witnesses,” they replied. <sup>23</sup> “Now then,” said Joshua, “throw away the foreign gods that are among you and yield your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel.” <sup>24</sup> And the people said to Joshua, “We will serve the LORD our God and obey him.” <sup>25</sup> On that day Joshua made a covenant for the people, and there at Shechem he reaffirmed for them decrees and laws.

## FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Francis was born in Assisi in central Italy either around 1181. He was baptised Giovanni but given the name Francesco by his father, a cloth merchant who traded in France and had married a French wife. There was an expectation that he would eventually take over his father's business, but Francis had a rebellious youth and a difficult relationship with his father. After suffering imprisonment following capture while at war, he returned a changed man. He

took to caring for disused churches and for the poor, particularly those suffering from leprosy.

Whilst praying in the semi-derelict church of St Damian, he distinctly heard the words: "Go and repair my church, which you see is falling down." Others joined him and he prepared a simple, gospel-based Rule for them all to live by. As the Order grew, it witnessed to Christ through preaching the gospel of repentance, emphasising the poverty of Christ as an example for his followers. Two years before his death, his life being so closely linked with that of his crucified Saviour, he received the Stigmata, the marks of the wounds of Christ, on his body. At his death, on the evening of 3 October 1226, his Order had spread throughout western Christendom.

## QUESTIONS

1. Did you grow up in a Christian household? How did this shape you as a person?
2. What is Joshua doing for the people in Joshua 24? Is this wise? Why?
3. Why does Joshua remind them of their journey in vv.16-20?
4. Francis of Assisi, like Joshua, was a warrior who made it his mission to rebuild communities around faithfulness to God. How did they do this?
5. Francis had a rule for life. Spend a minute by yourself writing a rule of life for you/your family. Share your thoughts about this exercise.
6. How can we play a role in rebuilding God's church this week?
7. What could you say to someone who says that: "*Being a Christian is all take and no give. I can't obey a God who offers me nothing.*"

## **FAMILY TIME**

**Watch:** 'The Little St Francis' (Miracula Studios)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fKoF4Xxi6vk&t=5s>

**Talk:** What inspires you about Francis? What bad examples did Francis follow? What good choices did Francis make? How did Francis point to God in his life?

### **Do: Putting Others First**

Francis experienced God through the world around him. Find a place outside (if it's not too dark or cold). Draw a picture of your favourite animal or plant. Around it write a prayer of thanks to God.

**Pray:** Lord Jesus, make me a person who shares your peace. Where there is pain and suffering help me to share your love. Help me to rebuild your church day by day. **Amen.**

# Notes

# Sunday November 15

## READING

*Judges 4:1-10*

“Again the Israelites did evil in the eyes of the LORD, now that Ehud was dead. So the LORD sold them into the hands of Jabin king of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor. Sisera, the commander of his army, was based in Harosheth Haggoyim. Because he had nine hundred chariots fitted with iron and had cruelly oppressed the Israelites for twenty years, they cried to the LORD for help.

Now Deborah, a prophet, the wife of Lappidoth, was leading Israel at that time. She held court under the Palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim, and the Israelites went up to her to have their disputes decided. She sent for Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali and said to him, “The LORD, the God of Israel, commands you: ‘Go, take with you ten thousand men of Naphtali and Zebulun and lead them up to Mount Tabor. I will lead Sisera, the commander of Jabin’s army, with his chariots and his troops to the Kishon River and give him into your hands.’ ”

Barak said to her, “If you go with me, I will go; but if you don’t go with me, I won’t go.”

“Certainly I will go with you,” said Deborah. “But because of the course you are taking, the honor will not be yours, for the LORD will deliver Sisera into the hands of a woman.” So Deborah went with Barak to Kedesh. There Barak summoned Zebulun and Naphtali, and ten thousand men went up under his command. Deborah also went up with him.”

## JULIAN OF NORWICH

When Julian of Norwich was thirty years old and suffering from what was considered to be a terminal illness, she experienced a series of sixteen visions, which revealed aspects of the love of God. Following her recovery, she spent the next twenty years of her life pondering their meaning and recorded her conclusions in what became the first book written by a woman in English, *The Revelations of Divine Love*. At an unknown point in her life, she became an anchoress attached to the Church of St Julian in Norwich. She died around the year 1417.

## QUESTIONS

1. Where has God used unlikely people to teach you about himself?
2. Why was Deborah an unlikely person to lead the people of Israel?

3. Why do you Barak as unwilling to go to war without Debra? Was this a wise move? Why/why not?
4. How were the lives of Julian and Deborah similar? How were they different?
5. What do the example of Deborah and Julian show us about leadership in the church?
6. What do the stories of these women show us about hearing God's voice?
7. What do we need to be wary of when we meet people who claim that God has spoken to them? How can we embrace them?

### **FAMILY TIME**

**Listen and dance:** *'What we can learn from Julian of Norwich'* (Nazarene Theological College)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lvNee-ZghAA>

**Talk:** Why was life hard for Julian? Why did she decide to spend her life alone with God? What can Julian show us about spending time alone with God?

### **Do: 'Time alone with God'**

Put a calming song to listen to on and spend some time alone with God. This may be tricky with little kids but try to spend about 5 minutes by yourself. Talk to God and also listen to God. At the end of this time share your feelings and experience.

You can also try this each night for short periods, working up to more time as you get used to it.

**Pray:** Lord God, there's a lot to be worried about in our world. There is violence, hunger, and sickness in our world. Help us to trust you for all things and know that all will be well when we live our lives with you. **Amen.**

# Sunday November 22

## READING

### *Ephesians 1:15–23*

<sup>15</sup>For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, <sup>16</sup>I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup>I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. <sup>18</sup>I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people, <sup>19</sup>and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength <sup>20</sup>he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, <sup>21</sup>far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. <sup>22</sup>And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

## CHRIST THE KING

The feast of Christ the King, is a festival celebrated in the Roman Catholic Church in honour of Jesus Christ as lord over all creation. Essentially a magnification of the Feast of the Ascension, it was established by Pope Pius XI in 1925. Originally, it was celebrated on the last Sunday in October, but in the revised church calendar promoted by Pope Paul VI in 1969 it was moved to the last Sunday of Ordinary Time (immediately preceding Advent), where its theme of Christ's rule over all made it a fitting end to the church year. The festival is also celebrated in Lutheran, Anglican, and other Protestant churches.

(Encyclopedia Brittanica)

## QUESTIONS

1. What does the phrase 'Jesus is King' mean to you?
2. Ephesians 1:15 begins with praise for the Ephesians. Who is being praised by v.23 and why?
3. What is Paul praying for in v.18? Why?
4. What does this passage tell us about Jesus?

5. What happens in our lives when we do not acknowledge Jesus as king?
6. What is helpful/unhelpful about celebrating the feast of Christ the King?
7. How can we remind one another that Jesus is the King of our lives?

## **FAMILY TIME**

**Listen:** *'Jesus is the mighty mighty King'* (Colin Buchanan)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QC8CcTUC5OM>

**Talk:** Is Jesus the King of England? Is Jesus the King of Australia? Is Jesus the King of the world? What's cool about having Jesus as your king?

### **Do: 'Crowns'**

Find some yellow card or paper. Cut out long strips and write 'Jesus is King' on it. Then decorate the crowns. You can fasten the headband together with a stapler or glue. Wear your crown and rock out to 'Jesus is the mighty, mighty King' together.

**Pray:** Gracious King Jesus, we thank and praise you that you are all powerful, loving, and forgiving. Help us to serve you with all we are and all we have.

**Amen**

# WEEKDAYS

## ‘New Testament in a Year’ Reading Plan

June			July			August			September			October			November			December		
1	Mo	Acts 20	1	We	Rom 14	1	Sa		1	Tu	Phil 1	1	Th	2 Tim 1	1	Su		1	Tu	Rev 2
2	Tu	Acts 21	2	Th	Rom 15	2	Su		2	We	Phil 2	2	Fr	2 Tim 2	2	Mo	Jam 2	2	We	Rev 3
3	We	Acts 22	3	Fr	Rom 16	3	Mo	2 Cor 5	3	Th	Phil 3	3	Sa		3	Tu	Jam 3	3	Th	Rev 4
4	Th	Acts 23	4	Sa		4	Tu	2 Cor 6	4	Fr	Phil 4	4	Su		4	We	Jam 4	4	Fr	Rev 5
5	Fr	Acts 24	5	Su		5	We	2 Cor 7	5	Sa		5	Mo	2 Tim 3	5	Th	Jam 5	5	Sa	
6	Sa		6	Mo	1 Cor 1	6	Th	2 Cor 8	6	Su		6	Tu	2 Tim 4	6	Fr	1 Pet 1	6	Su	
7	Su		7	Tu	1 Cor 2	7	Fr	2 Cor 9	7	Mo	Col 1	7	We	Titus 1	7	Sa		7	Mo	Rev 6
8	Mo	Acts 25	8	We	1 Cor 3	8	Sa		8	Tu	Col 2	8	Th	Titus 2	8	Su		8	Tu	Rev 7
9	Tu	Acts 26	9	Th	1 Cor 4	9	Su		9	We	Col 3	9	Fr	Titus 3	9	Mo	1 Pet 2	9	We	Rev 8
10	We	Acts 27	10	Fr	1 Cor 5	10	Mo	2 Cor 10	10	Th	Col 4	10	Sa		10	Tu	1 Pet 3	10	Th	Rev 9
11	Th	Acts 28	11	Sa		11	Tu	2 Cor 11	11	Fr	1 Thes 1	11	Su		11	We	1 Pet 4	11	Fr	Rev 10
12	Fr	Rom 1	12	Su		12	We	2 Cor 12	12	Sa		12	Mo	Phi 1	12	Th	1 Pet 5	12	Sa	
13	Sa		13	Mo	1 Cor 6	13	Th	2 Cor 13	13	Su		13	Tu	Heb 1	13	Fr	2 Pet 1	13	Su	
14	Su		14	Tu	1 Cor 7	14	Fr	Gal 1	14	Mo	1 Thes 2	14	We	Heb 2	14	Sa		14	Mo	Rev 11
15	Mo	Rom 2	15	We	1 Cor 8	15	Sa		15	Tu	1 Thes 3	15	Th	Heb 3	15	Su		15	Tu	Rev 12
16	Tu	Rom 3	16	Th	1 Cor 9	16	Su		16	We	1 Thes 4	16	Fr	Heb 4	16	Mo	2 Pet 2	16	We	Rev 13
17	We	Rom 4	17	Fr	1 Co 10	17	Mo	Gal 2	17	Th	1 Thes 5	17	Sa		17	Tu	2 Pet 3	17	Th	Rev 14
18	Th	Rom 5	18	Sa		18	Tu	Gal 3	18	Fr	2 Thes 1	18	Su		18	We	1 John 1	18	Fr	Rev 15
19	Fr	Rom 6	19	Su		19	We	Gal 4	19	Sa		19	Mo	Heb 5	19	Th	1 John 2	19	Sa	
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21	Su		21	Tu	1 Cor 12	21	Fr	Gal 6	21	Mo	2 Thes 2	21	We	Heb 7	21	Sa		21	Mo	Rev 16
22	Mo	Rom 7	22	We	1 Cor 13	22	Sa		22	Tu	2 Thes 3	22	Th	Heb 8	22	Su		22	Tu	Rev 17
23	Tu	Rom 8	23	Th	1 Cor 14	23	Su		23	We	1 Tim 1	23	Fr	Heb 9	23	Mo	1 John 4	23	We	Rev 18
24	We	Rom 9	24	Fr	1 Cor 15	24	Mo	Eph 1	24	Th	1 Tim 2	24	Sa		24	Tu	1 John 5	24	Th	Rev 19
25	Th	Rom 10	25	Sa		25	Tu	Eph 2	25	Fr	1 Tim 3	25	Su		25	We	2 John 1	25	Fr	Rev 20
26	Fr	Rom 11	26	Su		26	We	Eph 3	26	Sa		26	Mo	Heb 10	26	Th	3 John 1	26	Sa	
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# Daily Prayer

*Just as we eat, sleep and work every day, prayer has a place in our daily routine.  
Find a place in your home – inside or outside – that you can make your ‘prayer  
space’.*

*Include all the members of your family – partners, children, animals – in this space.  
Feel free to also include music in this time.*

## **PRAISE**

God is love. Since God loves us, we should love one another.

## **SENTENCE OF SCRIPTURE**

Turn for help to the Lord your strength:  
and constantly seek God’s presence.

Remember the marvellous things the Most High has done:  
the wonders, and the judgments God has given.

*Psalm 105:4-5*

## **BIBLE READING**

*At the end of the reading:*

Hear the Word of the Lord,  
**Thanks be to God**

## **PRAYERS**

Loving God, thank you for this day.  
Thank you for your love and care for us.  
Thank you for making each of us special.  
Help us today to be kind to each other. **Amen.**

God of mercy, we are sorry that we have not always done what you wanted us to do. We have not loved you with all our heart, and we have not cared enough for other people. Forgive us, for Jesus’ sake. **Amen.**

Lord Jesus, at Nazareth you shared in the life of your family. Help us to live together in our family with love and respect for each other. Make our home a place of blessing, peace and joy for everyone, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

## **A COLLECT**

In darkness and in light,  
in trouble and in joy,  
help us, heavenly Father,  
to trust your love,

to serve your purpose,  
and to praise your name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **A PRAYER FOR GOD'S LIGHT**

Eternal God, shed your light on us who watch for you,  
that our lips may praise you,  
our hearts bless you,  
and our lives glorify you,  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

*Include your own personal prayers.*

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **THE GRACE**

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

## **Suggested Prayers**

### **PRAYERS FOR COVID-19**

Jesus, during Your ministry on Earth You showed Your power and caring by healing people of all ages and stations of life from physical, mental, and spiritual ailments. Be present now to people who need Your loving touch because of COVID-19. May they feel Your power of healing through the care of doctors and nurses. **Amen.**

Take away the fear, anxiety, and feelings of isolation from people receiving treatment or under quarantine. Give them a sense of purpose in pursuing health and protecting others from exposure to the disease. Protect their families and friends and bring peace to all who love them. **Amen.**

Father, we seek Your wisdom daily. Be with people making decisions that affect the lives and futures of our families, communities, countries, and the wider world. We pray that they communicate clearly, truthfully, and calmly — with each other and with the public — and that their messages are received and heeded. May truth and empathy be the touchstones of people setting policies for our protection. **Amen.**

## **PRAYERS FOR ELECTIONS**

Lord God, as the election approaches, we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that confront our city/state/country, and how the Gospel compels us to respond as faithful citizens in our community. **Amen.**

We ask for eyes that are free from blindness so that we might see each other as brothers and sisters, one and equal in dignity, especially those who are victims of abuse and violence, deceit and poverty. **Amen.**

We ask for ears that will hear the cries of children unborn and those abandoned, men and women oppressed because of race or creed, religion or gender. We ask for minds and hearts that are open to hearing the voice of leaders who will bring us closer to your Kingdom. **Amen.**

We pray for discernment so that we may choose leaders who hear your Word, live your love, and keep in the ways of your truth as they follow in the steps of Jesus and his Apostles and guide us to your Kingdom of justice and peace. **Amen.**

## **PERSONAL PRAYERS**

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your disciples, 'I am with you always'. Be with me today, as I offer myself to you. Hear my prayers for others and for myself; keep me in your care.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you,  
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:  
increase and multiply upon us your mercy;  
that with you as our ruler and guide,  
we may so pass through things temporal  
that we lose not our hold on things eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Be with us, Lord, in all our prayers,

and direct our way toward the attainment of salvation, that among the changes and chances of this mortal life, we may always be defended by your gracious help, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **AT THE END OF THE DAY**

God our Father, by whose mercy  
the world turns safely into darkness  
and returns again to light:  
we place in your hands our unfinished tasks,  
our unsolved problems, and our unfulfilled hopes,  
knowing that only what you bless will prosper.  
To your love and protection  
we commit each other and all those we love,  
knowing that you alone are our sure defender,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **PRAYERS WITH CHILDREN**

*The Five-Finger Prayer:*

- Thumb: prayer for our family
- Pointer finger: prayer for our teachers and leaders
- Middle finger: prayer for our government and services (health, police etc.)
- Ring finger: prayer for the weak and sick
- Pinkie finger: prayer for yourself

*When someone is ill:*

Dear God, (*name*) is ill.

They are not allowed to go to school or come over to play. I'm sad because I miss them.

Please be close to them. Please be with the people who are looking after them. Please help them to get better and to know that you love them. **Amen.**

*For the world:*

God of love and hope,  
you made the world and care for all creation, but the world feels strange right now.

We pray for the doctors and nurses and scientists,  
and all who are working to discover the right medicines to help those who are ill.

Thank you that even in these anxious times, you are with us.  
Help us to put our trust in you and keep us safe. **Amen.**

*At bedtime:*

Thank you, God, for this day you've made.

As we go to sleep tonight, keep watch over our family:

Help us rest, give us strength, and keep us safe.

We pray for those struggling with illness, conflict and hurt; please protect them.

Help those who are helping others to stay safe, with skills, wisdom and kindness.

**Amen.**

*A reminder of God's presence:*

Lord God, you are always with me.

You are with me in the day and in the night.

You are with me when I'm happy and when I'm sad.

You are with me when I'm healthy and when I am ill.

You are with me when I am peaceful and when I am worried.

Today I am feeling (*name emotions*) because (*name reasons*).

Help me to remember that you love me and are with me in everything today.

**Amen.**

# OTHER RESOURCES

## INTERNET AND SOCIAL MEDIA

### Parish Website

- [www.anglicandalby.org.au](http://www.anglicandalby.org.au)
- Available resources: News bulletins, sermons, contacts

### Sunday Services Livestream

- [www.anglicandalby.org.au/online/](http://www.anglicandalby.org.au/online/) (YouTube Live or Facebook Live)

### Facebook

- Dalby Anglican

### YouTube (daily devotionals and weekly services)

- 'Dalby Anglican Online'

## KIDS' RESOURCES

### BibleApp for Kids

- [www.bibleappforkids.com](http://www.bibleappforkids.com)

### Rend Co Kids (music)

- <https://rendcokids.com>

### Colin Buchanan (music)

- [www.colinbuchanan.com.au](http://www.colinbuchanan.com.au)

### The Lost Sheep Series (books)

- [www.lostsheep.com.au/stories-overview/](http://www.lostsheep.com.au/stories-overview/)

## ONLINE LEARNING

### Ridley College Melbourne

- Ridley Certificate (Short course subjects)
- <https://certificate.ridley.edu.au/collections>

### Moore College Sydney

- Preliminary Theological Certificate
- <https://moore.edu.au/courses/preliminary-theological-certificate/>

### St Francis College Brisbane

- SFC Short Courses
- <https://www.stfran.qld.edu.au/whataresfcsc>

## **MUSIC**

### TV

- Songs of Praise (Sunday 11:30am on ABC)

### Radio

- 96.5 FM (Christian Radio Station)

### YouTube or Spotify

- Suggested Artists: Rend Collective, Hillsong, CityAlight, King's Kaleidoscope, Matt Maher, Audrey Assad, Lauren Daigle, Josh Garrels, Porter's Gate, Good Christian Music Blog

## **BOOKS**

Steven Lawson, *Philippians for you*

C.S. Lewis, *The Screwtape Letters*

John Dickson, *Humilitas*

## **MOVIES**

The Blindside (2009) *\*kid friendly\**

Chronicles of Narnia (2005) *\*kid friendly\**

The Pilgrim's Progress (2019) *\*kid friendly\**

The Star (Netflix) (2017) *\*kid friendly\**

Faith Like Potatoes (2006)

The Chosen (Netflix) (2019)

Silence (2016)

The Shack (2017)

Risen (2016)

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## Giving

If you are able to support the work of our church, you can give in the following ways:

1. Parish Direct
  - Access the ParishDirect Application form (via ANFIN, Anglican Finance) at <https://anglicanchurchsq.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/Parish-Direct-Form.pdf>
2. Direct Debit (for Internet and online Banking only)
  - BSB:704-901
  - A/C: 00000180
  - Name: Dalby Anglican Parish
3. In Person at Westpac Dalby
  - You can give directly at a Westpac branch
  - Acct Name: Dalby Anglican Parish*
  - Acct#: 000001807*
  - BSB: 034 844*
4. Parish Website
  - Donate with debit or credit card via [www.anglicandalby.org.au](http://www.anglicandalby.org.au)
5. Cheque or other giving options
  - Please speak to Judy during Office hours or send cheques to the postal address.



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