



GOSPEL IDENTITY

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*'For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons,
neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth,
nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of
God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.'
(Romans 8:38-39)*

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A MESSAGE FROM THE DIOCESE

We are profoundly moved by the concern expressed by parish clergy for their parishioners and communities during this challenging time. Parish clergy have their work cut out for them and need our support. We all want to see our clergy, along with their families, empowered, sustained, encouraged and assisted.

To support parish clergy, parishioners are invited to:

- **Pray** that God strengthens clergy and their communities.
- **Participate** in online worship and other non-gathered ministry activities.
- **Practically assist** clergy, such as volunteering for tasks usually carried out by elderly or unwell parishioners who need to self-isolate.
- **Pay via Parish Direct** in lieu of the collection plate, so clergy can provide for their families and maintain parishes.
- **Donate Online** via our website: www.anglicandalby.org.au

SUNDAYS

Service Outline

WELCOME

We ask you now to teach and encourage us through your word, so that we may be ready to serve you; for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

SONG

A reading from the Bible.

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.

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

KIDS' TALK

SONG/KIDS' 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.**

SONG

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.

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 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.

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 June 14

READING

Romans 5:1–8

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. ³ Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴ perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵ And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

⁶ You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸ But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

QUESTIONS

1. Have you ever made friends with someone who had been your enemy? What did it feel like?
2. What can we learn about the recipients of this letter from this passage?
3. What does it mean to glory in your sufferings? How can someone do this?
4. How can God help us grow through suffering? Has this happened to you?
5. What do v.6–8 tell us about the cross, ourselves, and God?
6. How might these verses influence how you see yourself and live each day?
7. How could you respond to someone who says: 'You're a hypocrite and God could never love you'?

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Watch: The Bible Project 'Overview: Romans Ch.5-16'

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0SVTI4Xa5fY>

Talk: Think about a time when you have felt bad about yourself or when you have been in trouble. Then share a time when you have felt special, loved, and forgiven. How amazing is the difference between these two feelings? Discuss how you might find a way when you can feel special and loved all the time.

Talk about (in an age-appropriate way) about how God has forgiven us for our sins and that he saved us (just at the right time) through the cross.

Do: 'Mirrors' – *You will need: a mirror.*

Find a mirror in your house. Take turns to finish this sentence: "When I look at myself I see...". When someone has finished saying their sentence, everyone else can finish the sentence: "When we look at you we see... and God sees someone worth giving his life for."

Pray: Loving Lord God, thank you that through Jesus we can live as your forgiven children. Forgive us for living our own way and rejecting your love and grace. Help us to appreciate how much Jesus did for us on the cross and to love you with our whole lives and love our neighbours as we love ourselves.
Amen.

Sunday June 21

READING

Romans 6:1–11

What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? ² By no means! We are those who have died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? ³ Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin— ⁷ because anyone who has died has been set free from sin.

⁸ Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. ¹⁰ The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.

¹¹ In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

QUESTIONS

1. Have you ever met a Christian who didn't care about the sin in their life? How did they make you feel?
2. What does it mean to you that you were baptised into Jesus' death (v.3)?
3. Do you think of yourself as a slave to sin (v.6) sometimes? Why/why not?
4. How would you explain Paul's point in v.8–10 to a non-Christian?
5. How can you encourage each other to count yourselves dead to sin but alive to Christ?
6. How can you use this passage to help you avoid sin and enjoy the freedom found in Christ?
7. How might this passage inform your prayer life?

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Listen: Rend Co Kids 'Story of the Cross'

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CnPpXx1tWb8>

Talk: Share some photos or memories of baptisms that have happened in your family or in your church family. Share what baptism means for you and how baptism changes our lives.

Discuss how you as a family can encourage each other live our baptism promises 'to die to sin and live for Jesus.'

Do: 'Old Self vs. New Self'

On a blank canvas or a piece of paper draw a picture of a person; possibly yourself. Then draw a line down the middle. In the top left corner write 'Old Self'. In this section, write words or draw pictures that describe what our lives are like *before* Jesus is part of our lives (or when we forget to include Jesus). In the top right corner write 'New Self'. In this section, write down words or draw pictures that describe what our lives are like *after* we have Jesus in our lives. Place this picture somewhere in your house where you'll see it and be reminded of your identity in Christ or you could give the picture to a friend or loved one who needs to hear that they are loved by God.

Pray: Lord Jesus, thank you that you died for me to rescue me from sin and that through the cross I am rescued. Help me to die to sin every day and to live as a forgiven person. Help me show your love to others in the way that I live. Thank you for everything! **Amen.**

Sunday June 28

READING

Romans 6:12–32

¹² Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. ¹³ Do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin shall no longer be your master, because you are not under the law, but under grace.

¹⁵ What then? Shall we sin because we are not under the law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶ Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one you obey—whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷ But thanks be to God that, though you used to be slaves to sin, you have come to obey from your heart the pattern of teaching that has now claimed your allegiance. ¹⁸ You have been set free from sin and have become slaves to righteousness.

¹⁹ I am using an example from everyday life because of your human limitations. Just as you used to offer yourselves as slaves to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer yourselves as slaves to righteousness leading to holiness. ²⁰ When you were slaves to sin, you were free from the control of righteousness. ²¹ What benefit did you reap at that time from the things you are now ashamed of? Those things result in death! ²² But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

QUESTIONS

1. Where do you see slavery in our world today?
2. This passage presents life as a choice between two slaveries. What are they?
3. What problem do you think Paul is anticipating in v.15? Have you seen Christians behaving this way? How can you avoid it in your life?
4. Paul uses 'slavery' as an example from everyday life for him. What analogy could you use from your everyday life instead of slavery?
5. Rome was known for its opulence and debauchery. What does the gospel have to offer to people who live in opulence and debauchery?

6. What does this passage tell us about ourselves and about God?

7. How could you respond to someone who says: “Christians are slaves to organised religion”?

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Listen: CityLife Media ‘*Jesus, sin, and you*’

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Z_SMrnEial

Talk: Gather together and give each person an opportunity to complete the following statements:

- I feel I belong when...
- Working for sin would be...
- Working for God would be...
- Jesus is my boss and that makes me feel...

(Feel free to add your own ideas!)

Do: ‘Capture the Flag’

Play a family game of ‘Capture the Flag’ (or another alternative if you’d prefer). There is one difference – in this version, players in jail need to do a ‘task’ for the other team in order to get out of jail.

Reflect on what it was like to be a ‘slave’ to the other team. How hard was it to find freedom? How much easier is it to find freedom in Jesus?

For instructions, check out – <https://www.kidzworld.com/article/4670-your-guide-to-capture-the-flag/>

Pray: Almighty God. We thank and praise you for your goodness and grace to us in Christ Jesus. Thank you that I am no longer a slave to sin. Help me to live with you as the boss of my life and flee from sin every day. **Amen.**

Sunday July 5

READING

Romans 7:14-25

¹⁴We know that the law is spiritual; but I am unspiritual, sold as a slave to sin. ¹⁵I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. ¹⁶And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. ¹⁸For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it.

²¹So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. ²²For in my inner being I delight in God's law; ²³but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. ²⁴What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? ²⁵Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!

So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God's law, but in my sinful nature a slave to the law of sin.

QUESTIONS

1. Have you ever felt like there was a devil and an angel on either shoulder? Who usually wins in the battle for your attention?
2. What struggle is Paul describing in these verses? What does it mean for you that someone like Paul struggled with sin?
3. How do the people around you often approach the battle between good and evil when it confronts them? How can you win this battle?
4. What resources can you draw on to win the battle between your sin nature and your identity in Christ?
5. How could you minister to someone who says things like, 'Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me' (v.22)?
6. In what way does God give us 'the victory' (v.22) through Jesus Christ?
7. What could you say to someone who says: 'Give into your desires and do what you love because that's all you have?'

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Listen: CrossRoads Kids Club '*What is Identity?*'

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fjM6QxXknms>

Talk: Talk about how you would describe yourself to someone who can't see you. Do you talk about your hair, your height, or which features? Would you ever talk about how you make mistakes, or the temptation of sin?

What about how we are all made in the image of God?

Share with each other about how can we encourage the people around us to fight the battle against the temptation of sin in our lives. How can we pick each other up when we mess up? How can we draw on God, and the gifts God has given us, to help us grow in our identity in Jesus?

Do: 'Sin Basketball'

Write down some sins you're struggling with on pieces of paper. You can share them with others or keep them between you and God. Then set up a wastepaper basket and scrunch the pieces of paper into balls which you can then throw into the wastepaper basket. If you don't get the paper balls in basket then you can try again. As you do this imagine how Jesus takes your sin and gives you second chances when you don't get it quite right.

Pray: Dear God, thank you so much for your goodness and grace to us in Christ Jesus. Help us to keep fighting the battle between our sin nature and our identity in Christ. Forgive us when we fail and help us to keep trying to live for you until we meet you face to face. **Amen.**

Sunday 12 July

READING

Romans 8:1-11

Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, ² because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death. ³ For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵ Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires. ⁶ The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. ⁸ Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God. ⁹ You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. ¹¹ And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

QUESTIONS

1. Have you ever explored inside a condemned building? What was it like?
2. This passage sets up two ways of living. What are they?
3. What does it mean to be condemned? How should this influence the way we view ourselves and people around us?
4. What difference does the Holy Spirit make in your life?
5. What does v.10 mean when it says 'even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness'?
6. What does this passage tell you about your identity in Christ? What does this mean for the way you live?
7. How could you explain the main message of this passage to someone who is not yet a Christian?

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Listen: Sharefaith Kids '*Romans Road to Salvation*'

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

Talk: Compare what it would be like to live:

- In total summer or total winter?
- In total day or total night?
- In total sunshine or total rain?
- In the flesh or by the Spirit?

Discuss how, as a family, you can help each other to live by the Spirit (it's OK to admit that it's not always easy!)

Do: 'Walk the Line'

Set up a line on the ground (with tape, chalk, or a piece of string). Blindfold a member of your family/group. Challenge them to walk on the line without looking. Once everyone has had a go, try doing walking the line with the help of those who can see. Reflect on how much easier it is to live by the Spirit rather than trying to live a good life by the flesh.

Pray: Loving Lord God, thank you for sending your Spirit to help me live for you. Forgive me when I live by the flesh and help me to live for you instead. Thank you so much for your goodness, kindness, and grace. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

Sunday July 19

READING

Romans 8:12-25

¹² Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. ¹³ For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.

¹⁴ For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. ¹⁵ The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “*Abba, Father.*” ¹⁶ The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. ¹⁷ Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.

¹⁸ I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. ²⁰ For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. ²³ Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

QUESTIONS

1. Describe your relationship with your father. If this question brings up lots of emotions, you might pray afterwards.
2. What analogies does Paul draw on in this passage? What is he describing?
3. What does it mean to you that you can call God your *Abba* (father)?
4. What are the privileges and responsibilities of living as a child of God?
5. What does Paul mean when he says the whole creation has been subject to frustration? Do you feel this frustration?
6. What are you waiting for and hoping for in life? According to Paul, what is creation waiting for?

7. What could you say so someone who says: 'Christians only care about going to heaven. Why don't you care about anything else?'

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Listen: Zach Williams '*No Longer Slaves (I am a Child of God)*'

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bDnA_coA168

Talk: Discuss what images come to mind when you think of a father. Is it a physical feature? An attitude? A personality trait? How is God like earthly fathers, and how is he different?

Use a dictionary to look up the meaning of adoption. What does it mean to us that we have been adopted by God?

Consider how we can be part of God's rescue plan for all creation. What is one practical step you can take to help teach others about God's love?

Do: 'Check in with God'

Today (or every day this week), do a check in with God and think about the following:

- Something you found difficult today
- Something that reminded you of God's love today
- Someone you think that you can show God's love today
- Something that you need help from God with today

Spend some time thinking about how you can reflect on today's highlights and challenges, and use them to learn more about being a child of God.

Pray: Father in heaven, thank you so much that you have adopted us as your own daughters and sons. Forgive us for the sins we commit and for the hurt we bring in the world. Help us to repent and take part in your rescue plan for all creation. **Amen.**

Sunday July 26

READING

Romans 8:26-39

²⁶ In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. ²⁷ And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.

²⁸ And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. ³⁰ And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified.

³¹ What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? ³³ Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? ³⁶ As it is written:

“For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, ³⁹ neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

QUESTIONS

1. If you could have a butler, whose job it was to do anything you ask, what would you get them to do for you and why?
2. What encouragement is Paul trying to offer the Romans and us here?
3. How does the Holy Spirit help us in our weaknesses?
4. How might you break down what Paul is saying in v.28–30 for someone who is not yet a Christian?
5. Paul faced many trials in his work of sharing the gospel with others. What are some of the trials listed in this passage?
6. How could you use this passage to encourage someone when they are struggling with hardship, bullying, or the death of a loved one?
7. What does it mean to you that nothing can separate you from God's love?

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Listen: Rend Collective '*More than Conquerors*'

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2p8_4NbrcKA

Talk: Discuss how it feels to know that nothing in all creation can separate us from God's love. How can we describe God's love, knowing that it is all-encompassing?

Choose your favourite passage in this verse. Share with your family members and discuss why.

Consider how you might like the Holy Spirit to help guide you this week to be part of God's plan.

Do: 'Letters'

Paul wrote letters (the book of Romans is a letter!) telling people what he had learnt about God. Write a letter to God telling him what you've learned so far from the book of Romans.

Pray: Holy Spirit, sanctifier, thank you that nothing in all creation can separate us from your love. Thank you that when you are for us, what is against us is too small to ultimately hurt us. Help us to trust in you and look to you for comfort, hope and peace. In Jesus' name we pray. **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
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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

Prayer is a powerful way to communicate with God, and to express human emotion. These are some suggestions sourced from The Church of England Website <https://www.churchofengland.org>

PRAYERS FOR COVID-19

Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy in this time of uncertainty and distress. Sustain and support the anxious and fearful and lift up all who are brought low; that we may rejoice in your comfort knowing that nothing can separate us from your love in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

Lord Jesus Christ,
you taught us to love our neighbour, and to care for those in need as if we were caring for you. In this time of anxiety, give us strength to comfort the fearful, to tend the sick, and to assure the isolated of our love, and your love, for your name's sake. **Amen.**

God of compassion,
be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation. In their loneliness, be their consolation; in their anxiety, be their hope; in their darkness, be their light; through him who suffered alone on the cross, but reigns with you in glory,
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Merciful God,
we entrust to your tender care those who are ill or in pain, knowing that whenever danger threatens your everlasting arms are there to hold them safe. Comfort and heal them and restore them to health and strength; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gracious God,
give skill, sympathy and resilience to all who are caring for the sick, and your wisdom to those searching for a cure. Strengthen them with your Spirit, that through their work many will be restored to health; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We are not people of fear: we are people of courage.
We are not people who protect our own safety:
we are people who protect our neighbours' safety.
We are not people of greed: we are people of generosity.
We are your people God, giving and loving,
wherever we are, whatever it costs
For as long as it takes, wherever you call us. **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.

Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me.
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger. **Amen.**

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God,
have mercy on me, a sinner. **Amen.**

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.**

O gracious and holy Father,
give us wisdom to perceive you,
diligence to seek you,
patience to wait for you,
eyes to behold you,
a heart to meditate upon you,
and a life to proclaim you,
through the power of the spirit
of 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.
The news is full of stories about Coronavirus.
Some people are worried that they might get ill.
Others are anxious for their family and friends.
Be with them and help them to find peace.
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
- Available resources: News bulletins, sermons, contacts

Sunday Services Livestream

- www.anglicandalby.org.au/online/ (YouTube Live or Facebook Live)

Facebook

- Dalby Anglican

YouTube (daily devotionals and weekly services)

- 'Dalby Anglican Online'

BIBLE STUDIES

Tom Wright's *'Paul for Everyone: Romans, Part One'*

- <https://www.amazon.com.au/Paul-Everyone-Romans-Part-One/dp/0664227996>

CRU Bible Studies

- <https://www.cru.org/us/en/train-and-grow/bible-studies/group-bible-study/browse-by-book.html>

The Bible Unpacked

- <https://www.thebibleunpacked.net/bible-studies/#FoundStudies>

Jen Wilkin Bible Studies Online

- <https://www.jenwilkin.net/books-and-studies/#bible-studies>

The Gospel Coalition's Bible Study on Romans

- <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/course/knowning-bible-romans/>

ACTS - FURTHER RESOURCES

The Bible Project overviews

- *'Romans Ch. 1-4'* - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ej_6dVdJSIU&t=5s
- *'Acts Ch. 5-16'* - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0SVTI4Xa5fY&t=3s>

KIDS' RESOURCES

BibleApp for Kids

- www.bibleappforkids.com

Saddleback Kids (videos)

- *Paul's Ministry* - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=llXFy3zjH4>

Crossroads Kids' Club (video)

- *God's Story: Paul* - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R0p0W_Zbt1s&t=1s

Rend Co Kids (music)

- <https://rendcokids.com>

Colin Buchanan (music)

- www.colinbuchanan.com.au

The Lost Sheep Series (books)

- 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

C.S. Lewis, *The Screwtape Letters*

John Dickson, *Humilitas*

NT Wright, *Surprised by Hope*

Erwin McManus, *An Unstoppable Force*

AJ Swoboda, *A Glorious Dark*

Donald Miller, *Blue Like Jazz*

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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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. Parish Website
 - Donate with debit or credit card via www.anglicandalby.org.au
4. Cheque or other giving options
 - Please speak to Judy during Office hours or send cheques to the postal address.

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