

A Prayerful Reflection (Trinity Sunday)

Take time to sit quietly and ask Jesus to be present with you in a new way this week. As we prepare to pray, let's remember to praise God for all his goodness in and through Christ Jesus our Lord.

Hymn – CMP 728

*We have a gospel to proclaim,
Good news for men in all the earth;
The gospel of a saviour's name;
we sing His glory, tell His worth.*

A WORD FROM SCRIPTURE – Matthew C28:16-20

The Great Commission

¹⁶Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Verses 16-17 'Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted'. The resurrection was so startling at first, that many of the disciples found it hard to believe. For some time, Jesus showed his disciples many convincing proofs that He was alive. It is possible that on this occasion some were seeing the risen Christ for the first time.

Verses 19-12 'Therefore go and make disciples of all nations,....' Therefore, shows that the great commission rests on the authority of Jesus Christ. Because Jesus has authority over all, everyone needs to hear the gospel. The word '**Name**' is singular, although it is the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit together. This verse is another indication that God is one in three Persons. '**I am with you always**',.. demonstrates that Jesus is the true Immanuel,..'**God with us**'.

Prayer – Heavenly Father, it is our desire to know You more, to learn more of You, and to become a true disciple of Jesus Christ. Give us a teachable spirit, we pray, so that we may grow in grace. And we pray that You would enable us to go and disciple others in Your strength so that together, we may come to a knowledge of the truth in Christ Jesus, in whose name we pray. **AMEN.**

Prayer of Intercession

Let us pray.

- Father, in love you created us.
- Christ, by love you redeemed us.
- Spirit, through love you sustain us.

We pray that by the power of your love, that binds you as Three and One, we may give ourselves in joy and love to you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **AMEN**

Father, we give you thanks for creation, for the beauty, wonder and order of our universe. We give thanks that we are fearfully and wonderfully made. We pray for the work of your church in conservation and preservation. That we may reflect your love for the world. We pray that the church may give strength to family life and society.

Holy, holy, holy God – **hear us and have mercy.**

Lord Jesus Christ, we give thanks for your love in redemption. We pray for the emergency services, for all who risk their lives and give their lives for others. We pray for all who are seeking to bring healing and peace to our world, all who are working for unity and harmony.

Holy, holy, holy God – **hear us and have mercy.**

Holy Spirit, of God, we give thanks for the life you breathe into us, for the talents and abilities you give to us. We give you thanks and pray for our homes, our communities and our places of work. We ask that you would guide us into ways of Justice and peace.

Holy, holy, holy God – **hear us and have mercy.**

We pray Lord, that you would bring us a worship leader and musicians to lead our Sunday services. Lord, bring forth those who are gifted in leading worship, to become part of our worshipping on Sunday and beyond. In Jesus' name we pray.

Finally,....take time out to pray for those on your hearts, for those close to us, for families, friends or neighbours, for those who are known to us who are going through a difficult time. For those who have lost a loved one. We ask you're blessing upon all who are ill at home or in hospital. Lord, comfort and help those in need we pray.

Pray the LORD'S Prayer

Peace

God the Creator provides you with his peace.

Christ the Redeemer gives you his peace.

The Holy Spirit fills you with his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

A prayer of blessing

The Father of all enfold you in his love.

Christ the Saviour keep you in life eternal.

*The Holy Spirit fill you with his grace. **AMEN***