

A Time of Prayer Together: 'RE-KINDLE THE FLAME' (Pentecost 2021)

Opening Prayer

Come, Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful people,
and kindle in us the fire of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Greeting

Alleluia! The Lord reigns!
Let the earth rejoice! Alleluia!

Psalm 100 (or another hymn or song of praise)

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
Worship the Lord with gladness;
come into God's presence with singing.

Know that the Lord is God.
God made us, and we belong to him;
we are God's people, the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise.
Give thanks to the Lord, bless his name.

For the Lord is good;
God's steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations. Amen.

A list of Bible readings is given over the page...

Subjects we might like to pray for:

God's church, as we continue to minister to one another and our community, and seek to be good stewards of all creation;

Those suffering through illness, loneliness, isolation, depression or anxiety;

For wisdom for the governments of the world, that they will lead with fairness and compassion;

Our NHS, and all who work in healthcare, hospitals, emergency services, carers and community nurses;

The communities in which we live; and all who work in education, public services, or as key workers;

Families struggling financially, or whose lives have been thrown into disarray in this past year;

For a resolution to the conflict in the regions of Palestine and Israel, and for all caught up in the violence;

For the safe roll-out of the vaccine around the world, and for the people of India and other places where the virus is taking lives in high numbers.

For those who feel forgotten or neglected.

A Collect (traditional prayer)

Your glory, O God, fills heaven and earth
and all creation resounds with your praise.
As we rejoice in your presence,
may we know your power to save
and praise you for your faithfulness,
now and for ever;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Prayer for Healing

Loving God,
in whom all things are made whole,
you sent your Son our Saviour
to heal a broken world.
Give peace to our hearts and minds
as we pray to you with confidence:
visit us with your salvation,
that we may be blessed and healed
in body, mind and spirit;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

A New Prayer

Lord Jesus, in this changing world,
give us courage to follow your way,
faith to hold onto your truth,
and strength to live in the fulness of life
that you desire for all people,
as we trust in your unchanging love. Amen.

Closing Prayer and Sending Words

God of power,
may the boldness of your Spirit transform us,
may the gentleness of your Spirit lead us,
and may the gifts of your Spirit equip us
to serve and worship you
now and always. Amen.

We go into the world in the power of the Spirit
to fulfil our high calling as servants of Christ.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

Suggested Bible Readings:

From the Lectionary: (These will be read by Christians of many churches around the world...)

Pentecost 23rd May 2021

- John chapter 15: verse 26 – ch.16: v.15
- Acts chapter 2: verses 1-21
- Psalm 104 (esp. verses 24-35)
- Romans chapter 8: verses 22-27
- Ezekiel 37: 1-14

Trinity Sunday 30th May 2021

- John chapter 3: verses 1-17
- Psalm 29
- Isaiah 6: 1-8
- Romans 8: 12-17

Sunday 6th June

- Mark chapter 3: verses 20-35
- Psalm 138 or Psalm 130
- 2 Corinthians 4:13 – 5:1

Sunday 13th June (Methodist Homes Sunday)

- Mark 4: 26-34
- Psalm 20 or Psalm 92
- 2 Corinthians 5: 6-13

Sunday 20th June (Refugee Week; Fathers' Day)

- Mark 4: 35-41
- Psalm 9 or Psalm 107
- 2 Corinthians 6: 1-13

Sunday 27th June (Methodist Conference)

- Mark 5: 21-43
- Psalm 130 or Psalm 30
- 2 Corinthians 8: 7-15

Sunday 4th July

- Mark 6: 1-13
- Psalm 48 or Psalm 123
- 2 Corinthians 12: 2-10

Sunday 11th July (Action for Children Sunday)

- Mark 6: 14-29
- Psalm 24 or Psalm 85
- Ephesians 1: 3-14
- Amos 7: 7-15

Sunday 18th July

- Mark 6: 30-34, and 53-56
- Psalm 23 or Psalm 89
- Ephesians 2: 11-22

Sunday 25th July

- John 6: 1-21
- Psalm 14 or Psalm 145
- Ephesians 3: 14-21

Sunday 1st August 2021

- John 6: 24-35
- Psalm 51 or Psalm 78
- Ephesians 4: 1-16

Sunday 8th August

- John 6: 35-51
- Psalm 130 or Psalm 34
- Ephesians 4:25 – 5:2

Sunday 15th August

- John 6: 51-58
- Psalm 111 or Psalm 34
- Ephesians 5: 15-20

Additional prayers to use during this time (from Methodist Worship Book):

Eternal God, giver of love and peace, you call your children to live together as one family. Give us grace to learn your ways and to do your will, that we may bring justice and peace to all people, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Lord of heaven and earth, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and power of your Church. Sow in our hearts the seeds of your grace that we may bear the fruit of the Spirit, in love and joy and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

God, faithful and true, you call every generation to make a pilgrim journey. Guide our feet along the road of faith, that we may put our whole trust in you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Times when we might all like to pause (wherever we are) to pray together:

Sundays at 10.30am, or 4.00pm

Fridays at 12noon – 12.30pm

Know that others are praying with you as you pray at these times. And, with Christ, we are *never* alone.

If you have access to the internet, please visit our website for other resources:
www.harboroughmethodistcircuit.org.uk