

# PRAYER IN THE HOME

TRINITY 15: SUNDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2020

## GATHERING

Let us light a candle to remember that God is with us.

All creation praises you, Lord,  
and your faithful servants bless you.  
**They declare the glory of your kingdom  
and tell of your mighty power.**

The Lord is with us.

**Let us praise his name together.**

## PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

## COLLECT for the Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Merciful God,  
your Son came to save us  
and bore our sins on the cross:  
may we trust in your mercy  
and know your love,  
rejoicing in the righteousness  
that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## PSALM 103:8-13

<sup>8</sup>The LORD is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

<sup>9</sup>He will not always accuse,  
nor will he keep his anger for ever.

<sup>10</sup>He does not deal with us according to our sins,  
nor repay us according to our iniquities.

<sup>11</sup>For as the heavens are high above the earth,  
so great is his steadfast love towards those who fear him;

<sup>12</sup>as far as the east is from the west,  
so far he removes our transgressions from us.

<sup>13</sup>As a father has compassion for his children,  
so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.

## BIBLE READINGS

### Zechariah 7.9-10

<sup>8</sup>And the word of the Lord came again to Zechariah: <sup>9</sup>“This is what the Lord Almighty said: ‘Administer true justice; show mercy and compassion to one another. <sup>10</sup>Do not oppress the widow or the fatherless, the foreigner or the poor. Do not plot evil against each other.’

### 1 Timothy 6: 6-11

<sup>6</sup>Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; <sup>7</sup>for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; <sup>8</sup>but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. <sup>9</sup>But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. <sup>10</sup>For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. <sup>11</sup>But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness.

**SERMON** <https://stbcc.co.uk/sermons>

## **INTERCESSIONS FOR CREATIONTIDE & CLOSING PRAYER**

We offer our prayers to God for the life of the world  
and for all God's people in their daily life and work  
God the beginning and end of all things, we pray that in us  
and in all your people your will may be done,  
according to your wise and loving purposes  
Lord of life: **hear our prayer.**

We pray for governments and aid agencies,  
and those areas of the world most directly affected by climate change.  
By the grace of your Spirit, touch the hearts of those who live in  
comfortable plenty and make us wise stewards of your gifts.  
Lord of life: **hear our prayer.**

Lord, we ask for your blessing upon the produce of the earth.  
Guide us into a sustainable future  
and give us the will to share the fruits of the world.  
Lord of life: **hear our prayer.**

In Christ you call us to a new way of life,  
loving our neighbours before ourselves.  
Help us to treat with care and respect the world as it is  
as we live in anticipation of the world as it will be.  
Lord of life: **hear our prayer.**

*We take a few moments to pray for those in need:  
the sick, the bereaved, the distressed and the lonely,  
mentioning anyone we know by name.*  
Lord of life: **hear our prayer.**

We commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray,  
to the mercy and protection of God.

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

Trusting in the compassion of God,  
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:  
**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.  
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

May God who clothes the lilies of the fields  
and feeds the birds of the air,  
lead us and feed us,  
and change us to reflect the glory of our Creator  
now and through all eternity.  
**Amen**