

## PARISH DAILY PRAYER DIARY SEPTEMBER 2017

We thank you Heavenly Father, for all the blessings you have given us. For the joy of our holidays, for the fruitfulness of our gardens and fields, and the many gifts we have received from you. May we continue forward in our walk with you, in the wisdom and the knowledge of your love for us. Amen.

### Friday 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Epictetus** a 1<sup>st</sup> century philosopher said, “Bear in mind that you should conduct yourself as at a feast”. Life is a daily banquet of delights and blessings. Let us remember to give thanks to our Heavenly Father.

### Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup>.

“If every man would mend a man, then all mankind would be mended”. Let us start today to help someone in need with the hope that this will be passed on.

### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Jesus, friend of the friendless, Helper of the poor, Healer of the sick, whose life was spent doing good. Let us follow in your footsteps. Make us strong to do right, gentle with the weak, and kind to all who are in sorrow or need. That we may be like you, our Lord and Master. Amen.

### Monday 4<sup>th</sup>.

One kind word can warm three winter months.

### Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup>.

“No longer forward nor behind I look in hope and fear; but grateful, take the good I find, the best of now and here”. **John Whittier.** (Quaker)

### Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Dr. Samuel Johnson** wrote “The feeling of friendship is like that of being comfortably filled with roast beef”.

**This week's readings: Psalm34v.8/Jeremiah31v.25/Matthew19v.26.**

### Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>. **Grace Darling.**

When the storms rage, the winds increase. Draw me Lord, to your deep peace. Be you the captain close at my side, from the free-flowing to the ebb tide.

### Friday 8<sup>th</sup>.

Visit me with your peace Lord. Wash my hands in it. Pour it over my head. Overflow my heart with it. Wet my feet with it. Visit me, Lord, and stay. Stay and drench me in the river of your peace, so that every thirsty life I touch today is quenched. **Rachel Wallace-Oberle.**

### Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>.

The future lies before you like a field of driven snow, be careful how you tread it, for every step will show.

### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>.

O God, who has made us, who keeps us safe. We are never alone, for you are always at our side. We are safe with nothing to fear. We are brave because we trust in you and you alone. In Christ, we acknowledge this one simple truth. Amen.

### Monday 11<sup>th</sup>.

“People with humility do not think less of themselves but think of themselves less”.

### Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>.

Christ leads me through no darker rooms than He went through before; He that into God's kingdom comes must enter by this door. **Richard Baxter.**

### Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>.

Try out a smile when you're down in the dumps, and the world seems dreary and grey, laugh at the clouds when the sky's in a mood, and you'll frighten the raindrops away. **Elizabeth Gozney.**

**This week's reading Psalm107v.9/Isaiah40v.31/1John4v.19.**

### Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>. **Holy Cross Day.**

The church remembers this day when the first Christian Emperor, Constantine the Great, built two churches. One on Calvary, where Jesus was crucified, and one on the place of the tomb, where Jesus rose from the dead. Let us remember the work of the church today.

### Friday 15<sup>th</sup>.

Faith is the envelope in which every request to our Heavenly Father must be placed.

### Saturday 16<sup>th</sup>.

“The game of life is not so much as holding a good hand as playing a bad hand well”. H. T. Leslie.

### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>.

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the church throughout the world. Help us to remember that it is your house and may we now, together, lift up our hearts and voices in praise and thanks to you. Amen.

### Monday 18<sup>th</sup>.

“Most folks are as happy as they make their minds to be”. **Abraham Lincoln.**

### Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>.

Are you out of sorts today? Feeling cross or grumpy? Or has someone you know been like that to you? We all have these days so let us emulate the words of **Ephesians 4 v.32.** “Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ has also forgiven you”. After all, no-one is perfect.

### Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>.

“Scan not a friend with a microscopic glass. You know his faults, now let his foibles pass”. **George Harrison.**

**This week's readings: Psalm23v.1/1Chronicles16v.34/James1v.17.**

### Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>. **Matthew Apostle and Evangelist.**

Lord Jesus, who did call a company of friends together to spread the Gospel in all the world, help us to follow you like the disciples of old. Help us, like Matthew to see the right path and to follow you in the way of truth and service for others. We ask this in your *name*. Amen.

### Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Jean De La Fontaine** wrote, “Man is so made that when anything fires his soul, impossibilities vanish”.

### Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>.

“There are no seven wonders in the world in the eyes of a child, there are seven million”. Walter Streightiff.

### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>.

Our Lord and Saviour, whose words and life has taught us how true men should live, grant unto us now and at all times your spirit of kindness and goodwill. Inspire our hearts by your love, to help all who would follow humbly in your footsteps. Amen.

### Monday 25<sup>th</sup>.

The song is unfinished; how shall we complete it? And where to find the skill to perfect God's praise? At work and in all places, he cares for all peoples; how great is the Lord, to the end of all days. **Christopher Idle.**

### Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>.

There are two important days in your life. The day you are born, and the day you find out why.

### Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>.

Feeling gratitude and not expressing it, is like wrapping a present and not giving it.

**This week's readings: Psalm121v.7/Proverbs21v.13/Matthew28v.20.**

### Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>.

“The most important thing in this world is to learn to give out love, let it come in. **Morrie Schartz.**

### Friday 29<sup>th</sup>. **Michael and all Angels.**

**Almighty One, who out of your love has ordained the services of angels for our good: through Michael, the chief of angels, save us from all that would bring us harm. Amen.**

### Saturday 30<sup>th</sup>.

**O bright, beautiful angels, by your unerring light of purity, illuminate every obstacle, make safe our way. Amen.**

Fire of God, Kindle in us a love for you so great that we, like the seraphim, may blaze forever in your presence. Amen.