

## Prayers for Summer Sundays

### Preparation

This is the day that the Lord has made.  
We will rejoice and be glad in it.

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

### Liturgy of the Word (see each week)

### Prayers

*Pray for the world – the problems and tragedies that weigh heavily on your heart or that have caught your attention this week.*

*Pray for the communities in which you live or which you are visiting.*

*Pray for the church – for the churches in your life, for your bishop and for the Anglican Church of Canada.*

*Pray for the people in your life who are in need. Pray for yourself.*

*Draw your prayers to a close with the Lord's Prayer.*

### Conclusion

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

## July 3 (week 1)

### Collect of the Day

Almighty God,  
your Son Jesus Christ has taught us  
that what we do for the least of your children  
we do also for him.  
Give us the will to serve others  
as he was the servant of all,  
who gave up his life and died for us,  
but lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### Psalm 30

### Gospel – Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

#### Reflection Questions:

- Are you being sent out into the harvest? Where?
- Do you need to wipe the dust off your feet?
- Where do you feel the peace of God?
- When have you experienced the nearness of the Kingdom of God?

## July 10 (week 2)

### Collect of the Day

Almighty God,  
you have made us for yourself,  
and our hearts are restless  
until they find their rest in you.  
May we find peace in your service,  
and in the world to come, see you face to face;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### Psalm 82

### Gospel – Luke 10:25-37

#### Reflection Questions:

- Can you “Go and do likewise”? Do you want to? Have you already?

## July 17 (week 3)

### Collect of the Day

Almighty God,  
your Son has opened for us  
a new and living way into your presence.  
Give us pure hearts and constant wills  
to worship you in spirit and in truth;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### Psalm 52

### Gospel – Luke 10:38-42

#### Reflection Questions:

- What is distracting you from attending to God?
- What helps you attend to God more deeply?

## July 24 (week 4)

### Collect of the Day

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 the things eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

### Psalm 85

### Gospel – Luke 11:1-13

#### Reflection Questions:

- What are the blessings of your life?
- When has God answered your prayers – perhaps in ways you didn't expect?
- What are you looking for from God now?

## July 31 (week 5)

### Collect of the Day

Almighty God,  
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry  
with the bread of his life  
and the word of his kingdom.  
Renew your people with your heavenly grace,  
and in all our weakness  
sustain us by your true and living bread,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### **Psalm 107:1-9, 43**

### **Gospel – Luke 12:13-21**

#### Reflection Questions:

- What treasures pull you away from God?
- What do you need in order to be rich toward God? How can you build up *those* treasures?

## August 7 (week 6)

### Collect of the Day

Almighty God,  
you sent your Holy Spirit  
to be the life and light of your Church.  
Open our hearts to the riches of your grace,  
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit  
in love, joy, and peace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### **Psalm 50:1-8, 23-24**

### **Gospel – Luke 12:32-40**

#### Reflection Questions:

- Where is your treasure? Is that where you want your heart to be?
- Have you ever been surprised by the arrival of Jesus?
- What are you afraid of? Can you release that fear to God?

## August 14 (week 7)

### Collect of the Day

Almighty God,  
you have broken the tyranny of sin  
and sent into our hearts the Spirit of your Son.  
Give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service,  
that all people may know the glorious liberty  
of the children of God;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### Psalm 80:1-2. 8-18

### Gospel – Luke 12:49-56

#### Reflection Questions:

- How does this side of Jesus make you feel?
- What division is he talking about? Have you experienced division because of Jesus?

## August 21 (week 8)

### Collect of the Day

Almighty God,  
we are taught by your word  
that all our doings without love are worth nothing.  
Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts  
that most excellent gift of love,  
the true bond of peace and of all virtue;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### Psalm 71:1-6

### Gospel – Luke 13:10-17

#### Reflection Questions:

- The woman was set free from her ailment and the leader of the synagogue from his legalism. What do you need to be set free from?
- What excuses do we make to avoid doing the work of God?

## August 28 (week 9)

### Collect of the Day

Author and Giver of all good things,  
graft in our hearts the love of your name,  
increase in us true religion,  
nourish us in all goodness,  
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### **Psalm 81:1, 10-16**

### **Gospel – Luke 14:1. 7-14**

#### Reflection Questions:

- What would taking “the lowest place” look like in your workplace or family? What about for St. Matthew’s in the community? Or for your community in the wide community?

## Sept 4 (week 10)

### Collect of the Day

Stir up, O Lord,  
the wills of your faithful people,  
that richly bearing the fruit of good works,  
we may by you be richly rewarded;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

### **Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17**

### **Gospel – Luke 14:23-33**

#### Reflection Questions:

- What has it cost you to be a follower of Jesus?
- Do we really need to give up all our possessions? If not, why not? If so...?