



## Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2018 Trinity 6

O Lord God of hosts, hear our prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob. For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.  
*Psalm 84.8,10*

### Prayer of the day

God our Father, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass man's understanding; pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you above all things, may obtain your promises which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### Esther 4.5-17 *Olive Orange*

<sup>5</sup> Then Esther summoned Hathach, one of the king's eunuchs assigned to attend her, and ordered him to find out what was troubling Mordecai and why. <sup>6</sup> So Hathach went out to Mordecai in the open square of the city in front of the king's gate. <sup>7</sup> Mordecai told him everything that had happened to him, including the exact amount of money Haman had promised to pay into the royal treasury for the destruction of the Jews. <sup>8</sup> He also gave him a copy of the text of the edict for their annihilation, which had been published in Susa, to show to Esther and explain it to her, and he told him to urge her to go into the king's presence to beg for mercy and plead with him for her people. <sup>9</sup> Hathach went back and reported to Esther what Mordecai had said. <sup>10</sup> Then she instructed him to say to Mordecai, <sup>11</sup> "All the king's officials and the people of the royal provinces know that for any man or woman who approaches the king in the inner court without being summoned the king has but one law: that he be put to death. The only exception to this is for the king to extend the gold scepter to him and spare his life. But thirty days have passed since I was called to go to the king." <sup>12</sup> When Esther's words were reported to Mordecai, <sup>13</sup> he sent back this answer: "Do not think that because you are in the king's house you alone of all the Jews will escape. <sup>14</sup> For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to royal position for such a time as this?" <sup>15</sup> Then Esther sent this reply to Mordecai: <sup>16</sup> "Go, gather together all the Jews who are in Susa, and fast for me. Do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and my maids will fast as you do. When this is done, I will go to the king, even though it is against the law. And if I perish, I perish." <sup>17</sup> So Mordecai went away and carried out all of Esther's instructions.

**443** God is our strength and refuge  
**538** O Jesus, I have promised  
**262** O Lord my God, when I in awesome

### 2 Corinthians 12.2-10 *Angela Illgner*

<sup>2</sup> I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven. Whether it was in the body or out of the body I do not know--God knows. <sup>3</sup> And I know that this man--whether in the body or apart from the body I do not know, but God knows--<sup>4</sup> was caught up to paradise. He heard inexpressible things, things that man is not permitted to tell. <sup>5</sup> I will boast about a man like that, but I will not boast about myself, except about my weaknesses. <sup>6</sup> Even if I should choose to boast, I would not be a fool, because I would be speaking the truth. But I refrain, so no one will think more of me than is warranted by what I do or say. <sup>7</sup> To keep me from becoming conceited because of these surpassingly great revelations, there was given me a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. <sup>8</sup> Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. <sup>9</sup> But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me. <sup>10</sup> That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

### Mark 6.1-6 *Matt Heazlewood*

<sup>1</sup> Jesus left there and went to his hometown, accompanied by his disciples. <sup>2</sup> When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed. <sup>3</sup> "Where did this man get these things?" they asked. "What's this wisdom that has been given him, that he even does miracles! Isn't this the carpenter? Isn't this Mary's son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren't his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. <sup>4</sup> Jesus said to them, "Only in his hometown, among his relatives and in his own house is a prophet without honor." <sup>5</sup> He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. <sup>6</sup> And he was amazed at their lack of faith.

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## Prayers

"Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

1 Thess 5:16-18

### Government leaders

Give thanks for those who serve as our local members and councilors. Ask God to guide and strengthen them and renew their vision of serving their community.

### For our Church and Community

Pray for our outreach activities and for invitations to our friends and neighbours. Pray for the parish community to have a safe and enjoyable break over the school holidays. Pray for students preparing for their HSC trials.

### Pray for those in special need

Ask God to comfort, strengthen and deepen the trust of those who are sick and grieving. For the lonely or in special need at this time including Jean Ditchfield.

### Prayer for Rain

Let us pray for farmers and farming communities. We thank you, God, for people who love the land and care for it well, making farming sustainable for future generations. Bless the crop growers and livestock breeders, taking risks to grow food for a hungry world. Direct the strategists, planners, policy makers and advisors, offering new ways

to grow food and care for the land in changing times. Guide all farmers in safe work practices and give health and happiness in their home life, so that families can work together with love, respect and harmony.

Hold in your care those who despair in hard times, and give them the help and support of caring services and friends. Pour out your blessing for Christians in rural and remote areas who gather for worship, study and prayer. Use their faith to create and sustain community. Speak your wise words in good communication between country and city, so that we may understand each other's worlds and encourage one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### **St Martin's Mission Prayer**

*Our heavenly Father, please bless St Martin's as we seek to make disciples of Christ, and see changing lives through grace, so that everyone reaches maturity in Christ. By your Spirit enable us to **connect** to Jesus and one another, **grow** in Christ-likeness, **serve** and meets the needs of others with the gifts you have given us, and **share** the love of Christ in our community and all the world. **Amen***

## Action Items and Upcoming Events

- **BASECAMP Mens Conference - 11 August 2018** UNSW Roundhouse Kensington. An annual event for men who want to know God better. For more info go to <http://www.basecampmen.com/>
- **OneLove Womens Conference on Saturday 25 August 2018.** Sydney Showground at Sydney Olympic Park [Register now](#) at the best rate!

## Daily Bible Reading Plan

- ☐ Jul 8 1 Chron 9-10, Ps 7, Matt 9
- ☐ Jul 9 1 Chron 11, Ps 8, Matt 10
- ☐ Jul 10 1 Chron 12-13, Ps 9, Matt 11
- ☐ Jul 11 1 Chron 14-15, Ps 10, Matt 12
- ☐ Jul 12 1 Chron 16-17, Ps 11, Matt 13
- ☐ Jul 13 1 Chron 18-20, Ps 12, Matt 14
- ☐ Jul 14 1 Chron 21-23, Ps 13, Matt 15
- ☐ Jul 15 1 Chron 24-25, Ps 14, Matt 16-17

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