

Some Prayers for June:

All praise to you, our God and Father,
for you have fed us with the bread of heaven
and quenched our thirst from the true vine:
hear our prayer that, being grafted into Christ,
we may grow together in unity
and feast with him in his kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

God of truth,
help us to keep your law of love
and to walk in the ways of wisdom,
that we may find true life
in Jesus Christ your Son.

Faithful Creator,
whose mercy never fails:
deepen our faithfulness to you
and to your living Word,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

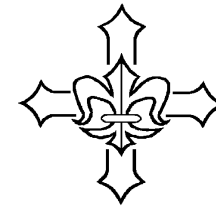
God our saviour,
look on this wounded world
in pity and in power;
hold us fast to your promises of peace
won for us by your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Gracious Father,
by the obedience of Jesus
you brought salvation to our wayward world:
draw us into harmony with your will,
that we may find all things restored in him,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.



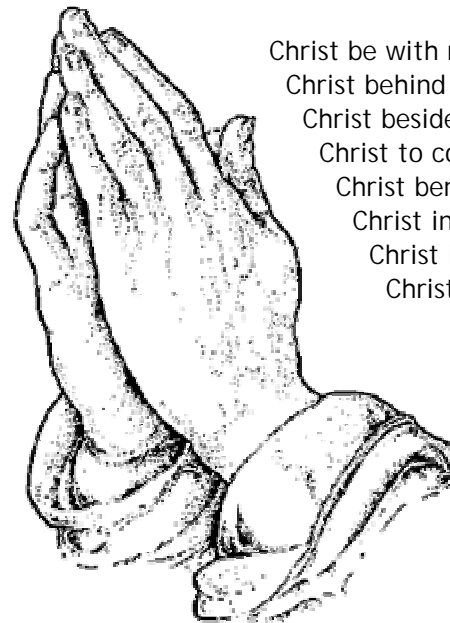
June Charity of the Month

Committee for Social Welfare, an independent social
work service for anyone in the diocese, especially
supporting distressed families.



Prayer Leaflet

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Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me.
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.
from St Patrick's Breastplate

The Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin

Godmanchester

Liberating Truth

Ephesians 1:3-10

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.



An unmarried missionary had been disparaging herself. She was unhappy with her life in general, but she was especially displeased with what she felt was her low level of spiritual growth.

One morning she looked searchingly at herself in the mirror. Then, very slowly, she said, "God, I thank you that I am myself and can never be anybody else".

That was her moment of liberating self-acceptance. She realized that by God's design she was an absolutely unique person, a Christ-redeemed human being who could never be replaced or duplicated.

Do you condemn yourself because you aren't as spiritual as you think you ought to be? Do you see yourself as a second-rate disciple, lacking the gifts and graces possessed by fellow believers who seem to be models of prayer, witness, and service? We can rise above the mood of self-rejection and enjoy grateful self-acceptance when we put our lives into the nail-pierced hands of Jesus. "In him we have redemption through his blood, [and] the forgiveness of our trespasses" (Eph. 1:7). We are accepted and chosen by him (vv.4-6).

If the Lord has accepted us, surely we can accept ourselves! That's the liberating truth.

Our Prayers in June are especially requested for:

In the Church

Events — Corpus Christi, Anglican High Mass (3rd); Carer's Service (6th); Sedici Concert (12th); Summer Fete (19th); Godmanchester in Bloom's Open Gardens Day and Scarecrow Festival (20th); Teddy Bears Picnic (23rd); Shalom Service (28th); — please pray for these events, and for those attending them.

Choir — that our energy may not flag during the early summer.

Mothers' Union — for all members across the world who are working in a voluntary capacity to care for others. Give them fortitude and cheerfulness as they minister in your name.

Flower Guild — give thanks for all who give of their time, raising funds for those less fortunate than themselves.

In the Community

The Schools in the town — for safety, fun and learning on the many trips out of school at this time of year; that all will enjoy the experiences and sharing with others. And that our school's will be places where friendship and support flourish.

Pray for fathers everywhere, that they will be strengthened in their resolve to bring up their children in the love and nurture of the Lord.

Pray for all community events during the summer, bringing people together in safe and happy surroundings.

In the World

Pray for refugees and asylum seekers and the work of all agencies working with them; that they will have adequate resources and open doors into the situations where their aid is vital.

Christian Solidarity Worldwide — Hearing the Police Chief of Kathmandu say, ". . . I can do whatever I like to a Christian and nobody says a word" is what inspires and motivates Christian Solidarity Worldwide to persevere in speaking up for religious freedom. Let us continue in prayer to speak up for persecuted Christians wherever they are.

This month, in our **Street Prayer Mission**, we'll be praying for:

Week commencing Sunday, 6 June

Croftfield Road; Peate Close.

Week commencing Sunday, 13 June

White Hart Lane; Hilsden Driv; Anderson Crescent; Kisby Avenue.

Week commencing Sunday, 20 June

Saxon Close; Pipers Lane; Laroc close; Lavender Grove; Cow Lane

Week commencing Sunday, 27 June

Porch Close; Grainger Avenue; Littlefield Close; Sears Close.