

Prayer Focus

June 2019

Week commencing June 2nd

Father, we thank you, not only for being our Creator, Sustainer and Saviour, but also that through Christ's life, death, resurrection, and ascension you have declared him to be Lord. We thank you that because of Christ's ascension his ministry to us is no longer restricted by the limits of an earthly life. Now he has been lifted up we can be assured of his presence with each of us at any time, in any place, and whoever we are.

Lord thank you for those moments when we are aware of you all over again. We see you in the beauty of creation, in the love of a friend, in the smile of a new baby, and in the satisfaction of a job well done. We discover your presence in our pain and our sorrow, in our hurt and despair.

May our prayers of thankfulness be transformed into lives filled with gratitude that will bring faith, hope, and courage to others, and glory to our ascended Lord. **Amen**

Week commencing June 9th

Beautiful Lord, may we say "yes" to you so that the Spirit in our hearts will once again be set ablaze.

Spirit of Wisdom, guide our actions so they tell of God's love.

Spirit of Truth, open our eyes to see the world as it really is.

Spirit of Power, enthuse us to work for justice throughout the world.

Spirit of Love, inspire us to respect the dignity of each person.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.

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Come.

Week commencing June 16th

Lord, we feel like the disciples when you walked with them on the Emmaus Road and they did not recognise your presence. You came to them on the sea shore when their work was fruitless and they felt they had failed. You had spoken to them about your death and resurrection but they hadn't understood. They hid behind locked doors because they hadn't received your power.

Lord, by your Holy Spirit, speak the word we need to hear and open our lives to receive it. May our worship, witness, and service, reflect the Love of God the Father, the grace of His son Jesus Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Week commencing June 23rd

Lord, the psalmist sang for joy when he entered the courts of your house - he shouted for joy to you, the Lord of all the earth.

His praises sprang from a heart filled with great gratitude and from his knowledge of your worth and your glory.

We come, as generations of your people have come, to offer you heartfelt thanks and praise. May our praises be directed to you, Lord of heaven and earth, and may our thankfulness find its mainspring in the empty cross, the empty tomb, and the 'emptying out' of the Holy Spirit.

May we offer you worship that is worthy of your holy name. **Amen**

Week commencing June 30th

Lord, when we come to worship you, you call us to look in different directions.

When we look up... to offer hymns of adoration and praise you in prayer and bless your name, you direct our gaze within, to the anger and selfishness there, and to the hurt and pain that our thoughtless words and deeds have brought to our neighbours. We know our need of your forgiveness.

When we look within... you direct our eyes to the needs of the world and the brokenness of those around us. When we come bearing the needs of your world... you direct us to bring our thanks for what we have received.

Lord, when we come - you meet us. Hold us, and lift our eyes to see your glory. **Amen**

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