

***ALL SAINTS
ANGLICAN CHURCH***



***WHITSUNDAY
NINE DAYS OF
PRAYER***

June 4-12

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Memory Verse for the 9-Days of Prayer:

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

Galatians 5:22-23

This Whitsunday Ember Season, when we traditionally observe the Nine Days of Prayer we are praying through the fruit of the Spirit from St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians. On the Sunday after Ascension Fr. Ian called us to pray for revival, but specifically pray that the Lord would start a revival within ourselves. The fruit of the Spirit are a great way to start praying for this. As the fruit show us what God is calling us to and areas we need to repent.

This quarter we will gather many times throughout the week, but we will not gather every day. This little devotional is available to help guide your prayers during the nine days. Please check the schedule below to see when the church will be open for corporate prayer.

Corporate prayer schedule:

Saturday, June 4 – 8:30 am

Sunday, June 5 – 9:30 am – before church

Monday, June 6 – 8:30 am

Tuesday, June 7 – 8:30 am

Wednesday, June 8 – 6 pm

Thursday June 9 – 8:30 am

Sunday, June 12 - 9:30 am

June 4:

Love –

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.

-John 13:34

Read: John 13:31-35

In a time gripped with fear, the most radical way we can live is in loving – God, our neighborhood, and our Christian community. We can do this by showing hospitality, by prayer, and by being friendly towards those that need a friend. As you pray through this first fruit of the spirit, some things we can pray about and ask ourselves is:

1. Are there ways that I have failed to love and need to repent of?
 - a. God
 - b. My family
 - c. My neighbors
 - d. My Christian community
2. Are there ways that the Lord is calling me to better love him or those I interact with?
3. What are some tangible acts of love I can perform today and this week?

June 5:

Joy –

My mouth will speak the praise of the Lord, and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.

- Psalm 145:21

Read: Psalm 145

Psalm 145 exalts the goodness of the Lord and while it doesn't mention joy specifically, if we are living in the truth that all that the Lord does is good and that he is faithful to us, we can have a resounding joy, even in the difficulties of this life. Because of God's faithfulness, he calls us into this joy. Somethings we can pray about today:

1. Is my heart and attitude defined by joy or grumbling?
2. Are there areas which I don't see God at work that I should prayerfully ask him to reveal his kindness to me?
3. What are some ways I can rejoice in the Lord today?

June 6:

Peace –

And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

- Philippians 4:7

Read: Philippians 4:2-9

In this passage, St. Paul links rejoicing in the Lord and peace. At the center of both peace and rejoicing is a sure faith that the Lord is at hand. As we continue to pray through the fruit of the spirit ask the Lord to reveal ways you may need to trust in him more:

1. Are there anxieties that I am holding on to that the Lord is telling me to let go of?
2. Are there areas of my life I don't trust the Lord to be faithful in?
3. Have I sought peace or disunity with God and others?

June 7:

Patience –

Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him; fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices!

- Psalm 37:7

Read: Psalm 37

We live in a microwave culture – we want what we want and we want it now. After all, we can have a warm dinner in minutes, why must it take so long for the Lord to answer prayers and sanctification seems like a dreadful uphill battle? Yet, it is on the long road of sanctification that we learn patience and of God's incredible faithfulness. As you pray about the fruit of the spirit, here are some questions you can ask yourself:

1. Are there areas in which I need to grow in patience?
2. Are there times of impatience that I need to repent of?
3. Does my impatience reveal areas where I lack faith and I need to ask God to help me grow in those areas?

June 8:

Kindness –

I led them with cords of kindness,
with the bands of love,
and I became to them as one who eases the yoke on their
jaws,
and I bent down to them and fed them.
- Hosea 11:4

Read: Hosea 11:1-12:1

You may have noticed how similar the fruit of the spirit are to the communicable attributes of God. That is to say – that many of fruits are attributes which God endues human beings with, at least in our pre-fallen state. Kindness is one of these attributes, and we see that kindness is more than pleasantness, or being polite dinner company. Kindness is *doing what is best for the other*. It is representing Christ to others in a Christlike manner so that others would know him or know him better. Here are some things to pray through today:

1. Have I represented Christ this week in all that I do, whether it be grocery shopping or fellowshiping at church?
2. Has my life been marked by the sweet fragrance of Christ?
3. Are there moments of unkindness that the Lord is calling me to repent of?

June 9:

Goodness –

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!

Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

- Psalm 34:8

Read: Psalm 34

Like kindness, goodness overflows from God, and we learn what goodness truly is. There is something about coming to the Communion table and tasting the bread and the wine in which when we tangibly experience Christ. In this act, we are reminded of his goodness, his sacrifice for us in giving His only begotten son. We can taste and see the Lord is good in many ways, whatever way we taste and see God's goodness, we have experienced this goodness and it gives us confidence in the face of great darkness. If we have tasted and seen that the Lord is good – what can we fear? In thinking about manifesting this goodness in a fallen world, here are a few things we can be praying through:

1. Take time today to prayerfully consider in what ways you've tasted and seen that the Lord is good. Write these ways down to be a reminder in the days to come.
2. Ask the Lord to help you manifest his goodness in your life.
3. Are there areas of rebellion where you've doubted that the Lord is good or where you have not manifested His goodness in your life that He is calling you to repent from?

June 10:

Faithfulness –

Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, “I believe; help my unbelief!”

- Mark 9:24

Read: Mark 9:14-29

We live in an age that has been marked by what is sometimes call the “hermeneutic of suspicion.” Instead of taking the text at its plain meaning we look for something hidden, we try to be creative and clever, and we doubt what the Lord has revealed to us. But this suspicion and doubt leads to darkness and death. Today we read of a father who knows Jesus can heal his son, but at the same time feels this is too good to be true. Jesus tells us the answer to all this – the doubt and the sickness – is prayer. Today some questions to ask yourself:

1. Is my prayer marked by faithfulness or skepticism?
2. If I sympathize with the prayer of the father, pray that the Lord would help your unbelief.
3. Are there areas where I’ve encouraged faithlessness that I need to repent of?

June 11:

Gentleness –

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11:28

Read: Mathew 11:25-30

Have sweeter words than these ever been uttered? Whether we are heavy laden with our sins or have grown weary in laboring in the harvest field for the sake of the Gospel, Jesus reminds us that he will refresh us, or give us rest. Even his yoke is called “easy” or “good.” We find when we are bound to Christ as two oxen are bound together – that the work he puts us too can only be called good, and that it is in Him and that good work we find His refreshment. His gentleness models for us what it means to be gentle. It is in His gentleness that we find a safe and good place to rest – we are called to be likewise gentle. Here are some questions you can prayerfully ask yourself today:

1. Is there ungentleness the Lord is calling me to repent of?
2. Am I creating a place where people can find refreshment in the shadow of Christ?
3. In what ways has the Lord called me to be gentle to those whom I interact with day in and day out?

June 12:

Self-control –

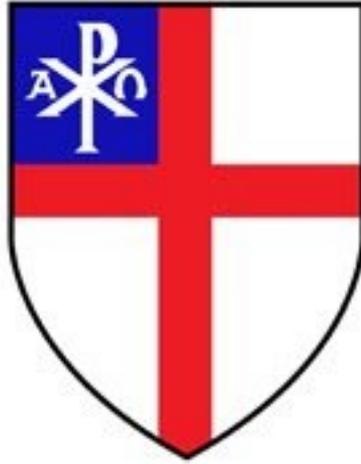
And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done.

- Genesis 2:2

Read: Genesis 1:1-2:3

This passage may seem like an odd place to end our Nine Days of Prayer and an even stranger place to draw from to talk about self-control. But undoubtedly, you've heard that Genesis drew from other ancient near east myths. A lot of these claims are dubious; however, it is reasonable to think that the creation account in Genesis is a response to some of them. At least part of the reason that Moses writes is so that the reader may know that the world wasn't created out of some drunken feast by capricious gods, but instead it was created in loving order by a God who is very much in control. In the creation narrative we see that God maintains perfect self-control to create the beauty we see every day around us. We, by the power of the Holy Spirit, are likewise called to manifest this same self-control in our lives.

1. Do I live my life in the Spirit with self-control?
2. Have there been times when I lost control that I need to repent of or apologize for?
3. Throughout this week, how has the Holy Spirit worked in my life?



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