

"You have taken hold of my right hand"

Psalm 73v 23

In a time when social distancing discourages touch,
the Lord holds onto you.
He grasps your hand and holds you right in his care.
When He is holding us, it is hard to slip and fall.
When He is holding you, you do not need to be fearful
or discouraged.

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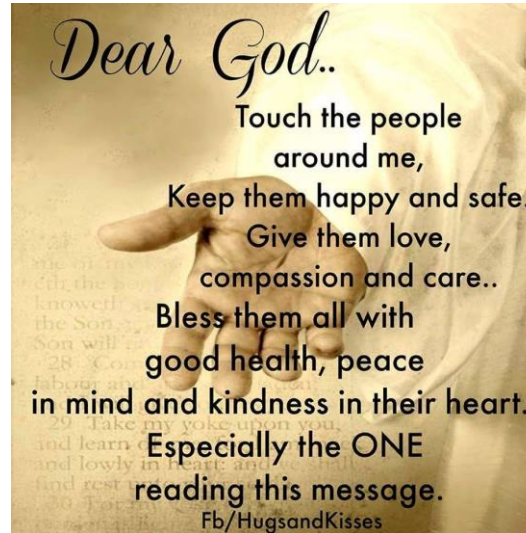
Lord, let me be a shining light
In all I say and do,
That Your great love displayed in me
May lead someone to You.
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God has given you His promise
That He hears and answers prayer;
He will heed your supplication
If you cast on Him your care.
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Unspoken Prayers.

Every thought that flies through your brain is heard in heaven. God hears wishes, heart-longings, aspirations, soul-hungerings and thirstings. Do not grieve, then, if you cannot find words in which to tell God what you want, if you cannot put into well-defined thoughts the thoughts and hungers of your heart. When words and even thoughts fail, pray in silent yearnings, in unutterable longings, and God will understand just as well as if you had spoken in common language. Much of our best praying is done when we sit at God's feet and do not speak at all, but only let our hearts talk.

In Green Pastures
J.R. Miller



A Prayer for Healing

*At every moment of our existence
you are present to us, God,
in gentle compassion.*

*Help us to be present to one another
so that our presence may be a strength
that heals the wounds of time,*

*and gives hope that is for all persons,
through Jesus our compassionate brother.*

PRAYER DIARY

St Thomas Church
RONDEBOSCH



September
2020

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<p>31 August Ps 119:97-103 Acts 11:19-30 Jn 8:21-30 Pray that the Word of God will be preached accurately and with clarity, that many will come to put their faith in Jesus as their Saviour.</p>	<p>1 September Ps 149:1-5 Acts 14:1-18 Jn 10:31-42 Pray for our new Bishop Joshua Louw. Empower him with your Holy Spirit to fulfil the ministry You have called him to in our Diocese.</p>	<p>2 Ps 62 Acts 12:18-25 Jn 8:47-59 Pray for peace in our hearts in these unforeseen and uncertain times as we look to and trust in God, our Father.</p>	<p>3 Ps 24:1-6 Acts 13:1-12 Jn 9:1-17 Pray for the future of the environment, for an end to exploitation of the earth's scarce resources and for responsible stewardship.</p>	<p>4 Ps 37:1-11 Acts 13:13-25 Jn 9:18-41 Pray for wisdom and guidance for our Wardens and those who serve on Parish Council. We give thanks for their time and commitment.</p>	<p>5 Ps 145:14-21 Acts 13:26-43 Jn 10:1-18 "I am the the Good Shepherd" Pray that we may feel secure especially in these uncertain times knowing that Jesus, the Good Shepherd, knows us and that His love never fails.</p>	<p>6 Ps 149 Rom 13:8-14 Matt 18:15-20 Pray that as we participate in the service today in our homes that we may be encouraged and enriched by the wonderful service put together by Caroline, Jeremy and Fr Leslie.</p>
<p>7 Ps 5 Acts 13:44-52 Jn 10:19-30 Pray for our Junior Church, Jeremy and those who teach. May the children grow in their faith as they put their trust in Jesus as their Saviour.</p>	<p>8 Ps 149:1-5 Acts 14:1-18 Jn 10:31-42 Pray for our continent, the fight against poverty, violence, conflict, political and ethnic tension and for all refugees</p>	<p>9 Ps 45:10-17 Acts 14:19-28 Jn 11:1-16 Pray for all who are incarcerated during this pandemic who are affected by the curtailment of ministry. Pray for Hope Prison Ministry.</p>	<p>10 Ps 139:1-9, 23-24 Acts 15:1-11 Jn 11:17-29 Pray for Fikekela and all who are dependant on food parcels. Thank you, Father, for the generosity of so many which has enabled this ministry to continue</p>	<p>11 Ps 84 Acts 15:12-21 Jn 11:30-44 Pray for doctors, health workers and all in the front line who have worked and continue to work so tirelessly during this pandemic.</p>	<p>12 Ps 116:11-18 Acts 15:22-35 Jn 11:45-54 "The Lord is gracious and righteous, our God is full of compassion. Pray for those who are despondent, lonely, sad, depressed and without hope.</p>	<p>13 Ps 114 Rom 14:1-12 Matt 18:21-35 Pray that we may forgive others as we are commanded to do and realise fully how God through the death of His precious, sinless Son forgives us.</p>
<p>14 Ps 40:8-14 Acts 15:36-16:5 Jn 11:55-12:8 Pray for a new Rector as we put our trust in God knowing that He will send us the right person at the right time.</p>	<p>15 Ps 100 Acts 16:6-15 Jn 12:9-19 Pray for world leaders, for wisdom to make good decisions. Pray for all scientists in the world working on finding a vaccine for Covid 19.</p>	<p>16 Ps 33:1-12 Acts 16:16-24 Jn 12:20-26 Pray that we may follow Jesus, keep our eyes on Him, especially when we go through difficult times knowing that He is faithful and trustworthy.</p>	<p>17 Ps 118:14-29 Acts 16:25-40 Jn 12:27-36 Pray for our country and the leaders, may our economy strengthen and opportunities arise after the lockdown period.</p>	<p>18 Ps 17:1-7 Acts 17:1-15 Jn 12:36-43 We pray for the home groups as they meet, may the teachings allow them to grow closer to you and receive a clear understanding of your plan for them.</p>	<p>19 Ps 30:1-5 Acts 17:16-34 Jn 12:44-50 We pray for the garden and maintenance teams who do their work with care and create a warm welcome to all who visit our Church.</p>	<p>20 Ps 105:1-6,37-45 Phil 1:21-30 Matt 20:1-16 "Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity? So the last will be first, and the first last."</p>
<p>21 Ps 15 Acts 18:1-11 Luke 1:1-4, 3:1-14 Pray that we all may rejoice with Spring upon us and marvel at the new life around us.</p>	<p>22 Ps 119:1-8 Acts 18:12-28 Luke 3:15-22 We pray for Rondebosch Police Station and give thanks for all they do; may You guide and protect them in all situations.</p>	<p>23 Ps 119:105-112 Acts 19:1-10 Lk 4:1-13 Pray for the prayer group who cover all different prayer needs of members of St Thomas Church throughout the year.</p>	<p>24 Ps 90:1-6 Acts 19:11-20 Lk 4:14-30 Pray for the individuals who suffer from Arthritis, as today is Arthritis Awareness Day, may they be healed and comforted.</p>	<p>25 Ps 144:1-4 Acts 19:21-41 Lk 4:31-37 We pray for the ladies who teach sewing in our community which enables those who need to work and earn.</p>	<p>26 Ps 90:10-17 Acts 20:1-16 Lk 4:38-44 We pray for the chaplains at schools, universities, and hospitals. May the individuals benefit from the care and knowledge which has been bestowed onto them.</p>	<p>27 Ps 78:1-4,11-15 Phil 2:1-13 Matt 21:23-32 We pray for the retired clergy and their families, may they be blessed and cared for.</p>
<p>28 Ps 17:1-7 Acts 20:17-38 Lk 5:1-11 We pray for the elderly as the lockdown has been a lonely time for many, now with things easing may families enjoy the renewed fellowship.</p>	<p>29 Ps 88:1-7 Acts 21:1-14 Lk 5:12-26 We pray for those who are providing food to the poor, we give thanks for the insight, wisdom and those taking responsibility for the hungry souls.</p>	<p>30 27:9-17 Acts 21:27-36 Lk 6:1-11 We pray for Jeremy and Robyn Smith who guides our youth, may their inspiration fill their hearts with joy as they grow in faith.</p>	<p>1 October Ps 27:9-17 Acts 21:27-36 Lk 6:1-11 Pray for the Awareness of Breast Cancer this month that a breakthrough can be found. We pray that those who battle with this disease, may they be healed.</p>	<p>2 Ps 139:1-18 Acts 21:37-22:16 Lk 6:12-26 Pray that all young children who are Baptised at our church, may they be guided in their spiritual path to serve You.</p>	<p>3 Ps 119:169-178 Acts 22:17-29 Lk 6:27-38 "But I say to you that hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. To him who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also;"</p>	<p>4 Ps 19 Phil 3:4-14 Matt 21:33-46 We pray for the young families as they have endured a distributive year with COVID 19 virus, may things settle down and daily routine resume.</p>