

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<p><b>6 May</b>  <b>Ps 119:161-168 1 Jn 3:19-4:6 Lk 4:14-30</b>            Pray that God will help us to keep His commandments and to do those things that are pleasing in His sight.</p>	<p><b>7</b>  <b>Ps 31:1-5 1 Jn 4:7-21 Lk 4:31-37</b>            Thank God for Father Keith and his ministry and for his family who support him. Pray for the Holy Spirit to sustain and inspire him in his threefold tasks as Rector, Archdeacon and Vicar-General.</p>	<p><b>8</b>  <b>Ps 66:1-6 1Jn 5:1-12 Lk 4:38-44</b>            Pray that as the General Election draws near we may bring to God's wisdom our hopes for reconciliation, peace and equity in our country, and for leaders who have true concern for the welfare of all the people of our beautiful country.</p>	<p><b>9</b>  <b>Ps 66:7-8,15-19 1Jn5:13-21 Lk 5:1-11</b>            Pray for the Thursday prayer group as they faithfully meet to pray for the sick. Pray that new members will join them.</p>	<p><b>10</b>  <b>Ps 117 2Jn 1-13 Lk 5:12-26 Lk 5:27-39</b>            Pray for creative solutions for unemployment and for God to multiply the work of NGOs (like The Carpenter's Shop) that provide skills training.</p>	<p><b>11</b>  <b>Ps 116:11-18 3 Jn 1-15 Lk 5:27-39</b>            Pray for Africa. May all countries on this continent value the individual and respect each other's differences.</p>	<p><b>12</b>  <b>Ps 23 Rev 7:9-17 Jn 10:22-30</b>            Pray for our worship groups and our Organist who give so much to our services.</p>
<p><b>13</b>  <b>Ps 43 Col 1:1-14 Lk 6:1-11</b>            Pray for us all to be committed to the care of our environment and to make the effort to reduce, re-use and recycle to preserve God's creation.</p>	<p><b>14</b>  <b>Ps 87 Cp; 1:15-23 Lk 6:12-26</b>            Pray for all who are sick in body, mind and spirit. Ask God to give us compassionate hearts enabling us to bring comfort and care to all who suffer.</p>	<p><b>15</b>  <b>Ps 67 Col 1:24-2:7 Lk 6:27-38</b>            Pray for the retired Clergy who will meet for lunch today. Thank God for their faithful service to Him and ask Him to bless their fellowship and grant them good health and rest.</p>	<p><b>16</b>  <b>Ps 89:1-2,19-27 Col 2:8-23 Lk 6:39-49</b>            Pray for all the churches in the archdeaconry that they may be beacons of hope in their communities.</p>	<p><b>17</b>  <b>Ps 2 Col 3:1-11 Lk 7:1-17</b>            Pray for sacristans, flower arrangers and those who beautify our garden. Pray too for those who oversee the maintenance of our lovely church</p>	<p><b>18</b>  <b>Ps 98 Col 3:12-17 Lk 7:18-35</b>            Pray for young families. May they encourage their children to join Junior Church. Pray for those who teach them</p>	<p><b>19</b>  <b>Ps 148 Rev 21:1-6 Jn 13:31-35</b>            Pray for all Christians who will attend church to-day and for all the ministers who will share God's word. Pray for a deep and effective work of the Holy Spirit in the Church.</p>
<p><b>20</b>  <b>Ps 115:1-11 Col 3:18-4:18 Lk 7:36-50</b>            Pray for the young children at Red Cross Hospital, especially those suffering from terrible burns. Give thanks for the medical staff caring for them.</p>	<p><b>21</b>  <b>Ps 145:10-13,21 Rom 12:1-21 Lk 8:1-15</b>            Pray for members of the Parish Council as they make decisions that will motivate parishioners to develop as disciples of Christ.</p>	<p><b>22</b>  <b>Ps 122 Rom 13:1-14 Lk 8:16-25</b>            Give thanks for Eileen and her Sewing Team, who teach people a skill from which they can earn an income</p>	<p><b>23</b>  <b>Ps 96:1-3,10-13 Rom 14:1-12 Lk 8:26-39</b>            Pray for the wonderful work of Fikelela in our parish and in the Diocese. May they continue to bring love and support to those in poverty and affected by HIV and Aids.</p>	<p><b>24</b>  <b>Ps 57:6-12 Rom 14:13-23 Lk 8:40-56</b>            Ask for the Lord's blessings and guidance for our youth leaders. Pray for the Holy Spirit to fill them with joy.</p>	<p><b>25</b>  <b>Ps 100 rom 15:1-13 Lk 9:1-17</b>            Pray for the Rondebosch Police Station; for God's protection for all the police in all situations. Give thanks for the way they safeguard our community.</p>	<p><b>26</b>  <b>Ps 67 Rev 21:10,22-22:5 Jn 14:23-29</b>            Pray for the Lay Ministers at the services to-day. Give thanks for their dedication in serving the Lord in this parish.</p>
<p><b>27</b>  <b>Ps 149 Jm 1:1-15 Lk 9:18-27</b>            Pray that the minds of those responsible for choosing the next Bishop of Table Bay may be guided by God's heavenly wisdom.</p>	<p><b>28</b>  <b>Ps 138 Jm 1:16-27 Lk 11:1-13</b>            Thank the Lord for the many retired parishioners who contribute so wonderfully to the life of our church.</p>	<p><b>29</b>  <b>Ps 148 Jm 5:13-18 Rev 5:1-14</b>            Pray for Archbishop Thabo, that he may be strengthened in the tasks he has to do. Give thanks for him and all he does.</p>	<p><b>30 ASCENSION DAY</b>  <b>Ps 47 Heb 2:5-18 Lk 24:44-53</b>            Pray that, as we believe Our Lord to have ascended into heaven, that we may also in heart and mind thither ascend and continually dwell with him.</p>	<p><b>31 THE VISITATION OF THE VIRGIN MARY</b>  <b>Ps 47:1-6 Heb 4:14-5:6 Lk 9:28-36</b>            Pray that as Elizabeth rejoiced with Mary and greeted her as the mother of the Lord we may be filled with grace and may acclaim her Son as our Saviour.</p>	<p><b>1 June</b>  <b>Ps 47:1-2,7-10 Heb 5:7-14 Lk 9:37-50</b>            Pray for all who offer Prayer Ministry after each service. May more people feel encouraged to come for prayer.</p>	<p><b>2</b>  <b>Ps 97 Rev 22:12-21 Jn 17:20-26</b>            Pray that we may rejoice in the Lord and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.</p>

Prepare me in mind and heart, O God, to listen to  
and to receive what your word has to say to me.

Guard me from the prejudices which would blind  
me to the truth. Keep me from reading into your  
word what I want to hear, and rather help me  
humbly to listen to what you want to say to me.

Help me to bring to the study of your word all the  
help that the saints and the scholars of the past and  
the present can give to me to understand it better;  
and grant that I may fearlessly follow wherever it  
may lead me.

And then, when I have learned from your word  
what you want me to do, give me the grace and  
strength to go out and to do it: through Jesus Christ  
my Lord. AMEN.

(From More Prayers for the Plain Man,  
by William Barclay)

Teach me, my God and King,  
In all things Thee to see,  
And what I do in anything,  
To do it as for Thee:

A servant with this clause  
Makes drudgerie divine;  
Who sweeps a room as for Thy laws,  
Makes that and the action fine.

George Herbert

Now I lay me down to sleep,  
I pray thee, Lord, my soul to keep;  
And if I die before I wake,  
I pray thee, Lord, my soul to take.

(From One Thousand Beautiful Things,  
compiled by Arthur Mee)

Write upon our hearts, O Lord God, the lessons of your  
holy word, and grant that we may be doers of that word  
and not hearers only; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

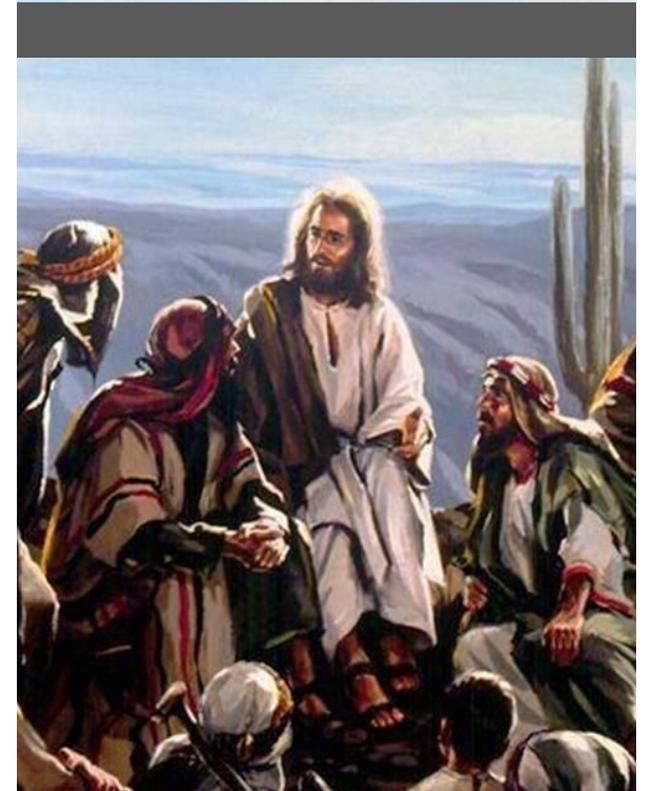
Enable us, our God and Father,  
to respond to the grace of your word  
with humility of heart and mind  
and in the spirit of loving obedience;  
that our wills may be brought into submission  
to your perfect will,  
and our lives be conformed more and more  
to the image of your Son Jesus Christ.

Heavenly Father, you have given us the scriptures  
that through them we may have eternal life  
by believing in your Son;  
help us so to receive your word into our hearts  
that we may find light for our way,  
strength in our weakness,  
and comfort in our distress.

(From New Every Morning, a Book of Daily Services for  
Broadcasting, published by the BBC)

The proper approach to theological study is in the spirit  
which loves God and loves humankind. Its aim must be  
that we ourselves should know God better in order to  
love him more, and in order that we should communicate  
that love to others. Theology will never go wrong so  
long as its twin dynamics are love of God and love of  
humankind, for in the beginning the unum necessarium  
[the one thing needful] was nothing other than to sit at  
the feet of Jesus (Luke 10.38-42).

(From The Plain Man Looks at the Apostles' Creed by  
William Barclay)



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