

CHRIST BESIDE ME.

The light in the dark.
The presence in our loneliness.
The strength in our weakness.
The guide in our lostness.
He is ready to carry not only our burdens
But us if need be.
He IS the mission that we take to others.

Prayer for Women,s Day.

Lord, we join hands with all women who
aspire to an abundant and dignified life.
We join hands with our brothers and sisters
in exposing and opposing the forces of
oppression and dehumanisation of women.
May we see the coming of a truly just and
humane society so that we can usher in the
dawn of a new day when there will be
freedom and justice for all God's people.
Amen.

Victory is ours.

Goodness is stronger than evil;
Love is stronger than hate;
Light is stronger than darkness;
Life is stronger than death;
Victory is ours through Him who loves us.
Desmond Tutu.

St Theresa's Bookmark

Let nothing disturb you
Let nothing dismay you
All things pass:
God never changes.
Patience attains all that is strives for.
They who have God find they lack nothing:
God alone suffices.

We Shall Not Be Overcome

Though we are in such pain, trouble and distress,
that it seems to us that we are unable to think of
anything except how we are and what we feel, yet
as soon as we may, we are to pass lightly over it
and count it nothing. And why? Because God wills
that we should understand that if we know him
and love him and reverently fear him, we shall
have rest and be at peace. And we shall rejoice in
all that he does.

I understood truly that our soul may never find rest
in things below, but when it looks through all
created things to find its Self, it must never remain
gazing on its self, but feast on the sight of God its
maker who lives within.

He did not say, 'You shall not be tempest-tossed,
you shall not be work-weary, you shall not be
discomforted.' But he said, 'You shall not be
overcome.' God wants us to heed these words so
that we shall always be strong in trust, both in
sorrow and in joy.

"Enfolded in Love", Julian of Norwich

PRAYER DIARY

St Thomas Church

RONDEBOSCH



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<p>3 August ST STEPHEN Ps119:89-96 Acts 2:37-47 Jn 1:1-18 Pray for the world as the corona virus affects every country and every person.</p>	<p>4 Ps 102:16-22 Acts 3:1-11 Jn 1:19-28 Pray for the sick and disabled and those who care for them.</p>	<p>5 Ps 121 Acts 3:12-26 Jn 1:29-42 Pray for prayer groups who look to the Lord for help.</p>	<p>6 Ps 51:10-17 Acts 4:1-12 Jn 1:43-51 Pray for Jeremy and Robyn Smith. May they encourage young families to join our church.</p>	<p>7 Ps 124 Acts 4:13-31 Jn 2:1-12 Pray for a time when the church becomes fully functional again.</p>	<p>8 Ps 9:8-12 Acts 4:32-5:11 Jn 2:13-25 Pray that parishioners continue to support Fikelela.</p>	<p>9 Ps 105:1-6, 16-22 Rom 10:5-15 Matt 14:22-33 Women's Day. Pray that all women will be recognised, respected and cherished.</p>
<p>10 Ps 148:1-4,13-15 Acts5:12-26 Jn 3:1-21 Pray that the Pollsmoor Prison Walk will resume after the virus goes.</p>	<p>11 Ps 119:65-72 Acts 5:27-42 Jn 3:22-36 Pray for the Parish Council when they meet on line.</p>	<p>12 Ps 113 Acts 6:1-15 Jn 4:1-26 Give thanks for the many who have helped to feed the hungry during this time of unemployment.</p>	<p>13 Ps 39:11-15 Acts 6:15-7:16 Jn 4:27-42 Pray that a vaccine for the virus will be developed.</p>	<p>14 Ps 11 Acts 7:17-29 Jn 4:43-54 Give thanks for the wonderful rains which are filling the dams.</p>	<p>15 ST MARY THE VIRGIN Ps 51:10-17 Acts 7:30-43 Jn 5:1-18 Pray that like the mother of Christ our obedience will reflect Gods will.</p>	<p>16 Ps 133 Rom 11:1-2a, 29-32 Matt 15: (10-20)21-28 Pray for the Archbishop with all his responsibility for the church in Southern Africa.</p>
<p>17 Ps 79:1-8 Acts 7:44-8:1a Jn 5:19-29 Pray for those living with inadequate shelter and food during this cold wet winter.</p>	<p>18 Ps 60:1-5 Acts 8:1-13 Jn 5:30-47 Pray for Melaney Klaasen, hospital chaplain at Red Cross hospital and the other hospital, school and university chaplains.</p>	<p>19 Ps 23 Acts 8:14-25 Jn 6:1-15 Pray for families who have been unable to visit dying family members during this time.</p>	<p>20 Ps 51:7-12 Acts 8:26-40 Jn 6:16-27 Pray for the elderly who are unable to "attend" church and give thanks for those who remember them and visit them.</p>	<p>21 Ps 107:1-9 Acts 9:1-9 Jn 6:27-40 Give thanks for Caro and Jeremy who have the skills to set up the virtual Sunday services in our lovely church.</p>	<p>22 Ps 85:8-13 Acts 9:10-19a Jn 6:41-51 Pray for Lyndon Sisen and his staff at Rondebosch Police Station, and all police around the country.</p>	<p>23 Ps 124 Rom 12:1-8 Matt 16:13-20 Pray for Rev. Mark Long and the churches in our Archdeaconry, St Pauls, St. Andrews, St. Peters, St. Saviours, St. Matthews, Christ the King, Good Shepherd and St. Thomas.</p>
<p>24 ST BARTHOLOMEW Ps 96:1-6 Acts 9:19b-31 Jn 6:52-59 Give thanks for this disciple, also known as Nathaneal, and all the other disciples of Jesus.</p>	<p>25 Ps 96:7-13 Acts 9:32-43 Jn 6:60-71 Pray for Peter and the Interact group who improve the environment and for Barbara and Tom who look after our church garden.</p>	<p>26 Ps 128 Acts 10:1-16 Jn 7:1-13 Pray for the unemployed and homeless who will always be with us.</p>	<p>27 Ps 145:1-7 Acts 10:17-33 Jn 7:14-36 Pray for the Intercessory Group which continues to pray for people with special needs.</p>	<p>28 Ps 33:1-11 Acts 10:34-48 Jn 7:37-52 Pray for Fr. Keith and Valencia as his retirement continues to be postponed. We pray that a new rector will be appointed after this extended interregnum.</p>	<p>29 Ps 33:12-21 Acts 11:1-18 Jn 8:12-20 Pray for a time when everyone will believe that all people matter to God.</p>	<p>30 Ps 106:1-6, 23-26, 45 Rom 12:9-21 Matt 16:21-28 Give thanks for Fr. Leslie Adriaanse who has been guiding us during this time, and all other retired clergy.</p>