

Noon Prayers June 1 through June 8, 2020

Noon Prayer for Monday, June 1, 2020

Gracious and Loving God,

On this day of national remembrance for the 100,00 plus people who have died because of the corona virus we ask your comfort and strength for their loved ones. The grief is unimaginable, and the numbers continue to grow. We pray for an end to this horrible virus. It has caused innumerable pain and we ask your healing touch and your strength to reach out to help each other through this time of grief and mourning. In Jesus' name we pray.

Noon Prayer for Tuesday, June 2, 2020

Creator God,

You created each and every person in your image. Each and every person is your beloved child and we are all loved by you. Yet, we continue to see skin color before we see a child of God. Heal our wounded nation and give us your strength to come together in justice and peace. Help us to end racism. We pray for greater understanding and compassion toward each other. In Jesus' name we pray.

Noon Prayer for Wednesday, June 3, 2020

Let us join in solidarity with those around the world by praying the Lord's Prayer at noon this day.

Noon Prayer for Thursday, June 4, 2020

Loving God,

We invite you into our hearts, our homes, and our communities. We desperately need your loving guidance. We are a ship that is being swamped by the evils of this world. Sending your healing touch and saving grace to each and every single person in our world. In Jesus' name we pray.

Noon Prayer for Friday, June 5, 2020

Gracious and Loving God,

Today we give thanks for the ability to resume some of our normal activities as we move into the yellow stage. We are grateful that we can enjoy dining outside and have more options to support our local business community. We pray that the numbers of people who become infected with COVID-19 will continue to drop and we look forward to going to the green phase. Keep us all safe as we begin to gather again safely. In Jesus' name we pray.

Noon Prayer for Saturday, June 6, 2020

Noon this day let us pray the original prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring love.
Where there is offence, let me bring pardon.
Where there is discord, let me bring union.
Where there is error, let me bring truth.
Where there is doubt, let me bring faith.
Where there is despair, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, let me bring your light.
Where there is sadness, let me bring joy.
O Master, let me not seek as much
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love,
for it is in giving that one receives,
it is in self-forgetting that one finds,
it is in pardoning that one is pardoned,
it is in dying that one is raised to eternal life.

In Jesus' name we pray.

Noon Prayer for Sunday, June 7, 2020

These are the prayers from Sundays and Seasons that we would have used in our in-person worship today.

Prayers of Intercession

Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world.

A brief silence.

God of community, you form us as your church. Guide our bishops, pastors, deacons, and all the baptized in sharing your life-giving good news with all the world. Strengthen us to be bold in our proclamation. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of creation, you called everything into being. Sustain this world with your renewing care. Inspire us to see waterways, plant life, birds, fish, insects, and mammals and call them good. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of counsel, all authority belongs to you. Encourage the leaders of this and every land to seek peace, equality, and unity. Instill wisdom in advocates who work toward justice in often ignored communities (*like Chief Seattle, whom we commemorate today*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of care, you created us in your image. Help us see your likeness in one another. Open our eyes to see and attend to all who face oppression and suffering. Console, heal, and nourish all in need (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of companionship, you accompany this body of faith. As the rhythms of summer begin, protect all who travel, renew all who will enjoy a time of sabbath, and shelter all who will not be protected from the sun's heat. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

God of compassion, you comfort us in our grief with the promise of the resurrection. We give you thanks for the saints of all time and in our lives (*especially*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Noon Prayers for Monday, June 8, 2020

Today let us pray the Serenity Prayer attributed to the theologian Reinhold Niebuhr

God, give me grace to accept with serenity
the things that cannot be changed,
Courage to change the things
which should be changed,
and the Wisdom to distinguish
the one from the other.

Living one day at a time,
Enjoying one moment at a time,
Accepting hardship as a pathway to peace,
Taking, as Jesus did,
This sinful world as it is,
Not as I would have it,
Trusting that You will make all things right,
If I surrender to Your will,
So that I may be reasonably happy in this life,
And supremely happy with You forever in the next.