

**United Proclamation of the Gospel
&
St. John's Windish Lutheran Church
Scripture and Prayers during Coronavirus Pandemic**

Monday January 18, 2021

Psalm 86:1-7

- ¹ Bend down, O LORD, and hear my prayer;
answer me, for I need your help.
- ² Protect me, for I am devoted to you.
Save me, for I serve you and trust you.
You are my God.
- ³ Be merciful to me, O Lord,
for I am calling on you constantly.
- ⁴ Give me happiness, O Lord,
for I give myself to you.
- ⁵ O Lord, you are so good, so ready to forgive,
so full of unfailing love for all who ask for your help.
- ⁶ Listen closely to my prayer, O LORD;
hear my urgent cry.
- ⁷ I will call to you whenever I'm in trouble,
and you will answer me.

Prayer: Gracious Lord, the world often seems to rebel against Your Will, yet we call to You for help. Hear our prayers and answer us. Protect us and save us for You and You alone are our Lord. Listen to our prayers and hear our urgent cries for we know that You will hear and answer our prayers. In Jesus' name we pray these things. Amen.

Additional prayers: Calm to children who are fearful from all they hear and see around them
Patience in times of school closures
Guidance for school administrators as they make decisions
Parents as they contemplate how to safely educate children

Tuesday January 19, 2021

Psalm 87

- ¹ On the holy mountain
stands the city founded by the LORD.
- ² He loves the city of Jerusalem
more than any other city in Israel.
- ³ O city of God,
what glorious things are said of you!
- ⁴ I will count Egypt and Babylon among those who know me—
also Philistia and Tyre, and even distant Ethiopia.
They have all become citizens of Jerusalem!
- ⁵ Regarding Jerusalem it will be said,
“Everyone enjoys the rights of citizenship there.”

And the Most High will personally bless this city.
⁶When the LORD registers the nations, he will say,
“They have all become citizens of Jerusalem.”

⁷The people will play flutes and sing,
“The source of my life springs from Jerusalem!”

Prayer: Almighty God, You have called people of all lands, all races, all cultures and all personalities to Yourself. Help our eyes and our minds to be open to share respect and dignity with all whom we encounter, that through the eyes of “the other” we might see Your essence dwelling within. In Jesus’ name we pray these things. Amen.

Some Additional prayers during this time:

Workers who are anxious about the safety of their workplaces
Uncertainty in how work will be accomplished in the days ahead
Calm and guidance amid financial uncertainties

Wednesday January 20, 2021

Psalm 88:1-18

¹ O LORD, God of my salvation,
I cry out to you by day.
I come to you at night.
² Now hear my prayer;
listen to my cry.
³ For my life is full of troubles,
and death draws near.
⁴ I am as good as dead,
like a strong man with no strength left.
⁵ They have left me among the dead,
and I lie like a corpse in a grave.
I am forgotten,
cut off from your care.
⁶ You have thrown me into the lowest pit,
into the darkest depths.
⁷ Your anger weighs me down;
with wave after wave you have engulfed me.
¹³ O LORD, I cry out to you.
I will keep on pleading day by day.
¹⁴ O LORD, why do you reject me?
Why do you turn your face from me?
¹⁵ I have been sick and close to death since my youth.
I stand helpless and desperate before your terrors.
¹⁶ Your fierce anger has overwhelmed me.
Your terrors have paralyzed me.
¹⁷ They swirl around me like floodwaters all day long.
They have engulfed me completely.
¹⁸ You have taken away my companions and loved ones.
Darkness is my closest friend.

Prayer: Gracious Lord, at times within the midst of our mortal lives we feel as if we are being

tested and suffering enduring wrath. IN these moments, strengthen our hearts to rest comfortably within Your presence. Come to our aid and provide a sense of comfort and peace that we might feel Your rod and staff comforting us. We ask these things in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Risen Lord and Savior. Amen.

Some additional prayers during this time:

Government institutions and municipal agencies:
Prayers for Times of Public Health Concern: COVID-19/Coronavirus
Guidance when making decisions for our communities

Thursday January 21, 2021

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

¹The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, ²“Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” ³So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

Prayer: Almighty God, You are slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, You know our inner most thoughts and feelings and come to us with a word of forgiveness and peace. Grant that our lives would know Your presence and that we would be molded and shaped to offer forgiveness and peace to those whom we encounter. In Jesus’ name we pray these things. Amen.

Some additional prayers during this time:

Hospitals, nursing homes, other health care facilities
The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Friday January 22, 2021

Psalms 62:5-12

⁵For God alone I wait in silence;
truly, my hope is in God.

⁶God alone is my rock and my salvation,
my stronghold, so that I shall never be shaken.

⁷In God is my deliverance and my honor;
God is my strong rock and my refuge.

⁸Put your trust in God always, O people,
pour out your hearts before the one who is our refuge.

⁹Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath; those of low estate cannot be trusted.
Placed on the scales together they weigh even less than a breath.

¹⁰Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride;
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.

¹¹God has spoken once, twice have I heard it,

that power belongs to God.

¹²Steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord,
for you repay all according to their deeds.

Prayer: Gracious God, the world calls us to trust, trust human institutions, trust human leaders, yet at times all these worldly things falter and fail. Open our minds to trust again Lord. To trust in You and in one another, that we would find respite and companions on our worldly pilgrimage. We ask these things in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Some additional prayers during this time:

Houses of worship and their ministries at this time

For all who travel

For all who grieve the loss of loved ones

Saturday January 23, 2021

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

²⁹Brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, ³⁰and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, ³¹and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

Prayer: Almighty Lord, You have called us, You have adopted us, You have made us heirs. Through Your great mercy You have imparted the Spirit into our lives. Allow our mortal bodies to abide in Your Spirit, that in all we do and say our lives may reflect Your great light. In Jesus' name we pray these things. Amen.

Some additional prayers

The World Health Organization

Medical researchers and scientists

All the animals that are used in medical research to benefit our lives

Sunday January 24, 2020

Mark 1:14-20

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

¹⁶As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

Prayer Almighty God, by grace alone You call us and accept us in Your service. Strengthen us by Your Spirit, and make us worthy of Your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.