

**Sunday 26th September
2021
17th Sunday after Trinity**

Prayer for the day

Almighty God,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless till they
find their rest in you:
pour your love into our hearts and
draw us to yourself,
and so bring us at last to your
heavenly city
where we shall see you face to
face;
through Jesus Christ your Son our
Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

**First Reading
Psalm 19:7–14**

[7] The law of the LORD
is perfect, reviving the soul; the
testimony of the LORD is sure,
making wise the simple;

[8] the precepts of the
LORD are right, rejoicing the
heart; the commandment of the
LORD is pure, enlightening the
eyes;

[9] the fear of the LORD
is clean, enduring forever; the
rules of the LORD are true, and
righteous altogether.

[10] More to be desired
are they than gold, even much
fine gold; sweeter also than honey
and drippings of the honeycomb.

[11] Moreover, by them is
your servant warned; in keeping
them there is great reward.

[12] Who can discern his
errors? Declare me
innocent from hidden faults.

[13] Keep back your
servant also from presumptuous
sins; let them not have dominion
over me! Then I shall be
blameless, and innocent of great
transgression.

[14] Let the words of
my mouth and the meditation
of my heart be acceptable in
your sight,
O LORD, my rock and my
redeemer. (ESV)

**Second Reading
James 5:13–20**

[13] Is anyone among you
suffering? Let him pray. Is
anyone cheerful? Let him sing
praise. [14] Is anyone among
you sick? Let him call for the
elders of the church, and let
them pray over him, anointing
him with oil in the name of the
Lord. [15] And the prayer of
faith will save the one who is
sick, and the Lord will raise
him up. And if he has
committed sins, he will be
forgiven. [16] Therefore,
confess your sins to one
another and pray for one
another, that you may be
healed. The prayer of a
righteous person has great
power as it is working. [17]
Elijah was a man with a nature
like ours, and he prayed
fervently that it might not rain,
and for three years and six
months it did not rain on the
earth. [18] Then he prayed
again, and heaven gave rain,
and the earth bore its fruit.

[19] My brothers, if anyone
among you wanders from the
truth and someone brings him
back, [20] let him know that
whoever brings back a sinner
from his wandering will save
his soul from death and will
cover a multitude of sins.
(ESV)

**Gospel Reading
Mark 9:38–50**

[38] John said to him,
“Teacher, we saw someone

casting out demons in your name,
and we tried to stop him, because
he was not following us.” [39]
But Jesus said, “Do not stop him,
for no one who does a mighty
work in my name will be able
soon afterward to speak evil of
me. [40] For the one who is not
against us is for us. [41] For truly,
I say to you, whoever gives you a
cup of water to drink because you
belong to Christ will by no means
lose his reward.

[42] “Whoever causes one of
these little ones who believe in
me to sin, it would be better for
him if a great millstone were hung
around his neck and he were
thrown into the sea. [43] And if
your hand causes you to sin, cut it
off. It is better for you to enter life
crippled than with two hands to
go to hell, to the unquenchable
fire. [45] And if your foot causes
you to sin, cut it off. It is better
for you to enter life lame than
with two feet to be thrown into
hell. [47] And if your eye causes
you to sin, tear it out. It is better
for you to enter the kingdom of
God with one eye than with two
eyes to be thrown into hell, [48]
‘where their worm does not die
and the fire is not quenched.’ [49]
For everyone will be salted with
fire. [50] Salt is good, but if the
salt has lost its saltiness, how will
you make it salty again? Have salt
in yourselves, and be at peace
with one another.” (ESV)

Final Prayer

Lord, we pray that your grace
may always precede and follow
us,
and make us continually to be
given to all good works;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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