

Thoughts and Prayers for Reflection

November 2025

Christ the King

23rd November



To him who loved us and washed us
from our sins in his own blood,
and has made us to be a kingdom
and priests to serve his God and Father,
to him be glory and dominion
forever and ever.
Amen.

Revelation 1.5b-6

1	All Saints: Almighty God, who has knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys which you have prepared for those who unfeignedly love thee; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, in glory everlasting. <i>Amen.</i>
2	Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost, All Souls: Lord, we make time to remember those who have died. We pray for those whom we have loved in life on earth. We pray for those who have loved us. We also remember those who have no one to remember them. As Christians, we have confidence that death is the transition to the fullness of life. <i>Amen.</i>
3	Richard Hooker, priest and teacher (d.1600): In essence, Richard Hooker's writings provided a framework for understanding the relationship between God, humanity, and the Church, emphasizing the importance of both divine grace and human reason in navigating the complexities of faith and life.
4	Day for Anglicans & Roman Catholics to pray for one another (General Synod 2001): Lord Jesus, bind your people together in love, in the unity of spirit and the bond of peace. Guide us all into all truth, knowing that all who trust in Your sacrifice on the cross are forgiven sinners, citizens of heaven and accepted by the Father. <i>Amen</i>
5	No one ever graduates from bible study until they meet the author face to face. <i>Everett Harris</i>
6	Grace is God's unmerited love, Grace reminds us that we are cherished by God, not because of what we do, but because of who He is. Grace transforms us, calling us into a deeper relationship with Him and inspiring us to extend that same love to others. Grace also empowers us to do things we couldn't do with our own strength.
7	The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes. <i>Psalms 19.7-8</i>
8	Saints, martyrs, missionaries and teachers of the Anglican Communion: Like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house. <i>1 Peter 2.5</i>
9	Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost, Defence Force Sunday: May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and in his grace gave us unfailing courage and a firm hope, encourage you and strengthen you to always do and say what is good. <i>2 Thessalonians 2.16-17</i>
10	Leo I of Rome, bishop and teacher (d.461): God loves us, God loves you all, and evil will not prevail! We are all in God's hands. Therefore, without fear, united hand in hand with God and each other - let us go forward. <i>Leo the Great</i>
11	Martin, bishop of Tours (d.c.387): Allow me, brothers, to look toward heaven rather than at the earth, so that my spirit may set on the right course when the time comes for me to go on my journey to the Lord. <i>Martin of Tours</i>
12	Charles Simeon, evangelist (d.1836): We shall do well ever to remember, that Faith is not a mere speculative theory, that is to inform the mind; but a great practical lesson, to renew the heart, and to bring us back to the state from whence we are fallen. <i>Charles Simeon</i>
13	Jesus reveals a God who has made himself readily available to us in his life, death and resurrection. How deeply he longs for us to draw near to him with our hearts-to enter the secret place, the silence of his love poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit (<i>Romans 5.5</i>).
14	By embracing the outcast, Jesus underscored the sinfulness of the persons and systems that cast them out. <i>Miroslav Volf</i>

15	Commit your way to the Lord, trust in him, and he will act. He will make your vindication shine like the light, and the justice of your cause like the noonday. <i>Psalms 37:5-6</i>
16	Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost: Behold, God is my salvation: I will trust and will not be afraid; For the Lord God is my strength and my song: and has become my salvation. <i>Song of Isaiah</i>
17	Hilda of Whitby, abbess (d.680); Hugh, bishop of Lincoln (d.1200): Keep the peace of the gospel with one another and indeed with the entire world." <i>The last words of St Hilda</i>
18	In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptised by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." <i>Mark 1:9-11</i>
19	Elizabeth of Hungary, princess and philanthropist (d.1231): How could I wear a crown of gold when my Lord wears a crown of thorns and wears it for me? <i>Elizabeth of Hungary</i>
20	When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing." <i>Luke 23:33-34</i>
21	Maturity is the ability to joyfully live in an imperfect world. <i>Richard Rohr</i>
22	Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. <i>Psalms 51:1-2</i>
23	Christ the King/The Reign of Christ: Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne. Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own. Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity. <i>Matthew Bridges d.1894</i>
24	Jesus, open my ears that I may hear you more faithfully. Help me to have a heart that seeks you with humility and love. <i>Amen.</i>
25	James Noble, pioneer Aboriginal deacon (d.1941): May the God of creation warm your heart like the campfires of old. Bring wisdom and peace as shown to the first peoples of this land. Shake off the dust from the desert plains by the refreshing rains followed by the glow and warmth of the sun. Let the light of God show us the right path and stand tall like the big River gums drawing life from the ever-flowing waters. <i>Uncle Vince Ross</i>
26	One sees great things from the valley, only small things from the peak. <i>G K Chesterton</i>
27	In your will, O lord, is my peace. You are all my heart desires. Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I desire other than you. <i>John Baillie</i>
28	Let us not tire of preaching love; it is the force that will overcome the world. Let us not tire of preaching love. Though we see that waves of violence succeed in drowning the fire of Christian love, love must win out; it is the only thing that can. <i>Oscar Romero (1917-1980)</i>
29	But I am poor and sorrowful; Let your salvation, O God, set me up on high. I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify Him with thanksgiving. <i>Psalms 69.29-30</i>
30	First Sunday of Advent: Over these Advent weeks, let's not busy ourselves looking for gold, frankincense, and myrrh but ready our hearts through prayer so that our eyes and hearts change. Then, when we gather to celebrate Emmanuel, God with us, at Christmas, we will see that same Emmanuel all around and within us. <i>Br Damian Price</i>

Weekly Prayers and Thoughts



Sunday

Sabbath is more than just an absence of work, it is not just a day off. It is the presence of something that arises when we consecrate a period of time to listen to what is most deeply beautiful, nourishing, or true. It is time consecrated with our attention, our mindfulness, honouring those quiet forces of grace or spirit that sustain and heal us. *Wayne Muller*

Monday

Lord Jesus, like the apostles, may we too have open and receptive hearts, that we may see and hear the word of God, and be healed and transformed. And may we take your healing words out into the world, for all to see, and hear and experience. *Amen.*

Tuesday

We consecrate this day to your service, O Lord; may all our thoughts, words and actions be well pleasing to you and serve the good of our brothers and sisters, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen*

Wednesday

To live in the world without belonging to the world summarizes the essence of the spiritual life. The spiritual house keeps us aware that our true house is not the house of fear, hatred and violence, but the house of love, where God resides. *Henri Nouwen*

Thursday

Out of the depths, I call Lord; in those depths let me meet you. *Amen*

Friday

Lord Jesus, despite any hardships or setbacks, may we carry out our important mission of being a light in the world, and of sharing the good news among all the nations. *Amen.*

Saturday

Gracious God, we pray that you are working in the mind of the person you have chosen to be the Assistant Minister in our parish, so that Father Phil may have someone to share the burdens and joys of our parish ministries and activities. *Amen.*

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for our *city on a hill*.... and beyond.

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