



"Our mission is to bring the good news of Jesus Christ's love to our entire community through traditional Anglo-Catholic worship, fellowship, outreach, and Christian formation."

Our Vision: *"We strive to be a haven of healing, reconciliation, joy and peace in service to our wider community and beyond, so that our example in prayer and practice may reflect Christ's love for us all."*

THIS SUNDAY – JULY 27TH, 2025

"OUR DAILY PATH IN DISCIPLESHIP"

Looking at the LORD's Prayer with Fresh Eyes

Every Sunday—and often in our personal devotions—we pray the words Jesus taught his disciples: "Our Father, who art in heaven..."

These words have become so familiar that they can pass over our lips without fully engaging our hearts. This week's Gospel invites us to pause, look again, and pray the LORD's Prayer with fresh eyes and renewed attention.

In Luke's Gospel, the disciples don't ask Jesus what to pray but how to pray. They see that His connection to the Father is vital, intimate, and real. They long to experience that same life-giving communion. Jesus responds not with complex instructions or theological arguments, but with a simple, profound prayer that still shapes our liturgy and our lives.



The power of the LORD's Prayer lies in its simplicity, but therein lies the risk: it becomes rote. Let us consider, then, what it might mean to reawaken our hearts to each line, and how these ancient words might shape our daily walk in Jesus' Way of Love.

"Our Father..."

We begin in relationship. Not my Father, but our Father. In a world that often prizes individualism, this opening word reorients us towards community. As children of God, we are knit together with all who call on God's name. Every time we pray these words, we are reminded of the sacred bond we share with others, especially the vulnerable, the forgotten, and those in need of mercy.

"Hallowed be your name."

This is not just reverence in word, but a call to action: may our lives reflect the holiness of God's name. "You have exalted your name and your word above everything," declares Psalm 138. Our commitment is to live in a way that honors God's name in our speech, our integrity, and our compassion.

"Your kingdom come."

Not only in the end times, but here and now. As followers of Jesus, we are called to be agents of the kingdom by bearing witness to God's justice, peace, and healing. This line invites us to examine our loyalties. Do our

lives point towards God's reign, or towards our own comfort? As this Sunday's Collect reminds us, God is our "ruler and guide," and we are pilgrims, passing through the temporal towards the eternal.

"Give us each day our daily bread."

In our age of abundance for some, extreme poverty for others, and anxiety, this is a radical prayer of trust. It echoes the story of Abraham in Genesis 18, where God listens to the cry of the people. It reminds us that God provides not only materially, but spiritually and emotionally. Are we open to receiving what we truly need? And are we generous in sharing that daily bread with those in greater need?

"Forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us."

This is perhaps the hardest petition, and yet central to the Gospel. Forgiveness is not only God's gift to us, but our calling to others. Colossians 2 tells us that Christ "erased the record that stood against us." If Christ has done this for us, how can we withhold forgiveness from others?

"Do not bring us to the time of trial."

Finally, we pray for protection—not from hardship, but from fear, despair, and self-reliance. We ask God to guide us through life's trials without losing sight of what is eternal. As the Collect beautifully puts it: "That we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal."

In all this, Jesus reminds us that prayer is not transactional but relational. It is not about formulas but about faithfulness. When we pray the LORD's Prayer with intention, we are drawn deeper into the life of God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

This Sunday, and always in our lives, may we take a moment to pray these words slowly and ponder on them thoughtfully, with open hearts. And may we allow The's Prayer to become not just familiar words, but a daily path of discipleship which leads us ever closer to the One who is our protector, our guide, and our eternal home.

Fr. Carlos Expósito, Rector

READINGS FOR THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Genesis 18:20–32 + Psalm 138 + Colossians 1:6–19 + Luke 11:1–13

CALENDAR

Note: We worship in our historic church. The service will also be on Zoom. The service time is 10:00 AM. Tuesday Noon Mass is held in All Saints' St. Mary Chapel.

SUNDAY July 27th, 2025 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 AM Mass in All Saints' Church

Join Zoom Meeting from our web site at www.allsaintschurch.org

Recording of Mass available before noon at www.allsaintschurch.org

Christian Formation and First Communion Instruction for Children

Ages 5 - 12 in the Parish Hall from 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM

Christian Formation for Adults (the 2nd and 4th Sundays)

Youth and adults around Noon after the Mass in the Library

Recording of Mass available before noon at www.allsaintschurch.org

OUR CORE VALUES:

- Welcoming strangers like old friends
- Embracing the Anglo-Catholic tradition
- Being dependable members of a caring community
- Respecting each other's differences
- Being faithful stewards of God's gift
- Remembering that God loves everyone unconditionally

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