

ALL SAINTS CHURCH APPLEY BRIDGE

Prayertime for the Day (week commencing 22nd November)



1. A prayer of praise.

God of majesty and power, who spoke and this world was, who breathed and this world lived, who counts the hairs upon our head, who sees our thoughts and reads our hearts, who loves us more than we deserve. How can we not bring today, our sacrifice of praise? For in the child at Bethlehem Lies the promise of intimacy with a Saviour who would die even for me, and the promise of an eternity in which to praise you more each day. God of promise we praise your name, Amen (*faith & worship.com*)

2. A prayer for workers everywhere.

In this time of great challenge, we pray for the economic wellbeing of the country. We remember before God those who face great uncertainty in their work. We lift before God those who have lost their jobs and face an uncertain and difficult future. We pray for a renewed commitment to our common life together. (*PftN*)

3. A prayer for the sick.

Healing God, bless those on a journey of recovery from illness or surgery. Grant strength, patience, and freedom from pain. Bring restoration of health through your Spirit's power. Reach out and touch them so they know you are there, bringing comfort and light even in the darkest of times. (*PftN*)

4. Prayer at this time of Covid-19.

Gracious God, give skill, sympathy and resilience to all who are caring for the sick, and your wisdom to those searching for a cure. Strengthen them with your Spirit, that through their work many will be restored to health; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (*CofE.org*)

5. The prayer of St Patrick

Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me. Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

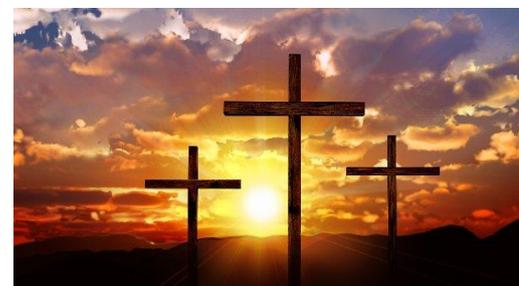
6. Lift to God anyone you know that need a healing touch or a sense of the Lord's comfort from His Holy Spirit.

Song:

Sue's Faith Moment – Remember the sparrow – reminded me of the services I attended in the Mission in Liverpool. We often had a visiting soloist who sang for us and two of the favourites used to be "His eye is on the sparrow" and "I come to the garden alone." Both songs remind us that God's love for us is complete, unique and individual. Here are the links:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ku2RUdcku_w

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Merciful father. Accept these prayers for the sake of Your Son, our saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen

BIBLE PASSAGE

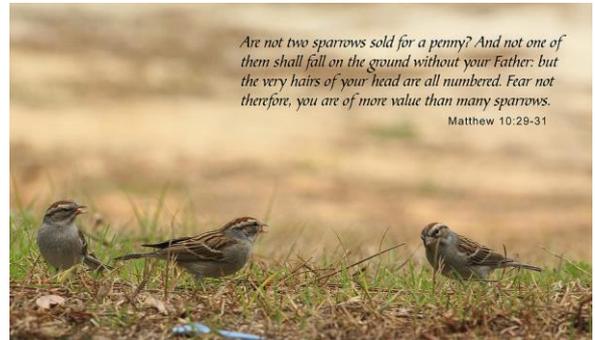
Matthew 10 v 26-31

So do not be afraid of them, for there is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. What I tell you in the dark, speak in the daylight; what is whispered in your ear, proclaim from the roofs. Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the One who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father's care. And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.

Jeremiah ch31 v 3-4

The LORD appeared to us in the past, saying:

"I have loved you with an everlasting love;
I have drawn you with unfailing kindness.
I will build you up again,
and you, Virgin Israel, will be rebuilt.
Again you will take up your timbrels
and go out to dance with the joyful."



SONG LYRICS

HIS EYE IS ON THE SPARROW

Why should I feel discouraged, why should the shadows come,
Why should my heart be lonely, and long for heaven and home,
When Jesus is my portion? My constant friend is He:
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

I sing because I'm happy,
I sing because I'm free,
For His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know He watches me.

"Let not your heart be troubled," His tender word I hear,
And resting on His goodness, I lose my doubts and fears;
Though by the path He leadeth, but one step I may see;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.

I COME TO THE GARDEN ALONE

I come to the garden alone while the dew is still on the roses,
And the voice I hear falling on my ear,
The Son of God discloses

And He walks with me and He talks with me,
And He tells me I am his own;
And the joy we share as we tarry there,
None other has ever known

He speaks, and the sound of his voice is so sweet
The birds hush their singing,
And the melody that He give to me
Within my heart is to ringing.

