**Morning Prayer on The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity**

Sunday 21st September 2025 at 9.30 (call in from 9.15)

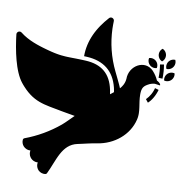
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**Preparation**

Grace, mercy and peace

from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ

be with you

*All* **and also with you.**

O Lord, open our lips

*All* **and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Heavenly Father, we come before you today  
with gratitude for the gifts of community and fellowship.  
As we gather in your name, we invite your Holy Spirit  
to be among us, guiding our thoughts, words, and actions.  
Open our ears to hear your voice,  
and our eyes to see your work among us.  
**Amen.**

Lord God, we thank you for those in our communities and nations  
who seek positions with the power to make decisions  
that most of us would prefer not to face.  
We thank you for democracy, and the right to vote.  
We thank you for those who decide how money is distributed  
and we pray that their decisions will be wise and never self-serving.  
On this United Nations International Day of Peace, we give thanks  
and pray for those committed to achieving and keeping peace.  
We thank and praise you, O Lord,  
for guiding us through the confusion of a corrupt world –  
you are the One who keeps us grounded.  
**Amen.**

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;

let us pray with one heart and mind.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,

so may the light of your presence, O God,

set our hearts on fire with love for you;

now and for ever.

*All* **Amen.**

### A prayer of confession

Lord, we confess that we find it difficult  
to live as Christians in the world.  
Every day, we must make our way  
through a minefield of decisions and choices.  
We confess that so often we choose the easiest option,  
or the best one for us personally;  
but these decisions may not serve you or your world.  
We repent of giving in to our sinful natures  
out of greed, ease or sheer thoughtlessness,  
and we commit ourselves to prayerfully reviewing  
our dealings in the world in the light of your teachings,  
and the way you call us to live.  
**Amen.**

Assurance of forgiveness

The world is not forgiving, Lord, but you are.  
The world will trick and deceive us,  
but you will never leave us.  
Thank you for your forgiveness  
when we fall into worldly ways,  
giving credence to that which is corrupt.  
Thank you for your forgiveness  
when we fail to live according to your calling.  
We recommit ourselves today to trying harder.  
**Amen.**

**The Word of God**

First reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

[1](https://www.christianity.com/bible/niv/1-timothy/2-1) I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people- [2](https://www.christianity.com/bible/niv/1-timothy/2-2) for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. [3](https://www.christianity.com/bible/niv/1-timothy/2-3) This is good, and pleases God our Saviour, [4](https://www.christianity.com/bible/niv/1-timothy/2-4) who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. [5](https://www.christianity.com/bible/niv/1-timothy/2-5) For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus, [6](https://www.christianity.com/bible/niv/1-timothy/2-6) who gave himself as a ransom for all people. This has now been witnessed to at the proper time. [7](https://www.christianity.com/bible/niv/1-timothy/2-7) And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle-I am telling the truth, I am not lying-and a true and faithful teacher of the Gentiles.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God**

Psalm Psalm 113

 Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord, you his servants; praise the name of the Lord.

[2](https://www.christianity.com/bible/niv/psalm/113-2) Let the name of the Lord be praised, both now and forevermore.

[3](https://www.christianity.com/bible/niv/psalm/113-3) From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the Lord is to be praised.

[4](https://www.christianity.com/bible/niv/psalm/113-4) The Lord is exalted over all the nations, his glory above the heavens.

[5](https://www.christianity.com/bible/niv/psalm/113-5) Who is like the Lord our God, the One who sits enthroned on high,

[6](https://www.christianity.com/bible/niv/psalm/113-6) who stoops down to look on the heavens and the earth?

[7](https://www.christianity.com/bible/niv/psalm/113-7) He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap;

[8](https://www.christianity.com/bible/niv/psalm/113-8) he seats them with princes, with the princes of his people.

[9](https://www.christianity.com/bible/niv/psalm/113-9) He settles the childless woman in her home as a happy mother of children. Praise the Lord.

Glory to the Father and to the Son

and to the Holy Spirit;

All **as it was in the beginning, is now   
and shall be for ever.**

**Amen.**

Second reading: Luke 16: 1-13

Jesus told his disciples: "There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. [2](https://www.christianity.com/bible/niv/luke/16-2) So he called him in and asked him, 'What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer.' [3](https://www.christianity.com/bible/niv/luke/16-3) "The manager said to himself, 'What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I'm not strong enough to dig, and I'm ashamed to beg- [4](https://www.christianity.com/bible/niv/luke/16-4) I know what I'll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.' [5](https://www.christianity.com/bible/niv/luke/16-5) "So he called in each one of his master's debtors. He asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' [6](https://www.christianity.com/bible/niv/luke/16-6) " 'Nine hundred gallons of olive oil,' he replied. "The manager told him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred and fifty.' [7](https://www.christianity.com/bible/niv/luke/16-7) "Then he asked the second, 'And how much do you owe?' " 'A thousand bushels of wheat,' he replied. "He told him, 'Take your bill and make it eight hundred.' [8](https://www.christianity.com/bible/niv/luke/16-8) "The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light. [9](https://www.christianity.com/bible/niv/luke/16-9) I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings. [10](https://www.christianity.com/bible/niv/luke/16-10) "Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. [11](https://www.christianity.com/bible/niv/luke/16-11) So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? [12](https://www.christianity.com/bible/niv/luke/16-12) And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else's property, who will give you property of your own? [13](https://www.christianity.com/bible/niv/luke/16-13) "No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money."

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God**

*We pause to reflect on the readings before turning to prayer.*

**Hands holding up a cross

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**Intercessions**

O Lord, hear our prayer, and help us to be real, as we serve you

For there is one God and one mediator between God and mankind, the man Christ Jesus. I Timothy 2:5

Lord Jesus, we are here today, thanking you for the privilege of being in your presence.

O Lord, hear our prayer  
**And help us to be real, as we serve you.**

We pray for our troubled world.  
Especially the city of Gaza where the situation is so dreadful.  
So much destruction, so many casualties of war.

We pray for the safety and protection of all human life.  
We pray for those who live in fear of the harm others can do them.  
For those in fear of their lives.

We pray for those who are lost in illness.  
That healing will find them, in whatever shape that is.  
We pray for those who tread the path of sorrow,  
mourning those they have loved and lost. We pray for those who have died:  
the famous and well loved and those who have died alone. (prayer list)

O Lord, hear our prayer  
**And help us to be real, as we serve you.**

We pray for our royal family, especially during this time of  
cementing relationships with America.  
We pray for all powerful people,

that they might have good advisors around them,  
helping to keep them rooted for the good of the real world.

O Lord, hear our prayer  
**And help us to be real, as we serve you.**

We pray for the church worldwide.  
For those who lead, and those who serve.  
May we all try to be real in serving you.  
We pray for people of other beliefs,  
as they too seek to live godly and constructive lives.

O Lord, hear our prayer  
**And help us to be real, as we serve you.**

We pray for our government

as they make financial decisions that may affect everyone.  
We pray for those who have little money, and struggle to make ends meet.  
For those who feel exploited.  
For those who don’t have proper work contracts.  
Or can’t even get a job.  
We pray for those who perhaps have too much, that they may use their resources wisely.  
Help us to be generous with our time and money.

O Lord, hear our prayer  
**And help us to be real, as we serve you.**

We pray for people trying to live holy lives when society lives by different rules.  
We pray for your blessing on each one of us gathered here.  
That we will represent you, fully and faithfully in our daily lives.  
May we all be instrumental in making your world a better place.

O Lord, hear our prayer  
**And help us to be real, as we serve you.**

Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go  
My daily labour to pursue,  
Thee, only thee, resolved to know  
In all I think, or speak, or do. (Charles Wesley 1707–1788)

**Remind us, O Lord, to pray continuously for the real world in which we live.  
And to be ready to be part of your answer.  
Amen.**

Collect for the Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Merciful God,  
your Son came to save us  
and bore our sins on the cross:  
may we trust in your mercy  
and know your love,  
rejoicing in the righteousness  
that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

The Lord’s Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

*All* **Our Father in heaven,**

**hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come,**

**your will be done**

**on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power**

**and the glory are yours**

**now and for ever.**

**Amen.**

Blessing

The peace of God,

which passes all understanding,

keep your hearts and minds

in the knowledge and love of God,

and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;

and the blessing of God almighty,

the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

be among us and those whom we love,

and remain with us always.

*All* **Amen.**

Heavenly Father,  
you encourage us to come to you in prayer.  
Thank you for knowing and hearing  
the desires of our hearts.  
Remind us, O Lord, to pray continually  
for the real world in which we live,  
our families, friends and ourselves.  
**Amen.**

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**What’s on ….**

**Exe Valley Community Lunch**

Our next lunch is on Thursday 9 October at Oakford Village Hall, 12.30pm. Please let the office know if you will be able to join us and if you need transport.

**Bible Study**

The next Bible study will be on Monday 29 September at The Cottage Washfield at 2.30pm with Tim Gorringe. We are looking at Paul’s letters to the Galatians.

**Prayer Chain**

The Exe Valley Mission Community are starting a telephone prayer chain. If you like to be included for prayer or know someone who would like to be included, please contact the church office on 07733949295. Only first initials will be used on the prayer chain to ensure total confidentiality.

**Contacting Church Office.**

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