



JUNE 7, 2020

# LOVE FIRST, FIRST LOVE

WEEK DEVOTIONAL BASED ON SUNDAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

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## Matthew 28:16-20

16 Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. 17 When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. 18 And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

## Psalm 8

1 O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. 2 Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger. 3 When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; 4 what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them? 5 Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor. 6 You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet, 7 all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, 8 the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas. 9 O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

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## HOLDING IN PRAYER

For health and healing we pray for: Valri Scheps, DeAnn Anderson, Eugene Olson, Ron Kahl, Kathy Weghorn, Betty Missling and Gail Larson

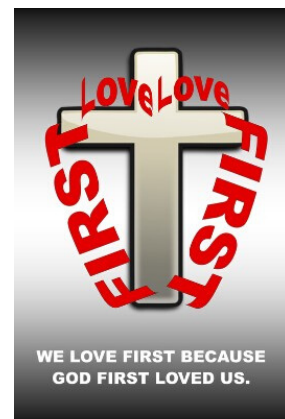
## PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God of justice and love, we give thanks to you that you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, awaken us to the needs of others, and at the end bring all the world to your feast; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever. Amen.

## LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

I want to encourage you to watch Presiding Bishop Eaton's sermon that was shared last Sunday on our website or FB Live. To say that there is unrest in our country would be putting it too lightly. Words like politically, economically, socially, and racially only begin to describe emotions like pain, sadness, anger, anxiety, and fear. Our world, our country, and our town are all longing for one word to best describe it all, peace. A peace that comes from beyond our experiences, fermented in the abounding love of God. And so, we turn in prayer to our God, our Lord and Savior, the Prince of Peace - Emanuel.



Dear friends, be anxious for nothing, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:6-7)

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

We are called into unity with one another. Yet especially this week our nation is experiencing painful and profound disunity. Held together in the mercy of the triune God, let us join with one another to pray for the many needs of the world.

O triune God, bless the preaching and reception of your Word, and pour your Spirit onto congregational leaders and all the baptized. Give wisdom and stamina to those who work in national church offices for their unprecedented tasks. Guide Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton with your wisdom and counsel.

**Holy One, Holy Three, for the church we pray: Grant your threefold blessing.**

O triune God, as at the beginning of time your word and spirit visited the earth, so now sustain this planet with your renewing care. Teach us to care for the very good earth that you have created. Calm the summer's storms, and send rain where there is drought.

**Holy One, Holy Three, for the earth we pray: Grant your threefold blessing.**

O triune God, in whom Three are One, guide with your powerful mercy our troubled nation, where relationships are fractured and injustice marks the land. Heal our wounded people. Give hope to the despairing. Protect the protestors. Preserve our cities from more tumult, and keep away those intent on destruction. Guard stores and homes from fire, and save us from bloodshed. Control our police and national guard as they stand against violence. Assist our president, our governors and our legislators in moving forward from a history of racism into a future of peace.

**Holy One, Holy Three, for our nation we pray: Grant your threefold blessing.**

O triune God, bless the aboriginal peoples in lands around the globe. We commemorate before you today Chief Seattle, and we ask you to protect the native peoples of this land from yet more dangers, from outside aggression, and from internal despair.

**Holy One, Holy Three, for all tribes and clans we pray: Grant your threefold blessing.**

O triune God, open our eyes to see your likeness in everyone. Heal the sick, uphold all who face oppression, feed the hungry. Visit refugee camps with power to save. We ask your mercy on the millions who suffer from the coronavirus – the sick, the dying, the bereaved, the unemployed. Uphold medical workers, and accompany researchers as they seek a vaccine. Embrace the children who live confused and sad. We pray also for those we remember here before you\_\_\_\_\_.

**Holy One, Holy Three, for all in need we pray: Grant your threefold blessing.**

O triune God, as summer begins, give safety to those who travel and contentment to those who cannot. Give a sense of sabbath rest to those whose vacation plans have been canceled, and grant activities to the children who cannot attend summer camp. Shine your sun on farmers' fields, so that enough food will grow for our needs. Shield all farm workers from the worst of the heat.

**Holy One, Holy Three, for summertime we pray: Grant your threefold blessing.**

O God, bring us into the mystery of your triune life. We praise you as Life-giver, Pain-bearer, Mercy-maker. Accept now the petitions of our own hearts.

**Holy One, Holy Three, for ourselves we pray: Grant your threefold blessing.**

O triune God, we praise you for all the saints who, in the past and the present, have lived and died in you. At the end, bring us all into the tender power of your presence.

**Holy One, Holy Three, for now and forever we pray: Grant your threefold blessing.**

Hear these words, O God, and receive also those petitions that are too deep for words, joining our prayers with those of Jesus Christ, who intercedes for us, now and forever. **Amen.**