

### Friday 30th July

In Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptised into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male or female, for all of you are in Christ Jesus. *Galatians 3.26-29*

The true miracle is not walking on water or in air, but simply walking on this earth. *Thich Nhat Hanh*

### Saturday 31st July

Of course there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing we can be content with these. *1 Timothy 6.6-8*

The stuff that doesn't matter matters too. *Clive James*



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## Holding the Silence

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### Weekly Collects and Daily Readings from Sunday 18th – Saturday 31st July

#### Collect for Sunday 18th – Saturday 24th July

Generous God, you give us gifts and make them grow; though our faith be small as a mustard seed, make it grow to your glory and the flourishing of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Collect for Sunday 25th – Saturday 31st July

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Daily Readings

##### Sunday 18th July

Finally, all of you, have unity of spirit, sympathy, love for one another, a tender heart and a humble mind. Do not repay evil for evil or abuse for abuse; but, on the contrary, repay with a blessing. It is for this that you were called – that you might inherit a blessing. *1 Peter 3.8-9*

We must make others aware and we must try to be aware ourselves that we are all united in a single communion, in an unbroken fellowship of love.

*Archimandrite Makarii, Orthodox priest*

##### Monday 19th July

I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord; be strong and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord!

*Psalms 27.13-14*

To God belongs the East and the West; And wherever you turn, there is the face of God. *The Qur'an*

##### Tuesday 20th July

If a man is righteous and does what is lawful and right – if he does not oppress anyone, but restores the debtor his pledge, commits no robbery, gives his bread to the hungry and covers the naked with a garment; if he executes true justice, follows my statutes and acts faithfully – such a one is righteous; he shall surely live, says the Lord. *Ezekiel 18.5-9*

My business is not to remake myself, but to make the absolute best of what God has made. *Robert Browning*

### **Wednesday 21st July**

I advise you that it is appropriate for you not only to do something, but to desire it and to finish it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. *2 Corinthians 8.9-11*

Faith is taking the first step even when you don't see the whole staircase. *Martin Luther King*

### **Thursday 22nd July**

He went through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. The twelve went with him as well as some women who had been cured of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, Joanna wife of Herod's steward Chuzza, Susanna and many others, who provided for them from their resources. *Luke 8.1-3*

Great works do not always lie in our way, but every moment we may do little ones excellently, that is, with great love. *St Francis de Sales*

### **Friday 23rd July**

If any of you is lacking in wisdom, ask God, who gives to all generously and ungrudgingly, and it will be given you. But ask in faith, never doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave in the sea, driven and tossed by the wind, and the doubter must not expect to receive anything from the Lord. *James 1.5-8*

We want to go to God for answers, but sometimes what we get is God's presence. *Nadia Bolz-Weber*

### **Saturday 24th July**

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfilment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. *James 1.17-18*

Courage is the most important of all the virtues, because without courage you can't practise any other virtue consistently. You can practise any virtue erratically, but nothing consistently without courage. *Maya Angelou*

### **Sunday 25th July**

Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another without complaining. Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gifts each of you has received. *1 Peter 4.8-10*

I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel. *Maya Angelou*

### **Monday 26th July**

An argument arose among them as to which one of them was the greatest. But Jesus, aware of their inner thoughts, took a little child and put it by his side, and said to them, 'Whoever welcomes this child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me; for the least among all of you shall be the greatest. *Luke 9.46-48*

Following Jesus means following the path he took and seeing things as he saw them. *Rule for a new Brother*

### **Tuesday 27th July**

Jesus found Philip and said, 'Follow me' and Philip found Nathaniel and said, 'We have found him about whom Moses and the prophets wrote, come and see. Jesus saw Nathaniel and said, 'Here is an Israelite in whom there is no deceit and Nathaniel asked, 'How do you know me?' Jesus replied that he has seen him before Philip invited him, and Nathaniel said, 'Rabbi, you are the Son of God!' Jesus asked, 'Do you believe because I saw you? You will see greater things than these.' *John 1.43-50*

One of the mysteries of Christianity is why Christians rarely admit that so much of it is mystery. *Milton Jones*

### **Wednesday 28th July**

With the tongue we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessings and curses. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring put forth from the same opening fresh and brackish water? *James 3.9-11*

And let us live in such a way  
That when we die  
Our love will survive  
And continue to grow.  
*Michael Leunig*

### **Thursday 29th July**

Do not speak evil against one another, brothers and sisters. Whoever speaks evil or judges another, speaks evil against the law and judges the law; but if you judge the law you are not a doer of the law, but a judge. There is one lawgiver and judge who is able to save and destroy. *James 4.11-12*

Forgiveness is not an occasional act; it is a permanent attitude. *Martin Luther King*