

These are our few seasons. Let us live them as purely as we can, in the present. *Annie Dillard*

Friday 20th November

All deeds are right in the sight of the doer, but the Lord weighs the heart. To do righteousness and justice is more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice.

Proverbs 21.2-3

Do your little bit of good where you are; it's those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world.

Desmond Tutu

Saturday 21st November

The fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story of the bush, when he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive.

Luke 20.37-38

In God, and in his church, there is no separation between the living and the dead, all are one in the risen Christ. Whether alive or dead all are members of the one church.

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Weekly Collects and Daily Readings from Sunday 8th - Saturday 21st November

Collect for Sunday 8th - Saturday 14th November

God our refuge and strength, bring us nearer the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect for Sunday 15th - Saturday 21st November

Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Daily Readings

Sunday 8th November

I urge that prayers, intercessions and thanksgivings should be made for everyone, including those in high positions, so that we may lead quiet lives with godliness and dignity... For there is one God and one mediator between God and humanity, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself as a ransom for all.
1 Timothy 2.1-7

Prayer is so much more than words. *St Basil*

Monday 9th November

O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgements and how inscrutable his ways! For who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counsellor? Or who has given a gift to him to receive a gift in return? For from him and through him and in him are all things. To him be glory for ever. Amen.

Romans 11.33-35

Let never day nor night unhallow'd pass
But still remember what the Lord hath done
William Shakespeare

Tuesday 10th November

But you have come to Mount Zion, the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem; to innumerable angels and the assembly of the first-born, and to God

who is judge of all; to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant. *Hebrews 12.22-24*

The point of travelling is not to arrive, but to return home laden with pollen you shall work up into honey the mind feeds on. *R.S. Thomas*

Wednesday 11th November

Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And he will send his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds. *Matthew 24.30-31*

Every day is a journey, and the journey itself is home. *Matsuo Basho*

Thursday 12th November

I was hungry and you fed me, thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me; I was sick and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me. The righteous asked 'When did we do that?' He answered, 'Just as you did it for the lowliest members of my family, you did it for me. *Matthew 25.35-40*

God lives wherever we treat one another as beings in his image. *Dr Jonathan Sacks*

Friday 13th November

We always thank God for you because we know of your faith in Christ Jesus and your love for all the saints. You have heard the word of truth in the gospel and know of the hope laid up for you in heaven. It is bearing fruit and growing among you and in the whole world because you have truly comprehended the grace of God. *Colossians 1.1-3*

We don't turn God into anything by the words we use, but we may be surprised into fresh insights as we explore new ways of expressing what we have always known. *Anne Lewin*

Saturday 14th November

Clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and forgive each other, just as God has forgiven you. Above all clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. *Colossians 3.12-14*

Let God be the God of love to me and through me. *Gerrard Hughes*

Sunday 15th November

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts and be thankful. Let the word of Christ well in you richly;

teach and admonish each other with wisdom, and in gratitude sing psalms, hymns and songs to God. Do everything in the name of Jesus, thanking God through him. *Colossians 3.15-17*

Goodness is a special kind of human beauty. It is truth and beauty in human behaviour. *H.A. Overstreet*

Monday 16th November

The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys the field. Again it is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he sold all that he had and bought it. *Matthew 13.44-46*

Love one another and you will be happy
It is as simple and difficult as that
There is no other way. Amen. *Michael Leunig*

Tuesday 17th November

'What shall I bring to the Lord when I bow down to God on high? Shall I bring burnt offerings or year-old calves? Will God be pleased with thousands of rams or ten rivers of oil? Shall I give my first-born for the sin of my soul?' God has told you, mortal, what is good. Do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with your God. *Micah 6.6-8*

If you are neutral in situations of injustice, you have chosen the side of the oppressor. If an elephant has his foot on the tail of a mouse and you say you are neutral, the mouse will not appreciate your neutrality. *Desmond Tutu*

Wednesday 18th November

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith, but do not have works? Can faith save you? If someone is naked and hungry and you say to them, 'Go in peace, keep warm and eat your fill' and yet do not supply their needs, what good is that? So faith, if it has no works, is dead. *James 2.14-16*

We are moulded and remoulded by those who have loved us, and, though that love may pass, we remain none the less their work – a work which very likely they do not recognise, and which is never exactly what they intended. *François Mauriac*

Thursday 19th November

I will rejoice in the Lord, I will exalt in my God; for he has clothed me in garments of salvation, and covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland and as a bride adorns herself with jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations. *Isaiah 61.10-11*