

## Holding the Silence 2026

### Daily Readings from Sunday 28th June - Saturday 11th July 2026

#### Collect for Sunday 28th June - Saturday 4th July

Gracious Father, by the obedience of Jesus you brought salvation to our wayward world: draw us into harmony with your will, that we may find all things restored in him, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

#### Collect for Sunday 5th - Saturday 11th July

Almighty God, send down upon your Church the riches of your Spirit, and kindle in all who minister the gospel your countless gifts of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Daily Readings

#### Sunday 28th June

We have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding ... May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. *Colossians 1.9,11,12*

If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to one another. *Mother Theresa*

#### Monday 29th June

May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. *Romans 15.5,6*

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

#### Tuesday 30th June

For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven,

for he makes the sun rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. *Matthew 5.43-45*

We must make choices that allow us to fulfil the deepest capacities of our real selves. *Thomas Merton*

#### Wednesday 1st July

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless his holy name. Bless the Lord O my soul, and forget not all his benefits; who forgives all your sins and heals all your infirmities. *Psalms 103.1,2*

The world we build tomorrow is born in the prayers we say today. *Jonathan Sachs*

#### Thursday 2nd July

Come to me all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light. *Matthew 11.28-30*

Love arrives and in its train come ecstasies, old memories of pleasure, ancient histories of pain. Yet if we are bold, love strikes away the chains of fear from our souls. *Maya Angelou*

#### Friday 3rd July

Jesus said, 'Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.' *Luke 6. 27b,28*

Peace is not achieved by controlling nations, but by mastering our thoughts. *John Harricharan*

#### Saturday 4th July

We look not at what can be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. *2 Corinthians 4.18*

Faith does not need to push the river because faith is able to trust that there is a river. The river is flowing. We are in it. *Richard Rohr*

#### Sunday 5th July

God's commission was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations, but has now been revealed to his saints. *Colossians 1.25,26*

The highest reward for a person's toil is not what they get for it, but what they become. *John Ruskin*

### **Monday 6th July**

After a long time, the master of those slaves and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received five talents came forward bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master you gave me five talents; see I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.'

*Matthew 25.19-21*

The greatest mistake you can make in life is to be continually fearing that you will make one.

*Elbert Hubbard*

### **Tuesday 7th July**

For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

*2 Corinthians 5.14,15*

Love is holy because it is like grace - the worthiness of its object is never really what matters. *Marilynne Robinson*

### **Wednesday 8th July**

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words.

*Romans 8.26*

Insomuch as love grows in you, so in you beauty grows. For love is the beauty of the soul.

*St Augustine*

### **Thursday 9th July**

Such is the confidence that we have through Christ towards God. Not that we are competent of ourselves to claim anything as coming from us; our competence is from God, who made us competent to be ministers of a new covenant, not of letter but of spirit, for the letter kills, but the spirit gives life. *2 Corinthians 3.4-6*

God doesn't want your careful virtue. He wants your reckless generosity. *Francis Spufford*

### **Friday 10th July**

Jesus called them to him and said, 'You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them and their great ones are tyrants. It will not be so among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must give his life a ransom for many.'

*Matthew 20.25-28*

Mysticism is wisdom or knowledge that is found through love; it is loving knowledge.

*William Johnston*

### **Saturday 11th July**

Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labour in vain. Unless the Lord keeps the city, the guard keeps watch in vain. It is in vain that you hasten to rise up early and go so late to rest, eating the bread of toil, for he gives his beloved sleep. *Psalms 127.1-3*

We cannot change the past, but we can change our attitude towards it. Uproot guilt and plant forgiveness. Tear out arrogance and seed humility. Exchange love for hate, thereby making the present comfortable and the future promising. *Maya Angelou*

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