

Parish of St Peter & St Paul
Tonbridge

Prayer card # 12

A resource to share
as we support one another
and reimagine church
without walls.

Scattered and gathered
people of God.

Each day we encourage you
to read, reflect, pray and sing.

The Parish are encouraged to
pray together at 9am for an
outpouring of the Spirit
on our land.



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Monday 13/7

Read:

Philippians 1: 1-11

Reflect:

Paul is in prison - in
'lockdown'- but is encouraged
by the support of the Church
and encourages them in
return. What encouragement
have you been/received?

Pray:

That the Holy Spirit, the
'Encourager', may empower
His church to draw alongside
the discouraged
to lift their eyes
above their circumstances.

Hymn/song:

Spirit of Holiness

Tuesday 14/7

Read:

Phil. 1: 12-30

Reflect:

Philippians has been referred
to as the 'Epistle of Joy'.
Paul rejoices that his
circumstances (and ours!)
present opportunities to
share the Gospel.

Pray:

For eyes to see what God
is doing 'behind the scenes'
and for the wisdom and
willingness to cooperate.
For 'FEAST' as they change
peoples' circumstances by
providing food and friendship.

Hymn/song:

Brother/Sister
let me serve you

Wednesday 15/7

Read:

Phil. 2: 1-11

Reflect:

Christian humility is not
'putting oneself down' but
lifting others higher. Jesus
has done that for us, how can
we do that for others?

Pray:

For those who feel
unimportant, disregarded and
unvalued. That they might
discover in Jesus, their value
to God - and to His Church.

Hymn/song:

May the mind
of Christ my Saviour

Thursday 16/7

Read:

Phil. 2: 12-30

Reflect:

Note the relationships of mutual love, genuine concern and committed service.

Has today's Church got anything to learn from the church at Philippi?

Pray:

That the church today may develop a deeper sense of inter-dependence.

For a new awareness in society - and among leaders - of the contribution that every person can make to the mutual welfare.

Hymn/song:

The Servant King

Friday 17/7

Read:

Phil. 3

Reflect:

Paul warns the church of those who adhere to the letter of the law and go through the religious 'motions' but whose hearts are far from God.

The Christian faith is not mere religion but a living relationship with God through Jesus - it's "That for which Christ Jesus took hold of me". Do you ever feel that you are just going through the motions?

Pray:

For the Holy Spirit to renew Jesus' grip on your heart.
For Spirit-filled Christians in places of influence to demonstrate Jesus' style of leadership.

Hymn/ Song

All I once held dear

Saturday 18/7

Read:

Phil. 4

Reflect:

Paul yearns for reconciliation in the church.

V. 8/9 are pivotal - 'think about such things' - let them condition your thoughts and attitudes. To what extent do the negative voices of the media shape our mindset?

What is the remedy?

Pray:

For reconciliation between those 'at odds' within the Church and in society.

For our leaders to be mediators.

Hymn/song:

Meekness and Majesty

Collect for the 5th Sunday after Trinity

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever.

AMEN

