PRAYER IN THE HOME FOR THE SEASON OF TRINITY (SUNDAYS IN AUGUST)

GATHERING

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Let us light a candle to remember that God is with us.

The Lord our God, the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and shout for joy, giving God the glory.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

CONFESSION

Let us return to the Lord our God and say to him:

Father, we have sinned against heaven and against you. We are not worthy to be called your children. We turn to you again. Have mercy on us, bring us back to yourself as those who were once dead but now have life through Christ our Lord. Amen.

May the God of love and power forgive us and free us from our sins, heal and strengthen us by his Spirit, and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PSALM

BIBLE READING

INTERCESSIONS & CLOSING PRAYER

As children of our heavenly Father, trusting in his will and capacity to care for us all, we pray to him now.

We pray for the healing of the nations; for a recognition of our need of God and a turning away from all that is evil. We pray for all in authority and worldly power, that they may be guided along right paths Silence Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

We pray for all pastoral care in the Church, for the ministries of listening and counselling; the sharing of grief; the building of friendship. We pray for the grace to accompany others to Christ's healing love.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

We pray for an increase in love for one another, that we may be better at recognising needs and responding to them; that we may give more time to those we love.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

We pray for our schools, that children and teachers may truly benefit from their holiday time. We pray for all in positions of trust, for child-minders, playgroups and holiday clubs, for loving nurture and protection from harm. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

We pray for those who are suffering, and those too weak to pray; for all who are searching for life's meaning, and those who find it difficult to believe they are loved and cherished by the living God. Silence Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

We commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray, to the mercy and protection of God. Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Trusting in the compassion of God, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

May the love of the Lord Jesus draw us to himself, the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen us in his service, and the joy of the Lord Jesus fill our hearts.