

FOUR SERMONS ON PRAYER

St Mark's Bassendean

- 18 Aug **The God who Hears**
Jer 29:10-14 ; Ps 22:1-6, 18-24; 1 Pet 3:8-12; Lk 18:1-8
- 25 Aug **Prayer to our Father**
Isa 63:7-16; Ps 103:1-14; Gal 4:1-7; Mark 14:32-42
- 1 Sep 19 **Prayer with Jesus**
Hos 11:1-11; Ps 69:1-18; Heb 7:11-25; John 17:20-26
- 8 Sep 19 **Praying in the Spirit**
Zech 4:1-7 ; Ps 57; Rom 8:16-30; John 14:15-26

Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Heb 10.19-25

Praying with the Father Son and Holy Spirit



Studies in Prayer 2019

You can use these studies in your private reading;
in prayer groups; in home groups;
and as preparation for Sunday Sermons

1. THE GOD WHO HEARS

WEEK ENDING 18 AUGUST

READINGS THIS WEEK:

Jer 29:10-14 Ps 22:1-6, 18-24 1 Pet 3:8-12 Lk 18:1-8

For Thought and Talk

1. What are some of the answers you have had to your prayers?
2. What gets in the way of us praying like the widow in Luke 18? What things need this kind of prayer?
3. What difference would it make to our church if there were more prayer cells or groups that met to pray ?
4. Which of the readings above did you find most helpful to your prayer life?

2. PRAYER TO THE FATHER

WEEK ENDING 25 AUGUST

READINGS THIS WEEK:

Isa 63:7-16 Ps 103:1-14 Gal 4:1-7 Mark 14:32-42

For Thought and Talk

1. Read John 17.26. How does this help us pray to the Father?
2. Some people have difficulty praying to God as their Father. What might help them overcome this difficulty?
3. What limits are placed on us in praying to the Father?
4. Which of the readings above did you find most helpful to your prayer life?

3. PRAYER WITH JESUS

WEEK ENDING 1 SEPTEMBER

READINGS THIS WEEK:

Hos 11:1-11 Ps 69:1-18 Heb 7:11-25 John 17:20-26

For Thought and Talk

1. If you could get the services of a lobbyist in heaven, what would you ask them to lobby for? What clues might they give you about what to ask for?
2. What would it be like if we could go where Jesus is, into God's presence, and intercede with him?
3. What does it mean to "pray in the name of Jesus"?
4. Which of the readings above did you find most helpful to your prayer life?

4. PRAYING IN THE SPIRIT

WEEK ENDING 8 SEPTEMBER

READINGS THIS WEEK:

Zech 4:1-7 Ps 57 Rom 8:16-30 John 14:15-26

For Thought and Talk

1. What help does the Holy Spirit bring to Christians in their praying?
2. "Weekly corporate prayer meetings are the spiritual barometer of the church." (M Lloyd Jones). Do you agree? Why?
3. What does it mean to "pray in the Spirit" (Eph 6.18)?
4. Which of the readings above did you find most helpful to your prayer life?