



The Sunday Supplement

The Body Of Christ

Call to Worship

As we gather in your presence now - *Lord we will worship*
As we sing our thankful songs aloud - *Lord we will worship*
When we go out in the name of Christ - *Lord we will worship*
As your word and spirit shape our lives - *Lord we will worship*
When we love our friends and families - *Lord we will worship*
When we give ourselves to those in need - *Lord we will worship*
When we take instruction cheerfully - *Lord we will worship*
When we lead with Christ's humility - *Lord we will worship*
In the course of every working day - *Lord we will worship*
When our business takes us far away - *Lord we will worship*
When we care for children in the home - *Lord we will worship*
When our audience is you alone - *Lord we will worship*
And whatever we do in word or deed - *We do for the one who sets us free*
When we're on our feet or on our knees - *Lord we will worship*
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Reflection on Father's Day *by Phil Slaney*

As a father and grandfather I am feeling the responsibility that being a father carries. I try to do the best for my children and grandchildren and as a Christian I am guided by how Jesus teaches us to love others including our children. In Matthew's gospel it tells us how Jesus regarded little children;

'Then little children were brought to Jesus for him to place his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples rebuked those that brought them. Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.' (Matthew 19 v14)

In his letter to the Ephesians the apostle Paul teaches;

'Fathers, do not exasperate your children, instead, bring them up in the training and the instruction of the Lord.' (Ephesians 6 v4)

It is a heavy responsibility being a father but we can be guided by the words from Jesus and Paul and the standards we need to aspire to.

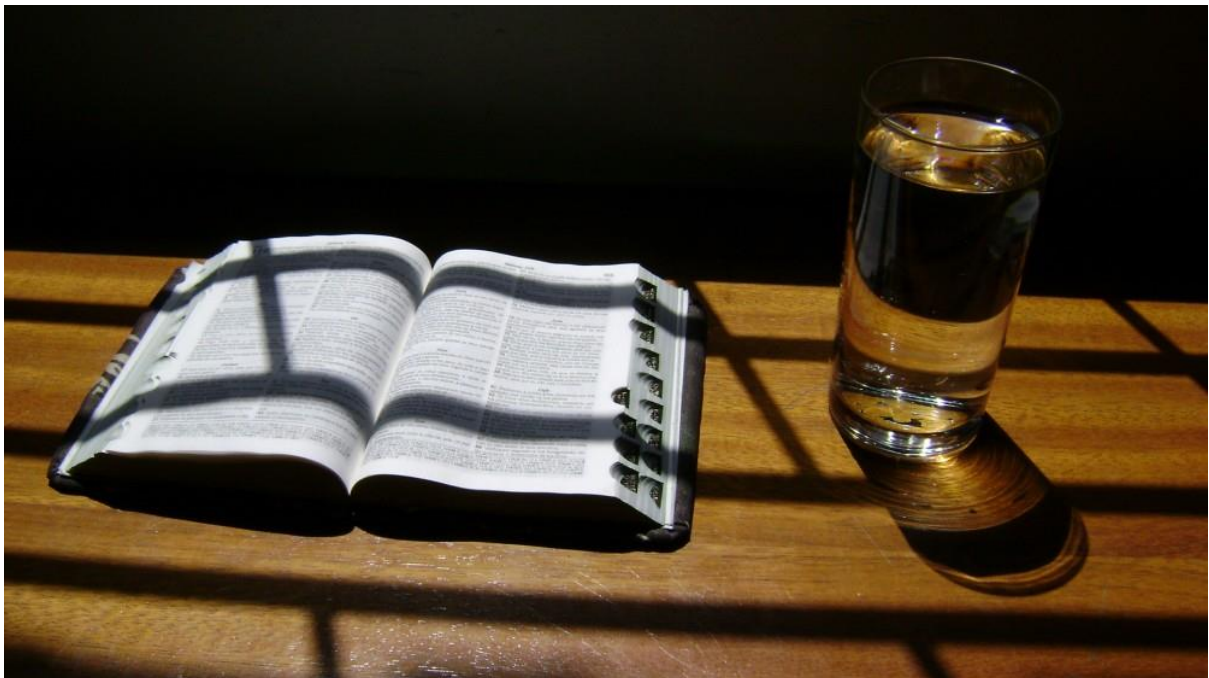
'A father is neither an anchor to hold us back, nor a sail to take us there, but a guiding light whose love shows us the way.'

Prayer for Father's Day

Dear Lord and Father, we pray for all fathers today and ask that you will bless them with your loving kindness. Please help them to be patient, kind and forgiving especially in these difficult days of the Corona virus pandemic. We ask that your Holy Spirit will equip all fathers in fulfilling this important role. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.



Reading – 1st Corinthians 12



Prayer

Heavenly Father, give us the faith to receive your word, understanding to know what it means and the will to put it into practice, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Reflection *by Wendy Slaney*

“ Together” – We are the body of Christ



1st Corinthians 12:27

Now here is what I am trying to say; all of you **together** are the one body of Christ, and each of you is a separate and necessary part of it.

The word **together** is such an important word in the Bible. It is at the very heart of why Jesus came into this world to bring us all **together**. The word **together** means “ to join”, “ to unite” or be “ in a body” and this definition perfectly fits the concept of being **together** as the body of Christ in the church.

It is only natural that we each have our own personal relationship with Christ but collectively we are his body. Picture this thought, just like liquorice all sorts we are a group of all sorts of people, and we all need each other and are united **together** in a Christian community, our church. We are a body of people who perhaps would have never got **together** without Jesus. We are united in diversity and our love for one another cuts across social, economic and class boundaries. Being united in Christ there is no pecking order, we are all valuable to Christ and we need to value each other. We should be in harmony with each other. God doesn't work through “ Lone Ranger” Christians but always in community. God hates discrimination and loves everyone. We are called to be team players using our own gifts and encouraging others to use theirs also.

Pastor Rick Warren says “ there is no small service to God, it all matters.” Following Jesus isn't necessarily an easy journey, but it is an exciting adventure. It sometimes involves taking risks. Sometimes we have to be willing to get out of our own comfort zone to reach out to others.

In this testing time of the Corona Virus pandemic when life has become challenging in so many different ways, there has been a sense of everyone pulling together. Our church building is closed but I feel connected to our church family more than ever before because we are making more of an effort to connect with each other outside of a Sunday service.

My personal experience over the years is God always desires to bring good out of the most difficult situations. I love the fact that we are caring for each other more and we are pulling **together** for the good of everyone. God has not changed during this lockdown, his kindness is towards us, his word is alive and his Spirit is active.

Finally, our hearts are at the very centre of being human. Colossians 3:14 reminds us : Beyond all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity. **Together** we are the body of Christ.

Prayer

Dear Lord, we thank you for this time together, we know that we cannot meet in person, but we know that we can meet with you in prayer. We ask that you will watch over those who may be struggling with being alone or separated from their families and friends and those who have been bereaved and those with on-going health problems. We ask that you bless us and keep us all safe by the power of the Holy Spirit in Jesus name. Amen.



We are the body of Christ

One heart
One spirit
One voice to praise You
We are the body of Christ

One goal
One vision
To see You exalted
We are the body of Christ

And to this we give our lives
To see You glorified
And to this
We give out lives
To see You glorified

One heart
One spirit
One voice to praise You
We are the body of Christ



Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you
The Lord make his face shine on you
And be gracious to you
The Lord turn his face toward you
And give you peace.

Highams Park Baptist Church Text for 2020

Romans 10:13-14

**Everyone who calls
on the name of the
Lord shall be saved.**

**And how are they
to believe in one of
whom they have
never heard?**

**But how are they
to call on one in
whom they have
not believed ?**

**And how are
they to hear
without
someone to
proclaim him?**

