

October, 2011 – Diocese of Saskatoon Calendar of Prayer

WEEK OF OCTOBER 2

16th after Pentecost

In the Anglican Communion world-wide, we give thanks for:

The Bishops, clergy and people of the dioceses of Canterbury, Wales, Southern Africa and West Africa

Francis of Assisi, 1226 – Tuesday, October 4, 2011 (Biographical information below)

In our Diocese, we pray for:

Our Bishop, David and Joan Irving;

the Rev. Dave Tyler with Mary his wife, the Parish of Holy Trinity and the people;

the Rev. Jan Bigland Pritchard with Mark her husband, and Anna their daughter as they return from England. We extend our sympathy to Mark, Jan and Anna on the death of Mark's mother, Margaret Pritchard;

World Communion Sunday.

Jesus prayed that we might be one.

One in spirit

One in mission

In union and communion with each other and with You.

Today, God, we confess our fumbleings and failures in accomplishing unity, as we set aside yet another day to remind ourselves of the task.

On this World Communion Sunday, give us eyes to recognize your reflection in the eyes of Christians everywhere.

Give us a mind to accept and celebrate our differences.

Give us a heart big enough to love your children everywhere.

We thank you for setting a table with space enough for us all! Amen.

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WEEK OF OCTOBER 9

17th after Pentecost

In the Anglican Communion world-wide, we give thanks for:

The Bishops, clergy and people of the dioceses of New South Wales, Tanzania, Kenya, Tanzania, and Tasmania.

In our Diocese, we pray for:

Our Bishop, David and Joan Irving;

Executive Archdeacon Henry Comerford, with Sara his wife;

for postulant, Jessica Latshaw as she prepares for ordination to the diaconate on October 16th;

for the Confirmation candidates of St. Mark's Parish, Saskatoon: Douglas, Barbara, Ahnika, Jarryd, Rachel, Emma and Wayne as they prepare for confirmation on October 16th;

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Heavenly Father, we bring to you in our prayers those who at this time are preparing for ordination and confirmation. So work in their hearts by your Holy Spirit that they may be ready to receive all that you are seeking to teach them, and to dedicate their lives to your service; and by your grace keep them faithful to their promises all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

WEEK OF OCTOBER 16

18TH after Pentecost

In the Anglican Communion world-wide, we give thanks for:

The Bishops, clergy and people of the dioceses of Melanesia, Tennessee, Texas, South India and the Arctic.

October 18 – St. Luke the Evangelist (Biographical information below)

In our Diocese, we pray for:

Our Bishop, David and Joan Irving;

Gwendolyn Gresham, Jacqueline Plante and those who are ill known to us individually;

for our clergy on leave;

for our diocesan youth who participated in the 30 Hour Famine to raise funds in support of children in the Horn of Africa.

Dear Lord,

We pray for kids who are too weak to run and play.

We pray for mothers that listen to daily cries of hunger from their children.

We pray for those who live off less money than we carry around in our pockets.

We pray that the money we raise will help them live life closer to the way God intended

Amen.

Bryn Hooper

WEEK OF OCTOBER 23

19th after Pentecost

In the Anglican Communion world-wide, we give thanks for:

The bishops, clergy and people of the dioceses of South India, Indian Ocean, Japan, Sudan and Toronto.

October 28 – Saint Simon and Saint Jude (Biographical information below)

In our Diocese, we pray for:

Our Bishop, David and Joan Irving;

all diocesan parish wardens, treasurers and members of vestry;

with thanks, we pray for those in our parishes who have accepted the call to serve the Mission to Baja.

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Lord, you have consecrated the world
by sending your Son into the midst of it
and by making all things new in him.
We ask you to give us and all your people
the courage and power we need
to share fully in his mission to the world
and to further his kingdom in the lives of men,
women and children, to the honour and glory of his name. Amen.

WEEK OF OCTOBER 30

20TH after Pentecost

In the Anglican Communion world-wide, we give thanks for:

The Bishops, clergy and people of the dioceses of Trichy-Tranjore, Trinidad and Tobago, Ireland and Nigeria.

November 1 – All Saints (Biographical information below)

In our Diocese, we pray for:

Our Bishop, David and Joan Irving;
retired clergy and their spouses;

Reformation Sunday - Pray for wisdom and grace in responding to the needs of our church partners
across the world;

for individuals who are victims of violence and are often silenced, and for those who protect and defend
society and enforce laws.

Gracious God,

We pray for peace in our communities.

We commit to you all who work for peace and an end to tensions,
and those who work to uphold law and justice.

We pray for an end to fear,
for comfort and support to those who suffer.

For calm in our homes, streets and cities,
that people may go about their lives in safety and peace.

In your mercy, hear our prayers,
now and always.

HOLY DAYS AND COMMEMORATIONS

Francis of Assisi – October 4

Today we celebrate Francis of Assisi, the thirteenth-century Italian whose greatest honour was to be known as *Il Poverello*, the little poor one of Christ."

He grew up in a very wealthy family and seemed to have not a care in the world until he was twenty years old, when a chance encounter with a leper left him appalled by his own uselessness. Soon

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afterwards he heard Jesus speaking to him from a painting of the crucifixion over the altar of a local church. He threw away his wardrobe and renounced his father's wealth in order to care for the poor and the crippled. In 1208, he heard the commission which the risen Lord gave to his apostles, "Go, make all nations my disciples," and knew that it was also addressed to him. Francis began to train his followers for the task of making Jesus truly known and loved among the ordinary people of Italy. Out of this movement developed the Order of the Lesser Brethren, commonly called the Franciscans.

Francis cared deeply for his new Order, but he also grew restless as it became an established institution of the Church. He distanced himself from its day-to-day life and eventually went his own way as he strove to imitate Christ's total obedience to God. Two years before his death he was granted a sign which manifested this desire. One September day in 1224, he had a vision of the Crucified borne on the wings of a seraph. As the vision withdrew, the wounds of Jesus appeared in Francis's own flesh – the scars like nail-wounds on his hands and feet, and in his right side a scar like a spear-wound. These marks, called the *stigmata*, remained on Francis's body until his death two years later.

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Saint Luke the Evangelist – October 18

Luke is mentioned three times in the Letters of Saint Paul, once as "the beloved physician," but the Church remembers him chiefly as the author of two books which came to be included in the New Testament.

The first book is the one we know as the Gospel according to Luke, where he told the story of Jesus, his preaching and mighty work in the border-country of Galilee, his suffering, death and resurrection at the very heart of Israel, in Jerusalem itself. The second of Luke's two books is the Acts of the Apostles. In this work he told how the good news was spread: how the apostles began their preaching at Jerusalem and moved westwards with the gospel until they reached the very centre of the Roman empire, the city of Rome itself. Thus, in these two books, Luke presented a comprehensive history of the gospel in terms of a journey from the hinterland of Judea to the heartland of imperial power and civilization.

We offer thanks to God for bestowing such gifts of understanding and literary skill on Luke, and we celebrate Luke himself because he responded so faithfully to the working of grace. But still, we remember the story-teller for the story that he told; and that story is the Lord's story. So, on this his day, we can honour Saint Luke no more highly than by joining in the telling of that story, which God has power to give us; that story which is the praise of God through Jesus Christ in the Holy Spirit.

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Saint Simon and Saint Jude – October 28

Today we commemorate Saint Simon and Saint Jude, whose names appear in the New Testament on every list of the twelve apostles.

Simon was called, “the Zealot,” which suggests that he once belonged to a Jewish resistance movement. Animated by religious fervour, the Zealots used any means, even terror, to overthrow Roman rule and revive Jewish independence. Simon originally may have followed Jesus in hopes that he would “restore the kingdom to Israel.”

Jude “the son of James” was also called Thaddeus. One of the Letters included in the New Testament is ascribed to him; and we hear his voice in Saint John’s account of the Last Supper, where he is distinguished as “the other Judas, not Iscariot.” Judas Iscariot was the disciple who betrayed Jesus, and the fact that Jude shared the traitor’s name made Christians reluctant to ask for his prayers. For this reason Jude is considered the patron saint of what is shunned by the world, especially lost causes and those who suffer from incurable diseases.

The western Church remembers Simon and Jude together because, in the seventh or eighth century, the church of Rome acquired some relics of both apostles and placed them in a single shrine. October twenty-eighth is probably the anniversary of the dedication of this shrine.

With so little information to go on, our commemoration of Simon and Jude may be compared to their patronage of lost causes and hopeless cases. It is a little victory against the odds of history. For Christ is often made known by deeds which are recorded nowhere else but in the eternal remembrance of God; and by honouring Simon and Jude today we share in God’s own mindfulness of their apostolic zeal.

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Readings

Readings – October, 2011

Book of Alternative Services

October 2nd

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46

October 9th

Exodus 32:1-14; Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23; Philippians 4:1—9; Matthew 22:1-14

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October 16TH

Exodus 33:12-23; Psalm 99; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22

October 23rd

Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17; 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 22:34-46

October 30th

Joshua 3:7-17; Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37; 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13; Matthew 23:1-12

Earthcare Connections Intentions – October Year A

October 2: Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

1. May we renew our efforts to live in co-operation and harmony with all creation. **We pray to the Lord.**
2. May our reverence for all creation urge us to seek just solutions to problems caused by human greed and misuse of earth. . **We pray to the Lord.**

October 9: Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1. As we share in Mother Earth's abundant banquet, may producers, marketers and consumers alike wear garments of justice, accountability and gratitude. **We pray to the Lord.**
2. May the poor and homeless who live in despair receive hope from people who share what they have. **We pray to the Lord.**

October 16: Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1. As members of the global family, may we grow in our concern for all people and in our efforts to heal the Earth. **We pray to the Lord.**
2. May a spirit of wisdom and justice impel each of us to protect and enhance all life. **We pray to the Lord.**

October 23: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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1. May we respect and safeguard the connectedness and interdependence of all Creation. **We pray to the Lord.**
2. As we observe the great commandment of love, let us also love and care for our environment and all creation. **We pray to the Lord.**

October 30: Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

1. May we “act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with our God.” **We pray to the Lord.**
2. May the interactions in our daily lives teach us about our Earth community and the delicate balance necessary for life to exist. **We pray to the Lord.**