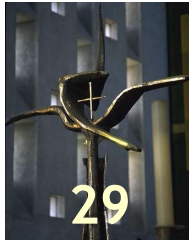


## 29 Churches: 29 Days A Service of Intercession



### *Opening Sentence*

**Leader:** Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

### *Preparation*

**All:** O God, we are in your presence.  
Shut out the world  
and all worldly things from us.  
Send your Holy Spirit  
to help us in our weakness,  
and bless to us this time of prayer;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

### *Praise*

**Leader:** Do you not know? Have you not heard?  
The Lord is the everlasting God,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth.  
He will not grow tired or weary,  
and his understanding no one can fathom.

**All:** He gives strength to the weary  
and increases the power of the weak.

**Leader:** Even youths grow tired and weary,  
and young men stumble and fall;  
but those who hope in the Lord  
will renew their strength.

**All:** They will soar on wings like eagles;  
they will run and not grow weary,  
they will walk and not be faint.

## *Confession*

**Leader:** Let us put our hope in the Lord.

**All:** Almighty God,  
long-suffering and of great goodness:  
I confess to you,  
I confess with my whole heart  
my neglect and forgetfulness of your commandments;  
my wrong doing, thinking, and speaking;  
the hurts I have done to others,  
and the good I have left undone.  
O God, forgive me, for I have sinned against you;  
and raise me to newness of life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Leader:** May almighty God have mercy on *us*,  
forgive *us our* sins,  
and bring *us* to everlasting life,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All:** Amen.

## *Praise*

**Leader:** O God, will you not give us life again,  
**All:** that your people may rejoice in you?

**Leader:** Show us your mercy, O Lord,  
**All:** and grant us your salvation.

**Leader:** Truly, his salvation is near to those who fear him,  
**All:** that his glory may dwell in our land.

**Leader:** Mercy and truth are met together,  
**All:** righteousness and peace have kissed each other;

**Leader:** Truth shall spring up from the earth  
**All:** and righteousness look down from heaven.

**Leader:** The Lord will indeed give what is good,  
**All:** and our land will yield its harvest.

**Leader:** Righteousness shall go before him  
**All:** and direct his steps in the way.

**All:** Glory 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.

## *The Word*

**Reading:** Luke 11.1-13

## *An Affirmation of Faith*

**Leader:** Let us declare our faith in God.

**All:** We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family  
in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith,  
and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us  
with power from on high.

We believe in one God;  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

## *Prayers*

**Leader:** If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer.

**All:** Our Father in Heaven,  
Hallowed be your name.

**Leader:** Father, you are the source of all love:  
increase our love for you and for each other.

**All:** Your Kingdom come:  
Your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.

**Leader:** Father, help us to discern your will  
and be obedient to your guidance.  
May your will to be done here in this parish.

**All:** Give us today our daily bread.

**Leader:** Father, we pray for your blessing and guidance.

*Silence may be kept, or the congregation may pray aloud for the needs of their church and parish.*

**All:** Forgive us our sins.

**Leader:** We pray that you would reveal to your church  
any ways in which we have let down this parish,  
any hurts that we have caused.

Help us to seek forgiveness,  
and please bring healing where it is needed.

**All:** As we forgive those who sin against us.

**Leader:** By your grace, Heavenly Father,  
help us to respond in love when difficulties arise,  
so that your church may be as salt and light  
to this parish and to the world.

**All:** Lead us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil.

**Leader:** Lord of all that is, seen and unseen,  
we pray in Jesus' name  
for your protection around this church  
and this parish.  
Reveal anything that is taking root here which is not of you,  
that it might be uprooted by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and wither in the light of your justice and truth.

**All:** For the Kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever.

**Leader:** Show us how to reveal your healing love,  
your power and your glory  
to the people of this parish.  
Give us the courage to step out in obedience to you,  
and keep our feet on the paths you have planned for us.  
In Jesus' name we pray.

**All:** Amen.

**Leader:** Almighty God, you promised through your Son Jesus Christ always  
to hear us when we pray in faith.

**All:** So now, Lord,  
we ask that you would send out workers into your harvest field.  
Raise up just the right people to serve you here in this parish,  
so that your will may be done,  
your Kingdom come,  
here in this place as it is in Heaven.

And may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit  
be with us all, evermore.  
Amen.