

## Saturday Prayers

Week-end of August 26<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> 2017

12<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God

Matthew 16. 16.

Almighty God, we are taught by your word that all our doings without love are worth nothing. Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

Drop thy still dews of quietness till all our strivings cease;  
take from our souls the strain and stress,  
and let our ordered lives confess the beauty of thy peace.

(John Greenleaf Whittier)

The Prayer for Peace by St. Francis

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let us sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is discord, union;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
where there is sadness, joy.

Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood as to understand;  
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen

Tuesday, August 29<sup>th</sup>.

The Beheading of St. John the Baptist.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Matthew 5.10

Almighty God who called John the Baptist to give witness to the coming of your Son and to prepare his way, strengthen us by your grace, that as he suffered for the truth, so we may boldly resist corruption and sin, and receive with him the unfading crown of glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem – may they prosper that love Thee:  
Jerusalem, where Jesus instituted the remembrance of his death,  
and gave us the new commandment to love one another;  
Lord may your peace abide in the hearts and minds of all people.  
This we pray through Jesus Christ our Crucified, Risen and Ascended Lord.  
Amen.

Blessings, nnDnn Archdeacon Ron Matthewman, Vicar General Emeritus  
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