

IF GOD IS FOR US, WHO CAN BE AGAINST US?

Romans 8:31(b)

Welcome to our service for this week, this week includes a lot of Sri Lankan themed elements so the design is based around those colours! We hope the service is a blessing for you in the week ahead.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this service.

Prayers from RootsOnTheWeb

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// SOMETHING TO STILL YOURSELF //

Be Still – Kings Chamber Orchestra

<https://youtu.be/pG4x-zi3FBw>

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// SOMETHING TO WATCH //

Watch this before you read or listen to the bible reading:

<https://youtu.be/y4teeINIMWE>

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// FIRST HYMN //

God will Take Care of You

Sung in English

<https://youtu.be/l85PKHEB9M0>

Sung in Tamil

<https://youtu.be/9kl5tPUDsbU>

Chosen by Christine

"I love this hymn and the words speak for themselves!"

Be not dismayed whate'er betide,
God will take care of you;
Beneath his wings of love abide,
God will take care of you.

*God will take care of you,
Through ev'ry day,
O'er all the way;
He will take care of you,
God will take care of you.*

Through days of toil when heart does fail,
God will take care of you;
When dangers fierce your path assail,
God will take care of you.

All you may need he will provide,
God will take care of you;
Nothing you ask will be denied,
God will take care of you.

No matter what may be the test,
God will take care of you;
Lean, weary one, upon his breast,
God will take care of you.

Civilla de Martin (1904)

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// MATTHEW 13:31-33 //

You can listen to the reading here:

<https://www.hounslowmethodist.org.uk/if-god-is-with-us/>

The Parable of the Mustard seed and the yeast

He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and planted in his field. Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches."

He told them still another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed into about sixty pounds of flour until it worked all through the dough."

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// ROMANS 8:28-31 //

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We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family.

And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us?

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// SECOND HYMN //

God is for us

<https://youtu.be/xxl1EOhJiRA>

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// ADDRESS WITH RAJIE //

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// PRAYERS //

God of love and wisdom,
in our prayers today we bring to you
the nations of the world and their leaders
amid growing tensions, accusations and mistrust.
We give thanks for those pooling their resources
to find a vaccine for the corona virus;
for those offering sanctuary to refugees.
We remember and pray for those countries
where we have family and friends, and all those
places whose suffering touches our hearts.
**Lord, may the truths of your kingdom be our
strength.**

We pray for those industries hardest hit
economically; for all who are struggling with self-
worth after losing their jobs;
for young people applying for university;
for those applying for benefits;
for charities struggling to cope with increased
demand and reduced income.
**Lord, may the truths of your kingdom be our
strength.**

We pray for churches and places of worship
as they welcome congregations back;
for courage as they encounter new challenges
and joy as they embrace new opportunities.
We pray for one another as we reflect on the
parables and live out our faith.
**Lord, may the truths of your kingdom be our
strength.**

We pray for those heading to the coast this
summer for days out and holidays;
for safety on the roads, on the beaches and in
the sea; for those who work in the emergency
services; for lifeguards and lifeboat crews.
We pray that everyone would respect the
environment and we pray for those who collect
litter. We pray too for those unable to get away
or take a break.
**Lord, may the truths of your kingdom be our
strength.**

And we pray for those who are ill,
those in hospital and those at home;
those awaiting operations and treatment;
and those receiving palliative care.
We remember those who have died,
and pray for those who are grieving –
especially those who were unable to gather to
comfort one another.
**Lord, may the truths of your kingdom be our
strength.**
In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen.

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// CLOSING HYMN //

Chosen by Mary

<https://youtu.be/6NIDHBY13Q8>

To God be the glory, great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life in atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in:

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!*

*O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son;
and give him the glory — great things he has
done!*

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood, to
every believer the promise of God!
And every offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives:

Great things he has taught us,
great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see:

*Singing the Faith #94
Frances Jane van Alstyne (Fanny Crosby) (1820–1915)*

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// SENDING OUT PRAYER //

Lord, it's not up to us to sort
the bad from the good,
the wheat from the weeds.
Rather, send us out to love everyone equally,
and to do everything we can to promote your
kingdom.
Amen.

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// BLESSING //

This week's blessing comes from Sri Lanka in
honour of our preacher and her family.

<https://youtu.be/xLn7ERY4gNY>