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John 14:1-14 (NLT)

Jesus, the Way to the Father

14 "Don't let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me.

² There is more than enough room in my Father's home. If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you?

³ When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am.

⁴ And you know the way to where I am going."

⁵ "No, we don't know, Lord," Thomas said. "We have no idea where you are going, so how can we know the way?"

⁶ Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.

⁷ If you had really known me, you would know who my Father is. From now on, you do know him and have seen him!"

⁸ Philip said, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied."

⁹ Jesus replied, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and yet you still don't know who I am? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father! So why are you asking me to show him to you?

¹⁰ Don't you believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I speak are not my own, but my Father who lives in me does his work through me.

¹¹ Just believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me. Or at least believe because of the work you have seen me do.

¹² "I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works, because I am going to be with the Father.

¹³ You can ask for anything in my name, and I will do it, so that the Son can bring glory to the Father.

¹⁴ Yes, ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it!

1 Peter 2:2-10 (NLT)

² Like newborn babies, you must crave pure spiritual milk so that you will grow into a full experience of salvation. Cry out for this nourishment, ³ now that you have had a taste of the Lord's kindness.

Living Stones for God's House

⁴ You are coming to Christ, who is the living cornerstone of God's temple. He was rejected by people, but he was chosen by God for great honour.

⁵ And you are living stones that God is building into his spiritual temple. What's more, you are his holy priests. Through the mediation of Jesus Christ, you offer spiritual sacrifices that please God.

⁶ As the Scriptures say,

"I am placing a cornerstone in Jerusalem, chosen for great honour, and anyone who trusts in him will never be disgraced."

⁷ Yes, you who trust him recognize the honour God has given him. But for those who reject him,

"The stone that the builders rejected has now become the cornerstone."

⁸ And,

"He is the stone that makes people stumble, the rock that makes them fall."

They stumble because they do not obey God's word, and so they meet the fate that was planned for them.

⁹ But you are not like that, for you are a chosen people. You are royal priests, a holy nation, God's very own possession. As a result, you can show others the goodness of God, for he called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

¹⁰ "Once you had no identity as a people; now you are God's people. Once you received no mercy; now you have received God's mercy."

Other Lectionary Reading for this week:

Acts 7:55-60 Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16



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Meg's Musings

Everyone deserves to live in peace, so why is it so elusive?

The war in Ukraine has been going on for about 15 months now.

Many people have died on both sides, and there has been enormous heartache and destruction.

It can be difficult to know how to pray about it. Do we pray for peace, do we pray for victory, do we pray for the people involved?

The answer seems to me that we pray, and pray, and pray, and pray again.

We pray for peace, for understanding, for wisdom and for compassion to hold sway.

We pray that people will listen to God, and put their trust in God, rather than in weapons.

How can that possibly occur? Only through prayer!

Blessings from Meg

"Prayer is a surge of the heart, it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy." ~ St. Therese of Lisieux



"The world can be a dark place sometimes," said Tiny Dragon.

"But where it's darkest," said Big Panda, "your light will make the most difference."

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Our goal: "To be transformed communities, experiencing, enjoying & sharing the gift of the friendship of Jesus."

Mission: "Called to be Free, Gifted to Serve."

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IN OUR PRAYERS

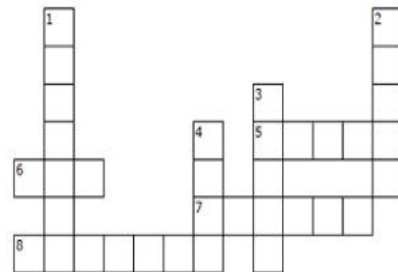
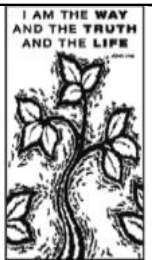
- We pray for Alan Littlejohns and his family. They mourn the loss of Sophie their beloved granddaughter.
- We pray for Paul Turner, who is in hospital.
- We pray for Judy Lennon, and her extended family as they mourn the loss of Judy's son-in-law in Inverell.
- We pray for peace throughout the world, and especially in Sudan and Ukraine.
- We pray that Rev. Geoff Flynn, and his wife Sharon, really enjoy their visit to Tamworth this week.
- With Covid on the rise in our area again, we pray for the people who catch it, and those who are looking after them.



Finding the Way

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." John 14:6

This puzzle is based on John 14:1-14 (NIV)



ACROSS

- Areas in a building that have their own walls, floor, ceiling, and door
- The route or path to follow to get to a place
- The male parent
- To accept something as being true

DOWN

- To get ready for something that will happen in the future
- A building in which people, usually one family, lives
- The actual facts about something
- The period between birth and death

Peace begins with a smile. ~ Mother Teresa

CHURCH SERVICES

14 May 11am **West** ~ Fay Monckton



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