

Seamen's Center of Wilmington
Suggested Hymns and Prayers
Sea Sunday

Suggested Hymns

All People That on Earth Do Swell (Psalm 100)
Eternal Father, Strong to Save (Navy Hymn)
Let All The World In Every Corner Sing
There's a Wideness in God's Mercy
Thou, Whose Almighty Word
Christ Who Choosing For Thy Service
I The Lord of Sea and Sky
Amazing Grace
Let the Lower Lights Be Burning

Suggested Readings

Psalm 107 v. 23-32
Matthew 8 v. 23-27
Mark 4 v. 35-41
Luke 8 v. 22-25

Suggested Prayers

Hold in your everlasting arms, O Lord, those who go down to the sea in ships. Give them patience to endure the hardships of their work and keep hope alive that they may return to their families and communities, knowing that they have served you and your human family by their strivings. Amen.

We rejoice, O God that seafarers of many backgrounds can work in harmony on the great ships at sea. May tensions between them decrease. Continue to breathe your Spirit into them that they may, in their daily work, manifest the unity of your entire human family. Amen.

Almighty God, you who calm the restless waves, bring your children who sail the seas safely into port, protecting them from all the dangers of the deep. And comfort their families who wait for their safe return. Amen.

Gracious God, we give thanks for merchant seafarers and for port chaplains and people in port communities who welcome strangers in their midst, providing a home away from home. May they continue to open their arms to welcome their brothers and sisters of the sea. Amen.

Heavenly Father, as your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, called seafarers to be his first disciples, we pray for all who go down to the sea in ships. Guard them from every peril, whether of spirit or mind or body, and bring them in safety to the end of their voyage. Hold them safely in your arms and let them feel your love. Give them patience to endure hardships, they are not forgotten by you or by those of us whose lives are enriched through their work. We also ask you to remember the families of those who work on the sea. Grant them strength, wisdom and peace of mind and spirit while they wait for the safe return of their loved ones. Comfort them and give them hope in times of fear, uncertainty and loneliness and let them always feel your presence in their lives and in the lives of those they love. Amen.