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**Liturgical Date: Year C, Pentecost 19, Sunday, 19th October 2025**

**Presenter: Rev Michael Earl**

**Focus Reading:** Luke 18:1-8

**Message.** 11 minutes 0 seconds

**"The Widows Might"**

### Discussion Starters

1. Where do you find yourself in this parable? Who do you relate to?
2. How does it change your perception of the story to see Jesus as the persistent widow?
3. If the church were to embody the message of the parable in a specific ministry or programme – what would that look like?
4. How does persistence in prayer relate to action and services, witness, and evangelism in the world?

### Readings for this day

**Jeremiah 31:27-34** Jeremiah asserts the adage they will suffer for the sins of their forbearers. Then he overturns it by proclaiming a new covenant in which God's law will be in our hearts and God's forgiveness will wipe the slate clean.

**Psalms 119:97-104** The psalmist sings a song of praise to God's law, as he meditates on its role in providing understanding, self-discipline, and joy in his life.

**2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:5** God's word is useful for teaching and training in righteousness. We need to proclaim it in both favourable and unfavourable times and settings.

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**All Age Address:** Rev Michael Earl

**Length** 5 minutes 10 seconds

**Precis of All Age Address**

**"Give Prayer a Go!"**

Prayer is something we need to be persistent with - just the way the widow was with the judge. Using our hand with its five fingers, we learn a way to be persistent in our prayers, for those close to us, seeking direction from others, paying for those who lead us, those in trouble and then ourselves and our needs.

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