

Prayers for 11th October 2020 (Harvest- Week 2)

Dear Lord, we thank you for the many blessings we have in our lives, especially our own families and friends who mean so much to us. We are fortunate to enjoy the company of loved ones in our own households, or by meeting others responsibly via social distancing measure's, and even corresponding through the medium of technology to keep in touch.

Remind us to think of those who do not have any of these things in their lives and feel forgotten, lonely and isolated. Particularly we think of the elderly, those feeling lost, and children who feel unloved and abandoned. Help us to be mindful of those who are alone, remind us to check up on those we think may need to hear a friendly voice and share the gift of time with. Encourage us to listen more closely to those on the margins who suffer in silence and may need our help.

Lord in your mercy...hear our prayer

God of love and hope, you made the world and care for all creation, but the world at present feels so strange and uncertain. The news coverage is filled with bulletins that make us feel anxious and frightened about the future. Not only is the coronavirus dominating our everyday thinking, but social unrest, the loss of jobs and the plight of those already experiencing hardship and poverty, prays heavily on our minds. We ask that you steer the rulers and leaders to reach agreeable solutions, to act fairly and humanly towards looking after the weak and vulnerable in society. Help us all to find peace and understanding throughout these troubled times.... remind us especially that you, are always with us.

Lord in your mercy...hear our prayer.

Lord at this time of harvest, a time of thanks giving, we are very grateful for the food on our tables, but many of your people are struggling to make ends meet. While most of us endure the small inconvenience of queuing at the supermarket, or having restrictions placed on buying certain items, some people do not have the luxury of being able to food shop at all, relying on food banks and charity, literally... for their daily bread. Help us to support those who suffer most from the consequences of economic downturn, especially the poor. Creating God, harvest in us the joy of generosity and giving what we can to share our good fortune with the needy.

Lord in your mercy...hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, the earth is fruitful and should be plentiful for everyone, but we still ignore the signs of climate change and carry on upsetting the balance of nature. The earth is in a fragile state, and we all need to do more to care for it. Implore us to exercise the good sense, to be gentle with it and repair the damage we have done, so the next generations can be custodians of a thriving world.

Lord in your mercy...hear our prayer.

Lord God, we pray for all those who are sick and in pain, in mind, body or spirit, those known personally to us and for those we name here today...

Baby Jess, Simon Hamerton, Steve Little and Janet Hogben

We offer continuing prayer for...

Ron and Pauline McKeown, Enid Clarke, Paul Dunham, Julie Diane, Julia Wardrop, Kate Belfield, Kevin and Pam Ekins.

Bless them and keep them firm in the knowledge, that your loving arms surround them and their families. We pray for their health and well- being to be fully restored.

Lord in your mercy... hear our prayer.

Lord, we remember all those who have passed away, they are always in our hearts and never far from our thoughts. We give thanks for the life of Simon Woodmore and for all those who have recently died, known personally to us.

Give comfort and strength to all who suffer pain and loss, help us to remember your kingdom in heaven is without sadness and those who have gone before us rejoice in your glory.

Merciful Lord, accept these prayers for the sake of your son our Saviour Jesus Christ,

Amen

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