## **Prayers for October 2021**

## Seek the Lord for Himself. Not for what He can do for you.

Prayer is the blood stream that keeps the world alive to God's saving work of grace and it is oxygenated by God's Holy Spirit. (*Waverley resources*)

Oct 1st Pray today for our church leadership as we approach our Harvest service on Sunday. We aim to show our generosity to the people of our community who have suffered so much over the last year and a half. Join our prayer meeting tomorrow morning if possible.

Oct 2nd Pray for our Woodnook building, hopefully reopening our doors to more activities and events in the coming weeks. Pray for Shiela Parkinson and her health issues.

Oct 3rd It is our Harvest service today. Pray for all who will receive gifts from local churches via food banks etc. Pray for a good response to our Gift Day and generous contributions to the harvest appeal.

Oct 4th Pray for Afghan Christians trapped in their country facing very difficult times just now. Pray for Afghan refugees in various countries including UK. Pray for the home groups this week.

Oct 5th Pray for the work of Mission Aviation Fellowship as they continue to bring hope and healing in many countries. Pray for the families living in these unfamiliar places.

Oct 6th Pray for the progress of the booster vaccination programme helping to keep people safe and healthy through the coming winter months. Give thanks for the Food Bank at St James.

Oct 7th Pray for our government as they tackle various issues including energy prices and shortage of drivers of foodstuff and essentials to our shops.

Oct 8th Pray today for those people awaiting medical treatments for very long times. Pray that staff shortages will be reduced as soon as possible and waiting lists can be reduced too..

Oct 9th Give thanks for all the blessings you receive from the Lord. Name 3 things to be thankful for. Pray for each member of your family. Oct 10th Pray for our service today and all who lead or attend. Thank God for His loving kindness to each one of us.

Oct 11th Pray for places subject to floods or drought. Also those affected by volcanoes, hurricanes and earthquakes. Pray for rain in the Lake District to fill our reservoirs for our domestic water supplies.

Oct 12th Pray for those we know who have long term illness or disability. Pray and give thanks for their carers. Pray that the Lord will uphold each of them in their daily lives.

Oct 13th Pray for the ECC, for the Pastoral team and for Sanctuary who meet on Tuesday evenings. Pray for our Wednesday Communion service. We are happy to be able to have tea and scones afterwards once again.

Oct 14th Pray for the staff and pupils now back in schools with fewer disruptions to their work. Pray that a full timetable is possible so life gets back to normal for all concerned.

Oct 15th Pray as yesterday for universities and all further education establishments.

Oct 16th Pray for places in our world where conflict is the norm. Pray for peace. Some young people do not know what peace is like. Many of all ages have lived with war and conflict for most of their lives. Pray for God's peace for them.

Oct 17th Give thanks for Mercy Ships who tend patients in countries where there are few hospitals and medical facilities. Pray for our service and all involved in it this morning.

Oct 18th Pray for persecuted Christians in North Korea, China and many more countries. Pray for Open Doors, Release, Samaritans Purse and several other groups who work hard to alleviate suffering worldwide.

Oct 19th Pray for the Sanctuary meeting this evening. Ask God's blessing on all who attend this lovely quiet time of refection and worship.

Oct 20th Pray for our children. Pray especially for those locked in abusive or violent homes. Pray for those who work to improve things. Pray for children's care homes and for foster homes. Pray for your own children.

Oct 21st Give thanks for those who help develop skills training in very poor communities. Pray for renewed enthusiasm to help end the cycle of poverty and disability in so many places.

Oct 22nd Pray for theatres and entertainment venues beginning to get back to improving their revenues. As Christmas approaches pray that people can go safely to these venues once again.

Oct 23rd Give thanks that sporting activities are getting back to pre pandemic norms. Pray that attendance is safe and enjoyable for all - including school matches.

Oct 24th Pray for our service today and all involved in it. That includes You Pray for the impact of the Generosity Project on our church members. Pray for the fellowship afterwards.

Oct 25th Pray for our church ECC and leadership as plans are being made for events leading up to Christmas. Pray that people will be willing to help in whatever way is needed.

Oct 26th Give thanks for those who help develop skills training in very poor communities. Pray for renewed enthusiasm to help end the cycle of poverty and disability in so many places.

Oct 27th Pray for the Communion service today. Pray for all in our town who are unemployed or not able to work through sickness.

Oct 28th Pray today for Care homes staff and residents including Rough Lee where Nicola lives. Hopefully she may be able to attend church in the near future.

Oct 29th Pray that every child and young adult will feel valued and loved by someone and know God's love and protection n their lives. Lord inspire, advise and guide them throughout their lives.

Oct 30th Pray for families today - that they can enjoy time together. Pray for those who work at the weekend and time spent together is often difficult to manage.

Oct 31st May we each find time this Sunday to worship and praise our loving heavenly Father and our Lord Jesus - preferably at church with our Christian family. God Bless

Amen

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