

Prayer Focus

November 2018

Sunday 4th

"Gracious is the Lord and righteous; our God is full of compassion"

(Psalm 116 v. 5) Pray that we may be understanding and compassionate rather than judgemental.

Monday 5th

As bonfires are lit and fireworks explode pray for the safety of all involved.

Tuesday 6th

Messy Church encourages young families to set foot in a church building and enjoy themselves there. Pray that all who attend may deepen their faith as they learn more about the way Jesus teaches us to live.

Wednesday 7th

Pray for the safety of those who work at sea, bringing food for our tables, transporting goods and passengers; and for those who rescue others.

Thursday 8th

Pray for the work of Christian Aid and the success of 'Sing for Your Supper' at Holy Cross, Timperley tomorrow evening.

Friday 9th

Pray for all the children who are part of our church family, not only those in Junior Church but also those in Pilots, our Toddler Groups, Rainbows, Brownies and Guides.

Saturday 10th

Remember in prayer all those who are leading services tomorrow: lay preachers, ministers, priests and pastors.

Sunday 11th Remembrance Sunday

...they will beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.” (Isaiah 2 v.4)

While we remember those who gave their lives to serve their countries in wars pray for those who work for peace and justice today.

Monday 12th

Think of the great number of migrants still living in limbo and pray for decent conditions in the situation in which they find themselves. Give hope to those who wish to return to their homelands.

Tuesday 13th

Pray for the countries from which the migrants flee, that conditions may improve so that people no longer feel the necessity to leave.

Wednesday 14th

Pray for those who seek asylum due to fear of persecution. They may have religious beliefs or political views which are not acceptable in their own society. Thank God for the tolerance of our own country.

Thursday 15th

Pray for those who are downhearted, particularly those known to you. Think of ways you can support them and help them find new hope.

Friday 16th

Thank God for the gifts of sight and hearing and pray for those who feel isolated because they cannot see or hear.

Saturday 17th

Pray for ministers of all faiths, political and civic leaders, journalists and all those who can help to change attitudes. May they use their influence for the benefit of all God’s people.

Sunday 18th

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.

'The love of a good father is the love you give us, but many times deeper and finer and lovelier. You protect us with your strength and hold us with your love'. (URC Prayer Handbook 2014) Help us to worship God and give thanks and praise for his unconditional and everlasting love.

Monday 19th

Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Pray for wholeness of life for all God's people and that we may play our part in the building of God's Kingdom here on earth.

Tuesday 20th

Give us today our daily bread.

Pray that we may receive all we need in spiritual strength and mental contentment and pray also for comfort in sorrow.

Wednesday 21st

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Think carefully about grudges you may hold against other people and resolve with God's help to overcome them.

Thursday 22nd

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

Pray that we may have the will and the strength to resist doing any wrong.

Friday 23rd

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

Give God praise, honour and glory at all times and pray for the bringing about of his kingdom on earth.

Saturday 24th

Lord, teach us how to pray; to ask and expect only whatever may be your will, to listen more and to be comfortable with silence.

Sunday 25th

"It is good to give thanks to the Lord, for his steadfast love endures for ever" (Psalm 107 v.1)

On the 13th Anniversary of Altrincham United Reformed Church pray for the future ministry and mission of this local church and its missional partners.

Monday 26th

Pray that we avoid criticising other people, in the knowledge that we also have our own faults.

Tuesday 27th

Ask God for help in resisting the temptation of feeling superior to others.

Wednesday 28th

Thank God for the kindness of people in our local church and in the community, and also for the kindness of others we hear or read about.

Thursday 29th

Thank God for the beauty in the world, in people, in nature and wherever else we may find it.

Friday 30th

Ask God for help in putting any problems we encounter into his hands and trust in him rather than being worn down with worry.

Saturday December 1st

As we approach the first Sunday in Advent, ask God to give you an expectant heart and knowledge of the true freedom that you have been given through his Son's coming to earth.

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