

Prayer Focus

September 2019

Week commencing September 1st

Father in your Kingdom everyone will have what they need – their particular `bread`. In anticipation of that time, may we pray and ask for what we **DO need** – what we really truly need, not what we'd rather like to have. But even as we pray we have to bring with us the hungry of the world whose need is simply bread, basic food, clean water and a chance of life. We pray for our hungry neighbour. Give us all this week our daily bread.

Week commencing September 8th

God of our hearts and homes, thank you for your presence through this week in everything we do. Some things we may do well, some things we may do badly. Some things we could show you; some things we'd rather not. We remember those things quietly now.....Take the `Rag Bag` of our everyday experience, we pray, and work upon it with your patient grace, so transforming us bit by bit into the likeness of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Week commencing September 15th

God of the universe, your renewing spirit refreshes the farthest parts of our hearts, the Lord together in Christ. In the Cross we see you when we resist your love, in the resurrection we see your inexhaustible life. Help us Lord, this week, to live as far as

lies in us, the energy and joy of the resurrection. So may our lives be transformed anew. Send forth your Spirit Lord, and renew us and all your people.

Week commencing September 22nd

Companions in Christ, we pray for your Church and for churches, and rejoice. May our neighbours near and far be with us in the eternal embrace of God's love. Lord hear us as we pray for churches of other denominations, may they prosper in every way. We pray that our relations with them and with people of all faiths be pleasing in your sight. We pray that your Church may be the one great Church for which Jesus prayed. Bring to our hearts a real desire to think and plan that churches might be together in one bond with you.

Week commencing September 29th

Lord of the `journey`, you opened the Scriptures to the Disciples and through them, us, as you walked and their hearts burned within them. Help us to listen to the good news of the Scriptures, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them, so that our palates are not jaded with too much familiarity, but rather inspired by the vitality and truth we find there. Walk with us, Lord, and may your story be truly in our hearts.

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