

God of gentleness and love  
Draw near to us as we draw near to you  
Dwell in every heart and conversation  
Fashion us in the likeness  
of your Son, Jesus Christ.

Help us to discern who you are calling us to be  
And all that you are calling us to do.  
Assist us, by your Spirit, to become a more  
contemplative, more compassionate and more  
courageous Church  
For the building of your kingdom  
and the glory of your son.

**Amen**

Loving Lord

We pray for victims of natural disasters;  
those whose homes, loved ones  
and lives have been destroyed  
through flood, storms, earthquake  
or other catastrophe.

We pray for the victims of war,  
those who mourn loved ones,  
those wounded and maimed  
and those forced to flee as refugees  
leaving possessions, livelihoods  
and everything they hold dear.

Help us to reach out to our troubled world,  
hearing the call of our neighbour  
and the cry of the needy;  
to truly love our neighbours as ourselves.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord

**Amen**

Creator God,  
for daily bread and all who work  
to bring your harvest home  
we bring our thanks today.

Forgive our ingratitude  
we who have so much  
yet waste what you have given.

For those whose harvest is poor,  
whose crops have withered,  
water tainted, children starve,  
help those who bring relief  
and bestow on us an unaccustomed generosity,  
that all might share from your garden  
and all might sing your praise.

Creator God, provider of all  
we bring our thanks today.

**Amen**

**Mercy** is the very foundation of the Church's life,  
the Church's very credibility is shown by the way  
she shows mercy and compassionate love.

**Mercy** is the force that reawakens us to new life  
and instils in us the courage to look to the future  
with hope.

**Pope Francis**

If you have any suggested items for inclusion  
in the November Prayer Diary, please pass these  
to Faith Truran by 20<sup>th</sup> October.

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# Prayer Diary

October 2019



*St Bartholomew's  
Church*

**While the earth remains,  
seedtime and harvest,  
cold and heat,  
summer and winter,  
day and night,  
shall not cease.**

Genesis 8:22

And let us not grow weary of doing good,  
for in due season we will reap,  
if we do not give up. **Galatians 6:9**

## October 2019

Let us pray

Tues 1<sup>st</sup>: for our **school children** celebrating **harvest in church** today.

Wed 2<sup>nd</sup>: for those affected by **Hurricane Dorian in the Bahamas**.

Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup>: for everyone living in **Bartholomew Close** in Ducklington.

Frid 4<sup>th</sup>: for the **Harvest Supper** this evening.

Sat 5<sup>th</sup>: for **the government** as the Brexit deadline approaches.

Sun 6<sup>th</sup>: let us **thank God** for all **the bounty of the Harvest** as we celebrate today.

Mon 7<sup>th</sup>: for the **House Group** meeting tonight to study The Compassionate Church.

Tues 8<sup>th</sup>: for the work of the **Mothers' Union**, particularly our branch, meeting today.

Wed 9<sup>th</sup>: for everyone attending the new **monthly mid-week service** today.

Thurs 10<sup>th</sup>: for people in crisis at home in this **Domestic Violence Awareness Month**.

Frid 11<sup>th</sup>: for **families affected by addiction** to alcohol, gaming or gambling.

Sat 12<sup>th</sup>: for **the children in our church family**, for their parents and teachers.

Sun 13<sup>th</sup>: for **Paul and Nicci and the ministry team** leading our church forward in Christ.

Mon 14<sup>th</sup>: for those suffering from **stress or mental illness** and their families.

Tues 15<sup>th</sup>: for the **unemployed**, those in **financial difficulties**.

Wed 16<sup>th</sup>: for the **lonely or house bound** members of our church family.

Thurs 17<sup>th</sup>: for everyone living in **Pound Close** in Ducklington.

Frid 18<sup>th</sup>: for **our planet and its future** as the climate changes; for those who work to change our habits.

Sat 19<sup>th</sup>: for the **Street Pastor movement** and especially those from our church.

Sun 20<sup>th</sup>: for **Christians living in fear** of persecution throughout the world.

Mon 21<sup>st</sup>: for the work of **Open Doors** and **The Bible Society** supporting Christians and supplying bibles across the world.

Tues 22<sup>nd</sup>: for **Breast Cancer sufferers** both current and in remission or cured.

Wed 23<sup>rd</sup>: for those known to us with **life changing illness** or **terminal diagnoses**; for their families.

Thurs 24<sup>th</sup>: for our **doctors and nurses** often sorely overstretched at work.

Frid 25<sup>th</sup>: for everyone living in **Tristram Road** in Ducklington.

Sat 26<sup>th</sup>: for the work of **Churches Together in Witney** and the Prayer Breakfast today.

Sun 27<sup>th</sup>: for those remembering lost loved ones at the **Memorial Service** today.

Mon 28<sup>th</sup>: for **refugees and displaced people** across the world living in camps with nothing and no hope.

Tues 29<sup>th</sup>: for the **European Union**; for its many departments and influence in the world.

Wed 30<sup>th</sup>: for people worried about **their future after Brexit**.

Thurs 31<sup>st</sup>: for **Messy Ducks' Light Party** this afternoon.

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Stir up your power,  
O God And come among us.  
Heal our wounds,  
Calm our fears  
And give us peace;  
Through Jesus our Redeemer,  
Amen