

"Hope is an anchor
that one hurls towards the future;
it is what lets you pull on the line,
reach what you're aiming for
and head in the right direction.
God is there, too."

Pope Francis

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God of hope,
we cling to you,
for you renew the face of the
earth.

Through the gift of your son, our Lord Jesus,
we follow you on the path of dawn.
Enlightened by your love and wisdom,
help us to lead each other
and all creatures back to your open arms.

Amen.

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Dear Lord, we honour our veterans,
worthy men and women who gave their best
when they were called upon
to serve and protect their country.
We pray that you will bless them, Lord,
for their unselfish service,
bless them abundantly
for the hardships they faced,
for the sacrifices they made.
We respect them, we thank them,
we honour them, we are proud of them,
and we pray that you will watch over
these special people
and bless them with peace and happiness.

Amen

We pray for those lives,
made in your image, damaged by violence.

We pray for those in authority
that they may use their power
to bind wounds, heal relationships
and find common ground.

We pray for a transforming peace,
turning fear into trust, pain into hope
and doubt into confidence
for a better future.

We pray for world leaders
that they may establish structures for justice,
protecting human dignity, enabling reconciliation
and building God's kingdom.

Amen

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Loving and compassionate God,
we pray for all who have laboured
for liberty, freedom and justice;
for those who have made the ultimate sacrifice;
for those who in life and death
have preserved our living.
Grant that they may rest in your peace,
and that we, through our actions,
may be found worthy
to inherit the eternal treasures of your kingdom.

Amen.

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If you have any suggested items for inclusion in
the December prayer diary, please pass these to
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Prayer Diary

November 2025



Truly,
the Lord is waiting
to be gracious to you.

Truly,
he shall rise to show you mercy.
For the Lord is a God of justice:
happy are all who wait for him!

Isaiah 30:18

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever. John 14:16

November 2025

Let us pray

Sat 1st: for **Matthias and Michaela Djan** as they have their marriage blessing today.

Sun 2nd: for the **loved ones we remember** today at the All Souls' service this evening.

Mon 3rd: for **the countries across the Caribbean affected by Hurricane Melissa**; for those who have died; for those who have lost so much.

Tues 4th: for the **people of Sudan** suffering military conflict and famine; for our **Christian brethren** there.

Wed 5th: for the **Emergency Services** on this Bonfire Night.

Thurs 6th: for everyone living on **Tristram Road** in Ducklington.

Frid 7th: for the **people of Israel and Gaza**; for healing and reconciliation.

Sat 8th: for the **Persecuted Church** across the world, particularly for the increasing tension with Islam in the Middle East and Hindu nationalist groups in India.

Sun 9th: for the **War Heroes** we remember today on this **Remembrance Day**.

Mon 10th: for **those suffering from mental health issues** as a result of war.

Tues 11th: for **peace in our time** that world wars may never happen again. Let us celebrate the peace we enjoy on this **Armistice Day**.

Wed 12th: for everyone living on **Bartholomew Close** in Ducklington.

Thurs 13th: for the **lonely and housebound** particularly as winter draws in.

Frid 14th: for those who have been **recently bereaved**.

Sat 15th: for our **Church Wardens: Tricia and Martin**.

Sun 16th: for **Andrea and the ministry team**; for all the work they do to support and enrich our spiritual lives.

Mon 17th: for those joining in the **Confirmation classes** this month; for God's blessing on them.

Tues 18th: for those in our **church community** who are ill, in long-term care or facing a difficult diagnosis and treatment.

Wed 19th: for **those struggling with financial issues**, unemployment or redundancy.

Thurs 20th: for those who help run the **Food Bank**; for those who need to use it.

Frid 21st: for **families affected by abuse or divorce**, particularly for the children.

Sat 22nd: for **Sarah Mullally**; for her ministry as our new **Archbishop of Canterbury**.

Sun 23rd: for the **Christian Church** as it focuses on **Safeguarding issues** today.

Mon 24th: for the **Pastoral Team** and all those providing us with pastoral care.

Tues 25th: for everyone living on **Pound Close** in Ducklington.

Wed 26th: for our government as the **Autumn budget** is announced.

Thurs 27th: for those joining together at **Warm Welcome Space** today.

Frid 28th: for the work of **Churches Together in Witney** and the **Prayer Breakfast** tomorrow morning.

Sat 29th: for our journey towards Christmas **Advent** starts tomorrow.

Sun 30th: for the **Confirmation service** today, the **candidates and Bishop Gavin**.

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May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Romans 15:13