

Parish Prayer Diary

October - November 2020

Prayer Focus: Unity in Christ

Coming together in the oneness of our faith and in our knowledge of the Son of God. (Ephesians 4:13)



Let's begin by praying together -
in our own homes or on Zoom
at our Parish Prayer Meeting on Tuesday 20th October at 7pm

Let's worship together.

Opening verses (Ephesians 2:18 – 22)

Christ Jesus is the cornerstone of the church.

He is the one who holds the whole building together and makes it grow into a sacred temple dedicated to the Lord.

In union with him you too are being built together with all the others into a place where God lives through his Spirit.

This month our focus is on our unity in Christ, as we seek to serve our community as a church, despite the limitations of the Coronavirus.

Confession

When we have looked at our differences instead of our flawed humanity,

Forgive us Lord.

When we have forgotten the needy, or not offered friendship,

Forgive us Lord.

When we have worried about ourselves and not taken pity on the isolation of others,

Forgive us Lord.

When we have made our limitations an excuse for inaction,

Forgive us Lord.

When we have forgotten to pray for the people we don't see in the flesh,

Forgive us Lord.

When we have not listened to you, but instead told you what we think needs to happen,

Forgive us Lord.

Ephesians 2: 4 – 5

God's mercy is so abundant and his love for us is so great, that while we were spiritually dead in our disobedience, he brought us to life with Christ. It is by God's grace that you have been saved.

Absolution

We pray for our world

Collaboration between nations

For scientists and medics developing Covid 19 vaccines

Global leaders and influencers



God of love, show us our place in this world
as channels of your love.
Enlighten those who possess power and money
that they may avoid the sin of indifference,
that they may love the common good, advance the weak,
and care for this world in which we live.
Lord, seize us with your power and light,
help us to protect all life,
to prepare for a better future,
for the coming of your Kingdom
of justice, peace, love and beauty.
Amen

We pray for our country and our people

*The vulnerable and anxious, those who have mental health problems
Those struggling financially
Key workers especially nurses and doctors*



God of life and hope, we pray for our nation and for the guidance of your Holy Spirit, that you will give wisdom and courage to our leaders that together we may work for the common good.

We thank you for the peace that your Holy Spirit brings: in these days of change protect us from anxiety and keep us confident of your love.

We thank you for the healing of your Holy Spirit: where there is division or discord in communities, we ask you to bring reconciliation and peace.

We thank you for the gifts of your Holy Spirit: as we move into a new chapter in the life of our nation, we ask you to equip us for all that lies ahead.

Lord, come to bless us.

Amen

We pray for our church and our community.



*Our church fellowship
Our newly elected PCC and officers
Nottingham and Nottinghamshire as further restrictions are required
Our schools*

O God,
make the door of our church wide enough
to receive all who need human love and fellowship,
and a heavenly Father's care;
and narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride and hate.
Make its threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling-block to children,
or to straying feet,
but rugged enough to turn back the tempter's power:
make it a gateway to your eternal kingdom.

Amen

We pray for those in our fellowship who are unwell and for others on our hearts.

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| Julie Astle | Michael & Daphne Bellamy |
| Doreen Bennett | Rosie Bjelland |
| Anne Bladen | Barbara Brown |
| Vickie Brown | Dorothy Bush |
| Chevonne & Leo Elbourne | Jenni & Ed Elbourne |
| Betty Ellery | Gill Fazey |
| Frankie Hall | Gillian Hallam |
| Keith & Beverley Holloway | Claire Morrell |
| Frances Pearson | Kathleen & Albert Phillips |
| Mary Plackett | Richard & Rita Portwood |
| Dorothy Roberts | Michael Smith |
| David & Jean Ward | Gill and David Wilmot |
| Liz Wiseman | |

Jesus our Healer,
We place in your gentle hands those who are sick. Ease their pain, and
heal the damage done to them in body, mind or spirit. Be present to them
through the support of friends and in the care of doctors and nurses, and
fill them with the warmth of your love, now and always,

Amen

We pray for the bereaved, especially for those who have recently lost loved ones and those who have recently experienced a bereavement anniversary

Family and friends of Bob Cottell

O God who bought us to birth, and in whose arms we die:
In our grief and shock contain and comfort us;
embrace us with your love, give us hope in our confusion,
And grace to let go into new life, through Jesus Christ, **Amen**

We pray for our Mission partners, and the situations they are in.

Azaria Spencer in Guatemala
Katherine and Tony Paton in Laos
Kate and Paul in the Middle East

Concluding prayers

Ephesians 4:14 -19 (TEV)

We fall down on our knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth receives its true name.

We ask God from the wealth of his glory to give us power through his spirit to be strong in our inner selves.

We pray that Christ will make his home in our hearts through faith.

We pray that we may have our roots and foundation in love, so that we may have the power to understand how broad and long, how high and deep is Christ's love.

We pray that we may come to know his love – though it can never be fully be known – and so be completely filled with the very nature of God.

Amen

Blessing