

Prayers for Sunday 13th October 2024

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Let us pray with one heart, without divisions and agendas and seek the face of God. To understand his will for the world, and his wish for us.

Lord come to our aid, teach us peace, guide us in the way of peace. Open our eyes and our hearts and give us the courage to say no more war. No more suffering.

We are all made of the same flesh and blood and feel the same pain. In your eyes no one is valued more than another. We are all of one family.

Lord each day brings more news of lives lost, homes and communities destroyed, and millions made homeless. Be with those who need you in these days of suffering. We pray for people of all faiths - Jews, Muslims and Christians, and those of no faith.

So many people Lord, so many wars. Ukraine, Sudan, The Middle East. Peace will come. Peace must come. We pray it will come soon and enemies will learn to coexist. This is our hope Lord, this is our prayer.

We pray that comfort and any complacency will not stop us from feeling the pain of others. For searching out the heart of God and hearing him challenging us to care for the needs of others.

We give thanks for those who gladly respond. Those from our community who look out to those in need or who are grieving and lonely.

We pray for care workers and those in social services who are often undervalued. Those who put care before financial reward.

O God of the poor, help us to care for the abandoned and forgotten, so precious in your eyes.

We pray for the healing of our planet. For the urgent reversal of the ways in which we have harmed our world, its natural beauty and its wildlife. May we sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts of those who look to exploit the worlds harvest at the expense of the poor.

Teach us to discover the worth of each living thing, to recognise that we are at one with nature.

We give thanks for the beauty and riches of this wonderful world, and for the life we have in it, and those we share it with.

We pray for those whose earthly life has come to an end.

For those who grieve.

In a moment of stillness we remember those we know who need our prayers.

Lord, we thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle, for justice, love and peace. Amen