

Prayers of Intercession 11th January 2026

God who is light in the darkness,
we pray in these winter days
for all who struggle to see the way ahead.
For those beginning this new year with fear or sorrow,
for those whose hope is dim,
for those who feel alone in the darkness.
Open the heavens, O God, and let your light shine.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For bruised reeds barely holding on,
for flickering flames about to go out,
for all who wonder if they have the strength to continue.
Especially we remember those in our church family who have asked for our prayers.
(Read out their names)
Gentle God, be near, and tend the fragile with care.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For our world, where darkness often seems to prevail,
where justice is delayed and the vulnerable suffer,
where prisoners remain trapped and the blind stumble.
God of justice, work through us, and make us persistent in seeking light.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For our church and all communities of faith,
learning to walk by faith rather than certainty, doing our best to follow Jesus' example of
compassion,
finding our way as we go.
Spirit of God, guide us, and give us courage for the journey.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

For ourselves, eleven days into this new year,
still finding our footing, still seeking direction,
hoping to grow, to learn, to become more loving.
Voice of blessing, speak over our lives.
Remind us that we too are beloved.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God of beginnings, you meet us where we are.
Give us strength for today, and trust for tomorrow.
Merciful Father,
Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen