

<p>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.</p> <p>Romans 15: 13</p>	<p>The Lord makes firm the steps of the one who delights in him; though he may stumble, he will not fall, for the Lord upholds him with his hand.</p> <p>Psalm 37: 23-24</p>	<p>Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.</p> <p>Joshua 1: 9</p>	<p>Ah, Sovereign Lord, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for you.</p> <p>Jeremiah 32: 17</p>
<p>Thurs. 5th November As lockdown 2 begins today, pray that we will keep our minds and hearts focussed on our hope in the Lord.</p>	<p>Thurs. 12th Ask the Lord to help each of us trust in his strength and guidance, and know the security of his love.</p>	<p>Thurs. 19th Pray that whatever we are doing today, the presence of the Lord will encourage and bless us.</p>	<p>Thurs. 26th Keep turning to the Lord; may we be reminded of how great his power is – for us, and in the whole world.</p>
<p>Fri. 6th Bring to God all doctors, nurses and other hospital staff working under such pressure; and all patients.</p>	<p>Fri. 13th Pray today for paramedics and other community health workers; for their safety and protection.</p>	<p>Fri. 20th Pray for the residents and staff of care homes, especially when lack of visitors is an issue.</p>	<p>Fri. 27th Bring to God all those working in pandemic research for a vaccine, and other CV19 medication.</p>
<p>Sat. 7th Pray today for the work of all Food Banks, thinking especially of The Resource.</p>	<p>Sat. 14th Pray for schools and universities, staff and students, trying to maintain education in these times.</p>	<p>Sat. 21st Give thanks for all key workers, many of whom put their lives at risk by going to work.</p>	<p>Sat. 28th Pray that churches everywhere will be beacons of light and witnesses to the hope in Christ we all share.</p>
<p>Sun. 8th Give thanks for the tech team and all who contribute to our online worship, which encourages us in faith.</p>	<p>Sun. 15th Pray for the PCC, as they oversee the church during these times, and prepare for the future.</p>	<p>Sun. 22nd Picture yourself in church, at the service you usually attend. Who might be sitting near you? Pray for them.</p>	<p>Sun. 29th Advent Sunday As we prepare for the coming of Christ, may our hearts be filled with hope and expectation.</p>
<p>Mon. 9th Bring before God the poorest places in the world where CV19 has devastated so many communities.</p>	<p>Mon. 16th Pray for all in power, to wield it wisely and with consideration for the most under-privileged and needy.</p>	<p>Mon. 23rd Choose one country in the world – pray for its government and peoples, for their well-being and security.</p>	<p>Mon. 30th Pray for an end to the pandemic; through the actions of people – and the healing power of our God!</p>
<p>Tues. 10th Pray for all in our government, listening to many voices giving advice, and making difficult decisions.</p>	<p>Tues. 17th Pray for the Opposition, to be able to support and challenge the government appropriately.</p>	<p>Tues. 24th Pray for all in local government, implementing policies made at national level.</p>	<p>Tues. 1st December Pray for Christians in government; for them to be able to point to the wisdom and hope found in Jesus.</p>
<p>Wed. 11th Pray for anyone you know who is isolated; living alone; or lonely. May God's comfort surround them.</p>	<p>Wed. 18th Lift up to the Lord those you love who are unwell; vulnerable; recovering from illness, CV19 or otherwise.</p>	<p>Wed. 25th Pray for all who have been bereaved; for God's presence and peace to console them. Lord, have mercy.</p>	<p>Wed. 2nd Pray for anyone you know who is struggling through these days whatever the reason.</p>

The Archbishops and Bishop of London have called for a month of prayer during November 2020, as a second lockdown begins. Please use the prayers enclosed as a focus; they are themed across the days of the week. There is real encouragement in knowing we are all praying the same thing on the same day! And of course, praying does not have to be restricted to any day's topic.

Prayer Diary

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**Do not be anxious about anything,
but in every situation, by prayer and petition,
with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.**

**And the peace of God,
which transcends all understanding,
will guard your hearts and your minds
in Christ Jesus.**

Philippians 4: 6-7