

ST. MARGARET'S
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SOUTH MARSTON
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OCTOBER
PRAYER DIARY



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The Book of Genesis – Chapter 8 Verse 22

22 "As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease."

To my fellow Christians...

Owing to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, many church and local events have been put on hold or cancelled altogether. As a result, until such time as the events recommence, the prayer diary will be scaled down to weekly prayers, much like the prayer diaries that are distributed over Christmas and the summer months.

I will still attempt to make the prayer diary as varied as possible, but for that to succeed I will continue to require your help and support, so please feel free to jot down your own thoughts for prayer below.

God Bless,
Adam Jenkins

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Prayer topics...

1st October Pray for all teaching staff, pupils and governors who are settling into the school year and its many changes; that each school community will continue to listen and learn together. Pray for all children and young people as they continue to grow and are constantly being challenged by the new regulations.

Week beginning 2nd October

Collect: Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We have seen the terrifying images of the hurricane in the United States, the flooding in Canada and the super typhoon in Japan. Pray this week for all those who have lost their homes and even their lives in the disaster. Pray that God will be with them during this sad and confusing time and that He will guide them as they rebuild their lives.

Pray also this week for those living in slums across the world, particularly the younger generation. Their lives are often blighted by drought, famine and poor sanitation. Pray that we may play a small part in making their lives, and their futures, more enjoyable.

Week beginning 9th October

Collect: Gracious God, you call us to fullness of life: deliver us from unbelief and banish our anxieties with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord.

With World Mental Health Day on Monday, pray this week for those who are dealing with problems owing to mental health, and also those who help them manage those problems. May they remember that support will always be available to them whenever and however they need it.

Also in your prayers, remember our emergency services who display great courage every day, especially our local police force and ambulance service, who work continuously to keep the streets of Swindon safe. Many of them put themselves in harm's way on a daily basis so we pray for their continued safety.

Week beginning 16th October

Collect: God, our judge and saviour, teach us to be open to your truth and to trust in your love, that we may live each day with confidence in the salvation which is given through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We remember this week Saint Luke, particularly during this period of harvest. We pray for all those who are working to bring food to us, particularly those in lower income countries. Pray this week especially for the work that Traidcraft who work to combat injustices in trade and the environment.

As the war in Ukraine rages on, we keep hearing news reports bringing reports of casualties, but they keep bringing stories of survivors as well. So thank God for those He has delivered from physical death, and ask Him to extend His spiritual rescue to them too.

Week beginning 23rd October

Collect: Faithful Lord, whose steadfast love never ceases and whose mercies never come to an end: grant us the grace to trust you and to receive the gifts of your love, new every morning, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

On this Bible Sunday, may we remember the influence the Bible has in our lives, particularly when most of the news in the world is not good. May we use God's Word to stay strong during the sad times and look forward to the good.

Also, pray this week for all those who are feeling lost. When things get tough, it is easy to become introspective, brooding and bitter. Pray instead that their heart will overflow with love for those around them and that they will place all their hope on God and His grace.

Week beginning 30th October

Collect: God, our light and our salvation: illuminate our lives, that we may see your goodness in the land of the living, and looking on your beauty may be changed into the likeness of Jesus Christ our Lord.

As we commemorate Global Diversity Awareness Month, pray this week for everyone who makes up the human race. We live in a multicultural society and God loves each and every one of us. Pray that we will remember that as we go about our daily lives and allow yourselves to open your minds to new views and fresh perspectives.