

Hinckley United Reformed Church.
Weekly Prayers for week beginning Monday May 29th 2023
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Creator 'God, we thank you we for the world you have given us. As we see the new growth and new life that spring that spring brings us we marvel at the colours, the young birds and animals; the variety of nature around us. The beauty and wonder of your creation is ours to enjoy and we pray that you open our eyes anew to the privilege of being part of your amazing creation. We confess that we have not been careful enough of your gift and that short-sightedness, selfishness and greed have resulted in damage to the planet which is destroying it and jeopardising life for future. generations. Please forgive us Lord and help us to do everything possible, with your guidance, to address the causes, and to combat the effects, of climate change.

Loving God, we give thanks for the love of Jesus who gave his life so that we can have eternal life. We give thanks too for the love of family and friends. Help us to share that love with others we meet.

We pray for those who are alone and for whom life no longer holds many pleasures. Help us to be more aware of the needs of others; to find ways to make their days a little brighter. We pray for those who are separated from their loved ones, those escaping from war and conflict, those being held in prison justly or unjustly, those suffering from mental illness or addictions, depression or despair.

Jesus taught us that prayer by itself is not enough — we have to find ways to meet people where they are and show God's love to them.

We pray for our minister Andrew together with Candid and Tavonga and we give thanks for them. Give them your peace and blessing as they settle down to life in Hinckley again.

We bring those members of our fellowship who are struggling with life's issues to you Lord. We pray they may know your presence with them, your blessing and peace on their lives as they deal with loneliness, anxiety, caring for loved ones, and other.

We remember particularly today Sue Saunders and her family as they mourn, the loss of loved ones.

We spend a few quiet moments in prayer for them and for others we know personally who are in need of support and the knowledge of God's peace with them.

Merciful God, we thank you that You are a just and faithful God. Your word says that You are near to all who call on you, to all on you in truth.

We callon you to strengthen our Church.

Use your people to bring your blessing on our communities in which we live. Fill us too with boldness to reach others.

You are able to do far more than all that we ask or imagine, with the power of the Holy Spirit within us. May you, the God of all grace, who has called us into eternal glory by Jesus Christ, make the Church holy, strong and filled with peace. To you be glory and honour, for ever and ever. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen