

Prayers for week Beginning 25th September 2023

Mon 25th Eternal God, we praise you for your involvement in human history – identifying yourself with the life of our world, active and interested in the daily affairs of life. For the way you fashioned us in your image, guiding us from earliest times.

Tues 26th We praise you for sharing our humanity in Christ, walking our earth, sharing our joys and sorrows, hopes and fears, life and death, in awe and wonder. We praise you for your victory over death and rekindling of our faith.

Wed 27th We praise you for those we have known and loved who have been part of our story, capturing our imagination and firing our faith, offering encouragement, support and guidance. Eternal God, for all we have to look back on, we praise you.

Thurs 28th Almighty God, through Christ you have demonstrated the wonder of your grace, giving freely of yourself. You didn't just speak of love, you showed it in action. Help us to do the same,

Fri 29th Forgive us for so rarely practising what we preach, for failing to show in our lives, the faith we profess with our lips, our actions time and again belying our words. We talk of forgiving one another, yet we nurse grievances, of being content yet we are full of envy, of loving truth, yet we deal falsely.

Sat 30th We speak of commitment, but we are careless in our discipleship, of faith, but we are full of doubt, of vision, but we are narrow in our outlook, of being a new creation, but we are the same as before. Forgive our weakness, assure us again of your forgiveness, inspire us with your love.

Sun 1st As we meet together in worship, remind us again of the values of your kingdom – that in losing ourselves we find who we really are, in sacrificing much we gain everything, in weakness we discover strength, in sorrow we receive comfort, in dying to self we rise to you and discover life in all its fullness.