

Hinckley United Reformed Church
Prayers for week commencing Monday October 13th 2023

Our God,
who encompasses all your people as church,

We thank you for our church buildings.
Places of holiness. of wonder. of sanctity.

Places where we can feel safe and loved,
surrounded by symbols of worship,
worship that has continued throughout time.

Our buildings reflect the history of your people,
offer a window for our faith.

We open doors to welcome all-comers,
into spaces that reach towards the heavens.

We hear music from instruments and voices,
lifting our spirits with rousing tunes.

We reflect on stories told in picture windows,
and gaze respectfully at tables
set for sharing bread and wine,
often, at the centre, a cross.

Words of scripture catch our eyes,
visible in pew and lectern Bibles.

As we sit, or stand, or wander,
as we hold on tightly to our faith,
as we sense your presence with us,
reassure us that we really are as safe and loved as we feel.

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