

Hinckley United Reformed Church

Prayers for Week beginning Monday 27th November 2023

The prayers are not divided into days. You can read them in their entirety every day or you can choose to focus upon particular Bible verse(s) and prayer(s) each day and with the closing prayer.

The theme of this week's prayers is about living in the present.

Each day is a gift from God. Let us be thankful to Him for this gift and make the most of it by living in the present, living in the moment.

Lamentations 3:22-23 – “The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

We thank you Lord for granting us another day. We thank you that each morning is a new opportunity to reflect on your work in our lives. We thank that each day our slate is wiped clean by Jesus's sacrifice on the cross and is an opportunity for a new beginning. Our circumstances or situation may not change but we thank you that we can look to you for a fresh perspective and a renewed strength and energy.

Isaiah 43:18-19 - “Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland.”

We pray that we will learn from the past but not dwell on it, as we cannot change it, and that we do not allow it to stop or get in the way of what the Lord has got for us today. We thank you Lord that you are an overcomer and that with we can be overcomers, we thank you that you make new openings for us and pray that you will help us to seize the day.

Matthew 6:34 - “Therefore, do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.”

Lord we pray that we will not let anxiety about the future stop us from making the most of the day. We don't know what the future will bring, often many of the conjectures we make about it are wrong, but you do and so we pray that we will put our trust in you and your provision and protection and rejoice and be glad in the day that you have given us.

There will be circumstantial things that will influence whether we view the day as a “good” day but there are some universal truths that can make any and every day a “good” day.

John 14:27 - “ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid”

We pray Lord that we may be at peace with our circumstances, with others, with ourselves and with you. We thank you Lord that with you we can have a peace that surpasses understanding; a peace that we cannot achieve through our own efforts.

1 Corinthians 16:14 - “Do everything in love “

We thank you Lord that through your love for us, we are enabled to love others. Pray that we will bless others and bless ourselves by living with a loving and generous spirit. Pray that we will demonstrate our love for you by praising and worshipping you and that in all that we do we will be seeking to glorify you and not ourselves.

Romans 12:12 - “ Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation and constant in prayer.”

We thank you Lord that with you we can always have hope and that there is always cause for rejoicing. Help us to focus on what we have and what you have done for us and not what we do not have. Give us the patience and trust to know that your timing and your ways are always perfect and that you not only listen to our prayers but act on them.

Philippians 4:8-9 - “ Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me – put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.”

We pray Lord that we follow your example in our behaviour, our attitude, and our actions. We know that we are not perfect but let us not settle for less than we can be, let us live out the potential that you see in us.

This closing prayer is taken from the daily devotional Lectio 365

Father, help me to live this day to the full,
Being true to You, in every way.
Jesus help me to give myself away to others,
Being kind to everyone I meet.
Spirit, help me to love the lost,
Proclaiming Christ in all I do and say.
Amen