

Hinckley United Reformed Church
Prayers for the week beginning 4th March

Mon 4th Mighty God, so often we bombard you with words, afraid that if we are not speaking we are not praying; but today we make time for silence, to be still and know that you are God. (silence) There are no words sufficient to express your greatness.

Tues 5th God of peace, with heartfelt gratitude we celebrate the quiet moments in our lives – opportunities to pause and ponder, stop and stare, relax and reflect. We celebrate the breaks in the busy routine of life – the responsibilities lessen, and the workload is lightened.

Wed 6th Gentle God, we have squandered the peace you give us, we have failed to be still in your presence, to know, simply, that you are God. We have failed to take stock of our lives, to examine ourselves as we should. We have filled our lives with trivia, rushing from one thing to another. Forgive us Lord.

Thurs 7th Eternal God, so often when you speak, we refuse to listen. Time and again we have resisted your call. We close our ears that question our lifestyle, expose our faults, reveal our selfishness uncover our pretensions, that call us to costly giving, risk-taking love, that ask us to think.

Fri 8th Lord of all, we pray for those whose words touch our lives; politicians, journalists, teachers, broadcasters, and countless others whose words have the power to change attitudes, mould ideas and interpret truth. We ask that you influence them and make them aware of the responsibility that comes with privilege.

Sat 9th We pray for those who are closed to your word, those who reject any idea of you, those who seek faith but cannot find it, and those who have made a commitment to Christ but are finding it hard to honour it. Speak your word of love to them so that they may meet you.

Sun 10th We pray for all those who proclaim your word today, clergy, theologians, youth leaders, lay leaders, and all Christian workers in their various callings, together with Christians everywhere yearning to know you better so that they might work and live more effectively for you. In Christ's Holy Name we pray. Amen.