

Prayers for the week beginning Monday 18th March 2024

Monday 18th

Jesus chose disciples to follow him. They learnt from him; literally and metaphorically following in his footsteps, listening to his words and observing his behaviour, obeying his instruction and praying and worshipping with him. They trusted him and went out to spread the gospel message to others in faith and in the power of the Holy Spirit. Pray that we can do likewise; learn from Jesus, from the Bible, and from praying together and sharing our faith with each other, so that we can be fully equipped to share the gospel message and the love of God with those we meet.

Tuesday 19th

Pray for peace in our world. Jesus and his disciples lived in an occupied country and dealt with opposition and violence. They brought a message of peace, love and healing. Pray for the peoples of the world and all who are involved in the leadership of the affairs of the world that they may uphold what is right and good. Remember those who are suffering today in the land where Jesus once walked and those in other countries where fear, violence, grief, homelessness and hunger are the norm.

Wednesday 20th

Give thanks to our Father God for all those who help our community to run smoothly because of their jobs, voluntary work or neighbourliness. Pray that we can be supportive and encouraging and ready to step in to situations where we can serve. Pray for God's blessing on our neighbours and for strength for those who are working in Jesus's name in order to bring healing and comfort to those in need.

Thursday 21st

Pray for God's church in our world, in our country, in our community and give thanks for all those who have spread the gospel message throughout the centuries and those who continue to do so. Give thanks for those who have established the church in the past and pray for its future growth and for a deeper understanding of God's will for Hinckley URC.

Friday 22nd

Jesus Christ, Son of our mighty and merciful God, healed the lame with a touch and raised the dead with a word. Pray today for those who are laid low by sorrow and illness, or by fear and weakness; pray for new life and hope to be breathed into them. Bring to God in your prayers now those you know who are suffering.

Saturday 23rd

Pray for those in our church fellowship who are willing to stand up and renew their commitment to Christ and to giving service to the church as elder (last Sunday) and members (very soon). Give thanks for them and pray for them and for all those who serve in various ways. We are blessed by those who lead us and minister to us week by week. Praise God.

Sunday 24th

We read in the Bible that on Palm Sunday Jesus entered Jerusalem in humility, riding on a donkey, and the people shouted his praises. Yet the tables would be turned in more ways than one. We are reminded again of the situation in Israel and Palestine today and how fragile life can be – pray again for peace.