

**Hinckley United Reformed Church**  
**Prayers for Week Beginning Monday 11th November 2024**

Lord Jesus You are the Way, the Truth and the Life, no one comes to the Father but by You. Holy God hear us as we pray, for we bring our prayers and petitions trusting You in the power of the cross of Christ and in Your great, mercy, compassion and love.

Lord Jesus you walked this earth before us. Very God of Very God, and yet in the form of man, flesh and blood as we are. You know all the joys, pains and sorrows of human relationships, and you know the heart and soul of each of us, and the scars we bear through loss and grief.

We thank you that in all the changing scenes of life, you are the One who changes not, always faithful, always true.

You will never leave us or forsake us. We will never walk the dark path alone, for You are with us to protect, encourage and guide.

We cry out to you on behalf of all who suffer throughout the world, through want and poverty, through disaster, loss and exploitation. And at the beginning of this week of remembrance, we lift to you those whose lives have been sacrificed through war and conflict.

God of peace and reconciliation, have mercy on those who even today are victims of man's greed, hatred, cruelty and lust for power. Please help them in their desperate fear, hardship and need to remove the obstacles which prevent relief and humanitarian aid from reaching them.

We pray for the leaders, that they may have the wisdom and integrity to find better ways to resolve conflict and injustice. Hasten the day, O Lord, when swords will be beaten into ploughshares and spears into pruning hooks.

Take us from hearts of stone and give us the heart of Christ full of selflessness and compassion. As far as it depends on us, may we live in peace with everyone.

We thank you that we have known the joys of human love, of giving, receiving and sharing. We thank you for mothers, fathers, husbands, wives, brothers, sisters, children and all who have made life sweeter for us.

Where there is pain, grant us to find comfort in your embrace, knowing that you see it all and understand. Help us to draw strength and courage from all that has been, and all that still is a blessing to us. We pray for those who today, through infirmity, illness, loneliness or fear need to feel the touch of your healing hand, we lift them to you by name in a moment of quiet.....

Lord we commit to your everlasting care with all those we have shared our lives. We celebrate all that they have been to us. Preserve in us the memory of all that has brought us joy and grant that we might ever live to share the love of Christ for everyone.

We offer these prayers, loving God, in your precious name, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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