

Hinckley United Reformed Church
Prayers for week beginning Monday 24th November 2024

Loving and gracious God, we bring our prayers of concern for the world....

On Safeguarding Sunday, we particularly prayed for those in danger and those who bear the scars of abuse. We continue to pray for everyone who lives in fear of those who they should be able to trust....

We pray for children who fear parents and others in positions of trust. We pray for restful sleep free from nightmares, those that are literal and those that are the daily experience of abuse.

We pray for adults at risk; the people who have grown in body or mind but remain vulnerable through their dependence on others. We pray that their carers will care, that their protectors fulfil their role faithfully and that they may be enabled to grow in understanding, in trust and in the warmth of your smile.

We pray for the sexually abused, for the physically abused, for the emotionally abused, the bullied, the traumatised and anyone who lives in fear this day. Grant that those responsible for their well-being listen when they learn of abuse; that prompt and effective action is taken to end the abuse and that those who work with the long-term effects of abuse are compassionate and gain insights to the reasons for continuing pain beyond abuse and into the ways that can end that pain.

Grant, O loving God, a place of safety, of rest and comfort for all your people. Grant healing and restoration in every aspect of our lives.

Gracious God we pray for whistle-blowers, safeguarding co-ordinators and others in our churches whose work makes it possible for your love to be made manifest. Help us love everyone who is concerned in safeguarding, the workers, the abused and the abusers.

Help us to understand and to use our opportunities to share your love with the people with whom we spend our days. Amen

These prayers have been written by Lesley and used during the Communion Service on Sunday 17th November. We send our love and thanks to her and Roger.