

## Hinckley United Reformed Church

### Prayers for the week Beginning January 13<sup>th</sup>

**Mon Jan 13<sup>th</sup>** Everlasting God, we praise you for the way your love shone from above into so many lives during your time on earth. We praise you for the healing so many have received from your Son, for your Holy Spirit who continues to be amongst us.

**Tues 14<sup>th</sup>** We praise you for the faith that you have nurtured in so many lives since your incarnation. For the new beginnings, new purpose and the new life born within one of us. We ask you to receive our prayers and worship.

**Wed 15<sup>th</sup>** We rejoice that you are at work in our lives, here and now, inviting us to bring you our hopes, fears and concerns before you in the knowledge that you will always meet our needs. We praise you that there is no situation beyond your power to transform and redeem.

**Thurs 16<sup>th</sup>** This is a day which reminds us of the journey of the Magi and their determination to find you, to greet you despite all of the problems they encountered on the way. Forgive us that we lack their sense of vision, their willingness to undertake a pilgrimage into the unknown.

**Fri 17<sup>th</sup>** Forgive us that we are so often closed to your guidance, unwilling or unable to see your hand, more concerned with our own way than yours, reluctant to commit ourselves to anything when the final goal is not clear. Forgive us for talking of faith as a journey, but turning it instead into a comfortable destination.

**Sat 18<sup>th</sup>** Lord Jesus Christ, you promised that those who search for meaning, their lives empty devoid of purpose, hungry for something to put their trust in amongst the bewildering variety of this world's voices, each claiming to offer the answer, will find the answer in you. May your love break through and the message of the gospel touch their hearts so that they may find you, the one who is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

**Sun 19<sup>th</sup>** We pray for all who journey though life is hard, beset by pain, sickness or sorrow, those overwhelmed by disaster, deprivation or injustice. In the trials they face and the burdens they bear, may the message of the gospel bring strength and comfort, help and healing and inspiration. Lord Jesus Christ, hear our prayer for all who seek purpose, help, guidance and mercy. May they find an end to their searching.