

Hinckley United Reformed Church

Prayers for week commencing Monday 17th February 2025

Father God, we come before you this morning to pray for our world, our church, our community and our family and friends. Hear us as we pray in faith.

Almighty God, we pray for the Church around the world as we gather with them to worship you today. We especially pray for those churches and communities who are forced to worship in secret places, in fear of harm, imprisonment or persecution. Help all those agencies who seek to help them, especially Open Doors. May we, who have freedom to worship, do so with integrity, humility and love. Lord, may your church be open and welcoming to all, and help us to play our part in leading those who do not know or love you, towards the Good News of your saving power. We remember those who have spent this week at General Synod, praying that in all their difficult discussions and decisions, it was done with grace, mercy and love.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

We remember those who long for freedom in a war torn world, praying especially for Ukraine and the Middle East and all the forgotten wars and conflicts. Bless all who seek to feed the hungry and care for the poor, for those who wipe the tears of the weeping, who speak up for the excluded and seek justice for the persecuted. Help us to play our part to reverse the social, economic and political injustices, asking that you would use us to help embrace everyone fully into your inclusive love.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for our homes and loved ones. We pray for our community, those in this church and our own neighbourhood, for peace and harmony in all our dealings, that we may be aware of the needs around us and where we can serve. We pray for the homeless and the despairing, those on the margins of society and the rejected. In our brokenness, we know how much you love us, so pray that you will use us for your purpose here on earth.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who are ill at this time, for those who are in hospital and for the skill of doctors and nurses who care for them. We bring before you all who are experiencing a breakdown, the suicidal and those in despair. May they find peace and the reassurance of your love for them. We pray for those who bear the pain of a long term illness, those who are terminally ill, and bless all who care for them whether at home, hospital or hospice.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

We pray for friends and loved ones departed from us. May your gentle arms embrace all those who mourn their loss, whether recently or as an anniversary falls at this time.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Lord, as we go out into the world this coming week, may our lives to be transformed, out of complacency, and by your grace, use us and work through us as we go about our daily lives.

Merciful Father, **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

(We often gain inspiration from the prayers on the website of the [Costa Blanca Anglican Chaplaincy](#). Please do visit their site too !)