

October's Prayers are interspersed with verses from Psalm 96.

God listens and protects.

1. "Sing a new song to the Lord! Sing to the Lord all the world!"
2. Pray for the Lord's loving calm on all those feeling scared, lonely and apprehensive, because they feel overwhelmed by the daily statistics of the spread of Covid 19.
3. "Sing to the Lord, and praise Him! Proclaim every day the good news that He has saved us."
4. **Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity.** Pray for the services in our Benefice, that people will feel confident to come to church and many new worshippers can be reached online.
5. "Proclaim His glory to the nations, His mighty deeds to all peoples."
6. Pray that the people of our nation become more caring and thoughtful of others, considering carefully how their actions affect those around them.
7. "The Lord is great and is to be highly praised: He is to be honoured more than all the gods."
8. Pray that our politicians are inspired by the Lord to make wise decisions thinking only of the common good. Ask our Loving Father to grant them discernment and wisdom.
9. "The Lord created the Heavens and earth."
10. Pray for those who suffer from mental health problems, made worse by the new restrictions the virus has imposed. May they find the right care and kindness.
11. **Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity.** "Glory and majesty surround Him: power and beauty fill His temple."
12. Pray for the Brexit negotiations, that a common goal can be established, for the good of all countries.
13. "Praise the Lord, all people on earth; praise His glory and might."
14. Pray for our local farming community, that after suffering poor harvests, the grass will grow quickly to provide vital feed for the animals before the winter
15. "Praise the Lord's glorious name."
16. Pray for Steve and the whole ministry team, that the Lord will give them the guidance and enthusiasm for leading our Benefice through these difficult times.
17. "Bow down before the Holy One when He appears. Tremble before Him all the earth."
18. **Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity.** Pray that our loving God of wisdom will bless the medical scientists and researchers with insight, skill and dedication to combat the virus.
19. "Say to all the nations that the Lord is King."
20. Pray for the staff and pupils in our schools, that they may face these challenging times with hope, optimism and cheerfulness.
21. "May the earth and sky be glad and rejoice."
22. Pray for all the local public officials who have the responsibility of creating or lifting local lockdowns. Ask the Loving Father to grant them good judgment and discernment.
23. "May the seas and land be glad and every creature in them praise the Lord."
24. Pray for the Track and Trace system that it improves its capabilities, so that more testing facilities become available and that people can be quickly traced.
25. **Last Sunday after Trinity.** "May the trees in the woods shout for joy at the coming of the Lord."
26. Pray for all the first responders, doctors, nurses and all who work in the health service and care homes. May they be filled with dedication and compassion.
27. "When the Lord comes to rule the earth, He will rule the people with justice and fairness."
28. Pray that in this time of great need, we may offer friendship and support to the elderly and self-isolating in our Benefice.
29. "Come, let us praise the Lord and give thanks for the God who protects us."
30. Pray that our local businesses are able to thrive, despite these challenging times.
31. Pray that more people come to recognise that our Lord is the one constant in an ever-changing world. May more in our nation turn to Him.

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